



Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games Remote Video Interviews - House Rules

Context

Due to the unique circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the countermeasures that will be in place during the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (**the Games**), access to those competing in the Games will be limited compared to previous Paralympic Games.

Accordingly, the International Paralympic Committee wishes to enable remote video interviews using video call technology, such as Zoom, TEAMS or Google Video, for third parties who wish to conduct interviews with athletes. However, it is important that such remote access is conducted in a manner that is fair to all the athletes and respects other rules and regulations in place.

Purpose

The purpose of these House Rules is, therefore, to ensure that any organisation that wishes to have access to an athlete may do so, but under conditions that apply to all organisations. These House Rules have been designed especially for the circumstances created by the COVID 19 pandemic and the countermeasures that are in place which will limit access to athletes in person. The COVID 19 countermeasures are in place to ensure all participants at the Games can compete in a safe environment and these House Rules are designed to ensure that third parties can interview athletes notwithstanding those COVID 19 countermeasures.

Scope

These House Rules apply to any remote video interview that is conducted with any athlete by any news organisation (whether an official rights holding broadcaster, accredited media or otherwise), any Paralympic organisation (which means the IPC, a National Paralympic Committee or an International Federation) or any other Paralympic stakeholder (such as the commercial partners of a Paralympic organisation).

Access to Athletes

So as to ensure fair and equal access to all athletes, that does not impinge on the athlete's privacy, the following rules shall be observed:

- access to and appointments with athletes must be booked through the athlete's National Paralympic Committee (NPC);
- more than one organisation may attend the remote video call and participate in the interview. Organisations are encouraged to co-ordinate where appropriate and liaise with the NPC accordingly;
- athletes may only be interviewed from the residential zone within the Paralympic Village and not from any other location;
- the interview must be conducted against a neutral background with no overt commercial logos or other branding inserted or being visible. Athletes may sit by windows or outside as long as the primary focus is on the athlete; and
- unless otherwise agreed by the NPC, athletes should appear in their national or team kit.

Recording Interviews

Remote video meeting tools permit meetings or interviews to be recorded. Provided the person being interviewed has expressly consented, and on condition that the rules regarding use of the recording is met, the interviewer may record the interview.

Use of Recordings

Short extracts of audio or audio-visual content from the interview, of no more than a cumulative 30 seconds, may be used for the following purposes:

- by any news organisation for inclusion within a bona fide news or sports news article, report or programme about the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (whether such programme is made available via television, website or social media channels). News organisations should refer to the [News Access Rules](#) to ensure they comply with the specific conditions of use of such recorded interviews as part of their media coverage of the Games; or
- by other stakeholders, including commercial partners of the Paralympic organisations, provided such stakeholders comply with any binding commitments such as their sponsorship contract, the [Tokyo 2020 Athlete Sponsorship and Advertising Guidelines](#) or the [IPC Handbook](#)

No recording may be released in full for any purposes whatsoever during the period of the Paralympic Games.

These House Rules may be supplemented by any additional rules or guidelines issued by the NPCs or the International Federations as a condition of access to the athletes.