

Chapter 2.4.6: Education Committee bylaws



These bylaws for the Education Committee (and any amendments thereto) will be submitted for approval to the IPC Governing Board.

1 Authority

1.1 The Education Committee is appointed by and is accountable to the IPC Governing Board. The IPC Governing Board has the sole power to grant authority to the Education Committee, and the Education Committee has no authority that does not come from the IPC Governing Board. The Education Committee may, however, carry out such tasks as delegated to it by the IPC Governing Board.

2 Role

- 2.1 The Education Committee will provide the IPC Governing Board with advice on policy and any other relevant matters within its specific area of responsibility, and will in particular have the following roles:
 - (a) Develop a strategic plan for long-term Paralympic education.
 - (b) Establish policies and guidelines for all IPC education activities according to the philosophy of the Paralympic education programme.
 - (c) Initiate and coordinate the development of Paralympic education materials.
 - (d) Facilitate international Paralympic education activities through IPC member organisations and organising committees of IPC sanctioned events.
 - (e) Promote and disseminate the educational activities of the Paralympic Movement through partnerships with organisations, institutions, and individuals in the field of education.
 - (f) Assist the responsible members of the management team, upon request, on the operational aspects of the education programme.

3 Membership

- 3.1 The Education Committee will ordinarily consist of up to six members, including the chairperson.
- 3.2 At least one member of the Education Committee must be an athlete who has competed in the Paralympic Games in the eight years preceding his/her appointment.



- 3.3 The IPC Governing Board will appoint the chairperson of the Education Committee and the members of the Education Committee, in accordance with the following process:
 - (a) The IPC will invite the IPC membership to suggest candidates for membership of the Education Committee for consideration by the incoming IPC Governing Board.
 - (b) In addition, the IPC may initiate an active search for suitable candidates to ensure that the Education Committee includes the best-qualified individuals.
 - (c) As soon as reasonably practicable after its election, the IPC Governing Board will first appoint the chairperson of the Education Committee. The chairperson will then make recommendations as to the membership of the Education Committee, for consideration by the IPC Governing Board. The IPC Governing Board will then appoint the members of the Education Committee.
 - (d) Any vacancies on the Education Committee (occurring through resignation, death or any other reason) will be filled by appointment by the IPC Governing Board, in consultation with the chairperson of the Education Committee.
- 3.4 No substitutes are allowed for members of the Education Committee.

4 Term of office

- 4.1 Membership of the Education Committee will begin on the date of appointment and will continue until terminated by the IPC Governing Board. Members will ordinarily serve for a term of four years (corresponding broadly to the term of office of the members of the IPC Governing Board), and will ordinarily remain in office until the incoming IPC Governing Board has appointed the Education Committee.
- 4.2 Individuals may be re-appointed to serve consecutive terms on the Education Committee, and there is no limit on the number of terms that an individual may serve on the Education Committee.
- 4.3 The membership of an individual on the Education Committee may be terminated by the IPC Governing Board at any time, at the absolute discretion of the IPC Governing Board.

5 Organisation

5.1 The Education Committee will be assigned a member of the Agitos Foundation/IPC management team to assist in the work of the committee.



- 5.2 Ordinarily, the Education Committee will meet at least once per year. Any additional meetings must be approved by the IPC Governing Board, which will ordinarily delegate that authority to the IPC CEO.
- 5.3 Telephone, teleconference and similar facilities may be used for a meeting.
- 5.4 The IPC President, IPC CEO and responsible member of the management team are ex-officio members at meetings of the Education Committee, with speaking rights only.
- 5.5 The chairperson of the Education Committee may invite observers from Paralympic OCOGs to attend meetings of the Education Committee, in an observer capacity only.
- 5.6 While the procedure is intended to be flexible, meetings of the Education Committee may, where appropriate, be conducted based on the standing order for the conduct of IPC committee meetings.
- 5.7 Minutes of Education Committee meetings will be produced and submitted to the IPC for appropriate distribution and archiving.
- 5.8 The chairperson of the Education Committee (or his/her designee) may be invited to attend meetings of the IPC Governing Board and/or may be invited to provide a verbal report at a meeting of the IPC Governing Board on a specific topic.
- 5.9 The Education Committee has the right to submit motions to the IPC General Assembly, through the IPC Governing Board, and subject to compliance with the relevant IPC standing order. The IPC Governing Board will make recommendations to the IPC General Assembly on all motions submitted by the Education Committee.
- 5.10 The chairperson of the Education Committee may be invited to the Paralympic Games to observe the Games-time activation of the Paralympic education programme and facilitate knowledge transfer between the OCOGs.

6 Finances

- 6.1 The IPC will produce a budget for the Education Committee. The Education Committee budget will be included in the overall IPC budget and submitted for approval to the IPC Governing Board in accordance with IPC financial policies.
- 6.2 Any financial regulation for the Education Committee will be in compliance with the financial policies issued by the IPC from time to time.



7 Evaluation process

- 7.1 During the last year of the four-year term of office, the chairperson of the Education Committee will ordinarily submit to the IPC Governing Board a summary report on the work conducted by the committee during the four year period, along with any recommendations for the next term of office.
- 7.2 At the end of the IPC Governing Board's term of office, the outgoing IPC Governing Board may (during an in-camera meeting) evaluate the overall work of the Education Committee and may make recommendations to the incoming IPC Governing Board, including on the mandate, structure and/or membership of the Education Committee.