

# World Para Athletics Technical Officials Pathway

## Participant profiles and learning outcomes

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The following document will lay out the pathways, participant profiles, and learning outcomes of each of the currently offered World Para Athletics Education Courses in Technical Officiating.

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# 1 Introduction

The IPC Academy is a partnership between the IPC and the World Academy of Sport and is the education division of the IPC. The IPC Academy brings individuals together to improve educational standards of sport throughout the Paralympic Movement and ensures that executives, administrators and officials have an educational centre, providing world class courses.

World Para Athletics (WPA) believes that high quality learning materials and a tailored method of delivery is the key to improve the level of Para athletics officiating, classification and coaching all over the world. World Para Athletics has worked with the IPC Academy in recent years to develop educational pathways for those wishing to become involved in Para athletics at various levels and capacities. These pathways offer different levels of courses in technical officiating, classification and coaching taught by specifically trained World Para Athletics educators and can be delivered in multiple languages.

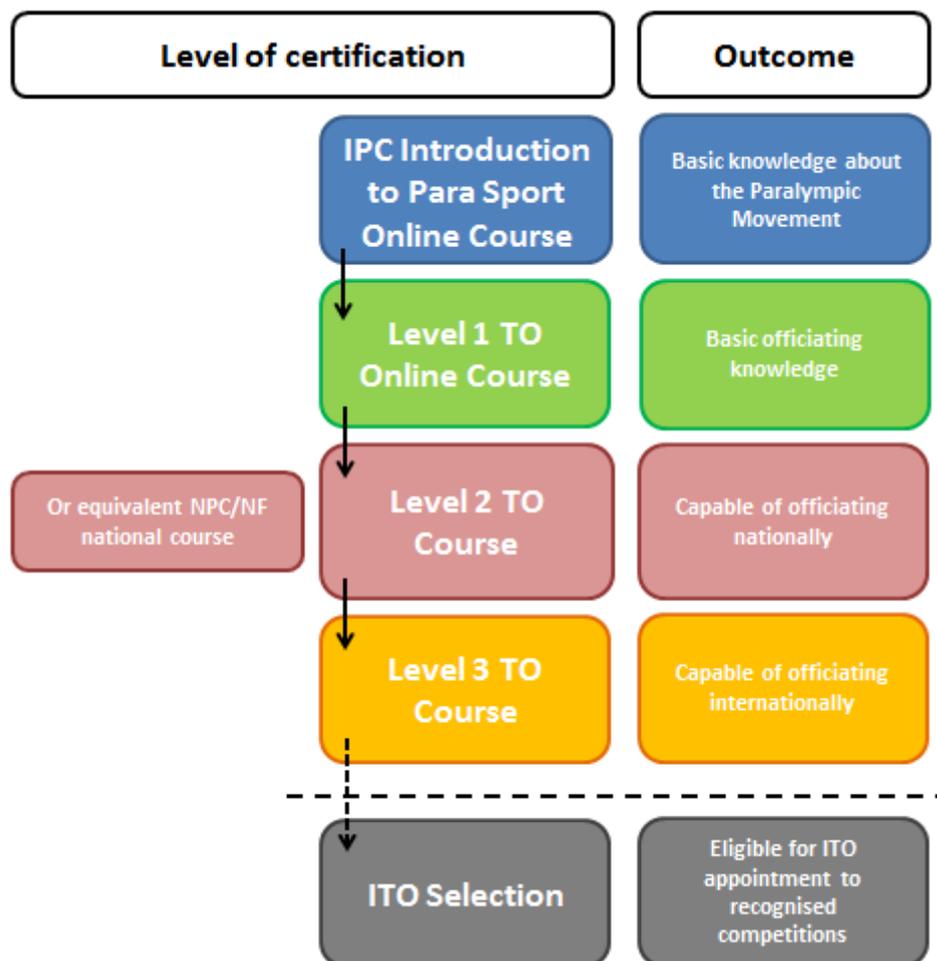
This document outlines the pathway for individuals interested in Para athletics technical officiating and outlines candidate qualification criteria and course outcomes of the various levels of courses offered by World Para Athletics.

