

RPC suspension - interim measure adopted by the IPC Governing Board

In light of the significant progress made by the RPC and the testing programme now in place, the IPC Governing Board has resolved to adopt the following limited interim measure with the sole intention of providing Russian Para athletes with the opportunity to compete in qualification events for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games (to preserve their ability to participate if the RPC is reinstated):

- (a) The RPC will be permitted to enter its licensed and eligible athletes into qualification events for the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Winter Games. However, such athletes (and any support personnel) will not represent their suspended National Paralympic Committee, but instead will compete in an individual capacity as neutral athletes/support personnel.
- (b) The regulations governing the precise conditions of participation of such neutral athletes and support personnel will be determined by the IPC. In particular, **for each event, each athlete must meet the testing requirements set out in reinstatement criterion 22(b), e.g. he/she must have undergone at least two tests during the six months immediately preceding the event.**
- (c) All provisions in the respective sport/competition rules and regulations that are applicable to athletes/support personnel will apply equally to neutral athletes/support personnel.
- (d) Under no circumstances will officials, members or other representatives of any Russian Ministry or the RPC Governing Board be permitted to attend such events in any capacity, including as support personnel (and no accreditation will be granted to any such persons).
- (e) This limited interim measure will have effect only up until a further review by the IPC Taskforce and the IPC Governing Board following the WADA Foundation Board meeting in November 2017 (at which the position of RUSADA is due to be considered). Following such review, the interim measure may be withdrawn, maintained or revised, as the IPC Governing Board sees fit.