

IPC POLICY ON ACCREDITATION TO IPC EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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1. Policy Statement:

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement, and as such,

- the IPC organizes the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games, and serves as the International Federation for a number of sports, for which it supervises and co-ordinates the IPC World Championships and other IPC competitions;
- the IPC organizes the official gatherings of the IPC Members, i.e., the IPC General Assemblies, and organizes on a regular basis IPC Conferences and Congresses on Paralympic Sport related matters.

The IPC is the exclusive owner of the above mentioned events and determines the conditions of eligibility and access to these events. The IPC is committed to conduct its business with integrity and to ensure a friendly, healthy and safe environment for its events. Through the IPC Code of Ethics, the IPC underwrites the fundamental values of honesty, dignity, human rights, fairness, justice, non-violence, non-discrimination and personal integrity. IPC events shall not be used to promote any political agenda, other than the advancement of Paralympic Sport and democracy, empowerment, equality, and the protection of human rights.

Whereas all IPC Member Organizations in good standing have the right to participate in all relevant IPC events, it is at the sole discretion of the IPC to grant, or withhold accreditation or to impose conditions on the admission of the individual representatives of these organizations, or to any other relevant person, where the IPC has reasonable grounds for believing that their presence may cause a threat to the fundamental values outlined in the above paragraph. The IPC will inform any person that is refused accreditation and/or entry to an IPC event (or where special conditions are imposed on their attendance) of their reasons for doing so and that person shall have the right to have the decision reviewed (but not by way of appeal) by the IPC Legal and Ethics Committee.

By refusing an accreditation to an individual the rights of a Member Organization to participate in the IPC event are not adversely affected.



2. Application:

This Policy applies to any and all individuals wishing to participate in an IPC event as defined in the above mentioned Policy Statement, or in any other IPC activity. This Policy also applies to any person having an official function at that IPC event or activity.

3. Principles & Definitions

- 3.1 The IPC may issue an Accreditation Card to those persons eligible to participate in an IPC event or activity.
- 3.2 The Accreditation Card is a document which confers on its holder the right to take part in the IPC event or activity, and defines the level of access and related privileges granted by the IPC to the participant at the IPC event or activity.
- 3.3 It is at the sole discretion of the IPC Governing Board to set the conditions for granting an Accreditation Card as well as the terms upon which it is issued or withdrawn.
- 3.4 The IPC Governing Board may delegate all or part of this authority to the Organizing Committee, which will then make the Accreditation Card available to all persons designated by the IPC.
- 3.5 The Accreditation Card remains the property of the IPC and the IPC has the right to refuse, withdraw or amend an Accreditation Card and any related rights and privileges, with immediate effect.
- 3.6 Any person having received an Accreditation Card shall comply with the IPC Code of Ethics and with the decisions of the IPC Governing Board.
- 3.7 Where the IPC has grounds to believe that the fundamental values of honesty, dignity, human rights, fairness, justice, non-violence, non-discrimination and personal integrity would be threatened by the presence of an individual or where the IPC believes that an individual intends to use the event to promote a political agenda (other than the advancement of Paralympic Sport, democracy, empowerment, equality and the protection of human rights) and/or to protect the health and safety of the other participants, then the IPC shall have the right to refuse, withdraw or attach conditions to the Accreditation Card.



- 3.7 The submission of false or incomplete information may give rise to the refusal or withdrawal of the Accreditation Card or to conditions being attached to it.
- 3.8 Any person eligible to participate in the respective IPC event or activity, or any person nominated as the representative of a Member Organisation for such event or activity, for whom an Accreditation Card was refused or withdrawn (or made subject to special conditions) shall have the right to a review of that decision in accordance with the provisions set out below.
- 4. Procedures**
- 4.1 The IPC Governing Board shall normally delegate to the CEO the authority to decide on and to implement the principles as mentioned under articles 3.1 to 3.8 above.
- 4.2 Any review under 3.9 will take place as soon as possible following the receipt of a written request and the applicant may submit any written argument and relevant supporting evidence they choose. Upon any review that may be requested, the IPC Legal and Ethics Committee shall establish a Panel of three members. Following the review the three person Panel will issue a short statement limited to 100 words indicating whether or not they believe the refusal was justified. A review is not an appeal.