## 2 World Para Athletics Technical Officials Pathway

The World Para Athletics Technical Official (TO) pathway includes the following courses:

- IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course
- WPA Level 1 TO Online Course
- WPA Level 2 TO Course
- WPA Level 3 TO Course

Each course is designed to help strengthen knowledge in Para athletics technical officiating. Successfully completing each course will allow officials to continue along the pathway to being selected as a World Para Athletics International Technical Official (ITO).



## 2.1 IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course

The IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course is free of charge and contains a combination of reading and video content. Please click on [Introduction to Para Sport Online Course](#) to access the online course.

- Duration: 1-2 hours
- Assessment: online test

### Learning Objectives

- Understand the history and structure of the Paralympic Movement
- Understand the history and concepts of classification
- Introduction to Classification Code and International Standards

### Participant Profile

This online course is open for everybody who wants to learn more about the IPC, the Paralympic Movement and the importance of classification. Participants might be an athlete, coach, technical official, sport medical practitioner, event organiser or generally just an interested supporter of Paralympic Sport or the Paralympic Games looking to test their knowledge.

### Course Outcome

Upon completion of the short online test participants will be able to download a certificate of completion. Once completed, persons who wish to continue their education with World Para Athletics and the IPC Academy can continue to the Level 1 TO online course.

## 2.2 World Para Athletics Level 1 Technical Officials Online Course

The World Para Athletics Level 1 TO Online Course is open to anybody who would like to learn more about World Para Athletics and Para athletics officiating. The modules contain a combination of reading and video content. Please click on [Level 1 Technical Officials online course](#) to access the online course. The Level 1 course can be offered in multiple languages (please refer to section 5 of this document for more information on language availability).

- Duration: 2-3 hours
- Assessment: online test

### Learning Objectives

- Understand the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations
- Understand the rules for Para athletics events and the different sport classes
- Understand how to properly communicate with athletes, coaches, and officials
- Understand how to properly fill out all relevant World Para Athletics officiating forms
- Understand the role of the official

### Participant Profile

The Level 1 TO online course is an entry-level course for people who are interested in learning more about Para athletics and the basic concepts of technical officiating, including but not limited to coaches, competition organisers, classifiers, athletes, students and sport managers. To register for the Level 1 TO online course the participant must have completed the IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course.

### Course Outcome

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a course certificate of completion. Those participants who meet the requirements for Level 2 TO course are eligible to proceed to the next level.

## **2.3 World Para Athletics Level 2 Technical Officials Course**

The World Para Athletics Level 2 TO Course is the first opportunity for participants to receive face-to-face training by World Para Athletics certified educators. The Level 2 TO course can be offered in multiple languages (please refer to section 5 of this document for more information on language availability).

- Duration (theory - mandatory): 2 days
- Duration (practical - recommended): length of competition
- Assessment: written exam

### Learning Objectives

- Understand of all World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations
- Know the general competition rules
- Know all Para athletics event rules and how to implement each
- Understand the role of a National Technical Official (NTO)

### Participant Profile

#### *Candidates must:*

- have completed the Level 1 TO online course before the start of this course
- have athletics specific knowledge and interest in Para athletics
- be available to complete the entire duration of the course
- be a minimum of 18 years of age

#### *Preferably candidates also have the following:*

- desire to serve as an NTO in current country of residence
- recommendation from their NPC and / or NF
- good level of English (verbal and written)
- Have at least a secondary/high school education and/or competitive sports background or understanding and experience of competition

### Course Outcome

Participants who successfully complete the course receive a course certificate of achievement and will be eligible to serve as a NTO (pending approval from their NPC or NF). Those participants who meet the requirements for the Level 3 TO course are eligible to proceed to the respective level.

