

## Widely and Regularly Practising NPCs in Para Athletics

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### Competition Equipment Registration

Dear President/Secretary General,

Please note the content of our letter of September 2, 2015 (copy attached), which outlines the general requirements under Regulation 3.3. Wheelchairs and prosthetics, their accessories and components, must comply with the fundamental principles listed in Regulation 3.3.1 and they must be of a type that is generally available and sold for use by anyone practicing Para Athletics. Making a piece of equipment available simply to satisfy this rule, and not as part of a genuine long term business plan, will not be sufficient.

In order to help our officials to enforce these Regulations for the benefit of the sport, IPC Athletics is now requiring all athletes to register all their specific personal competition equipment including, but not limited to, wheelchairs, throwing frames, prosthetic devices and personal starting blocks into the IPC Sport Database Management System (SDMS).

Athletes who are going to compete at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games **must complete registration of their personal competition equipment by the final entry deadline 15 August 2016** whereas all other athletes whom are not competing in Rio 2016 Paralympic Games will have until 01 December 2016 to finalise their registration.

IPC Athletics reserves the right to request further details of any registered equipment. IPC Athletics has a duty to prohibit the use equipment that breaches the fundamental principles of 'safety', 'fairness', 'universality' and 'physical prowess' per IPC Athletics Regulations 3.3.3. As noted in the letter sent to NPCs on September 2 2015, IPC Athletics intends to interpret these Regulations widely and purposively, with a view to ensuring that the spirit of the fundamental principles is not abused by contrived arguments intended to mask the fact that any particular item does not comply with these principles.

IPC Athletics acknowledge that if as a result of production imperatives (time constraints etc.), a piece of equipment is not generally available for sale an exception may be

requested from IPC Athletics for equipment that is in final product form (and therefore not generally available) that will be marketed for sale within the nine months following the date of the request.

Where an exception is granted for equipment not at that date generally available, the manufacturer must have published information on the equipment in question at the date of the request and have announced the date of its market launch. This information also must be made available to IPC Athletics via [ipcatletics@paralympic.org](mailto:ipcatletics@paralympic.org).

Regards,



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Attachment