### National Technical Officials Course Equivalency

As many NPCs/NFs have their own established training programmes for NTOs, World Para Athletics may recognise any national course that meets the World Para Athletics Level 2 TO Course standards. NPCs/NFs may apply to World Para Athletics for Level 2 TO Course equivalency. If the course is recognised as equivalent to the World Para Athletics Level 2, those NTOs who have achieved the highest level under that system will be eligible to participate in a World Para Athletics Level 3 TO Course providing that all other prerequisites have been complied with.

## **2.4 World Para Athletics Level 3 Technical Officials Course**

The World Para Athletics Level 3 TO Course offers the opportunity to understand the role of the International Technical Official (ITO). The Level 3 course can be offered in multiple languages (please refer to section 5 of this document for more information on language availability).

- Duration (theory - mandatory): 3 days
- Duration (practical - mandatory): length of competition
- Assessment: written exam and competency transcript

Participants of the World Para Athletics Level 3 TO Course should be advised that the training requires them to show a high level of competencies and knowledge in Para athletics. Participation in the practical component is subject to successful completion of the theoretical component of the training course. Those successful participants will assist in technical officiating at a World Para Athletics approved para-specific competition whilst being assessed and observed by an educator(s). A participant who does not pass the theoretical component may have the opportunity to assist in the competition as an NTO.

### Learning Objectives

- Complete understanding of all World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations
- Be able to practically apply all rules and regulations
- Be able to complete all forms and documents relating to the duties of an ITO
- Know proper procedures for all events
- Complete understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an ITO

### Participant Profile

#### *Candidates must:*

- hold a Level 2 TO course certificate or equivalent from their NPC/NF or IAAF member federation (i.e. TOECS Level I certificate)
- have a recommendation from their NPC and / or NF
- have proof of experience as an NTO with a record of the competitions officiated at
- be available to complete the entire duration of the course (theory and practical)

#### *Preferably candidates also have the following:*

- desire to serve as an ITO

good level of English (verbal and written) Course Outcome

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a course certificate of achievement and will be eligible to apply for the World Para Athletics ITO Selection Seminar providing that all other prerequisites have been complied with. The seminar takes place every 4 years in the year following the Paralympic Games and those participants selected as ITOs at the end of the seminar will be eligible for appointment to ITO positions at World Para Athletics recognised competitions.

## **3 World Para Athletics ITO Selection Seminar**

World Para Athletics ITO Selection Seminar may vary in the form of delivery, depending on the updates that have been made to the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations. Non-compliance with the ITO Selection requirements set out by World Para Athletics will result in non-eligibility for appointment as an International Technical Official at World Para Athletics recognised competitions until the requirements have been met.

### Participant Profile

#### *Candidates must:*

- hold valid WPA Level 3 TO, IAAF TOECS Level II or Level III Certificate
- have received an endorsement from their National Paralympic Committee (NPC) or National Athletics Federation (NF), if recognised by WPA
- have good English language skills (verbal and written)
- have the desire to serve as a WPA ITO
- be available to complete the entire duration of the ITO Selection Seminar

### Course Outcome

Participants who successfully complete the seminar and are selected as a World Para Athletics ITO will receive a certificate of achievement. ITO Selection will be based on knowledge and competencies shown during the seminar; regional and gender balance will also be taken into consideration. Those participants selected as ITOs will be eligible for appointment to ITO positions at World Para Athletics recognised competitions for a 4-year period.

## 4 Language Availability of Courses

Course	Languages
<b>IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course</b>	Arabic, English, French, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish - can be delivered face-to-face if the required language is not available online
<b>Level 1 TO Online Course</b>	Arabic, English, French, Russian, Spanish - can be delivered face-to-face if the required language is not available online
<b>Level 2 TO Course</b>	Arabic, English, French, German, Japanese, Czech Portuguese, Spanish - all other languages with simultaneous translation
<b>Level 3 TO Course</b>	Arabic, English, French, German, Japanese, Czech Portuguese, Spanish - all other languages with simultaneous translation

## 5 Online Courses Pricing and Group Rates

The following is the pricing for a single course registration

Course	Introduction to Para Sport	Technical Officials
Online	Free	€53.50

## 6 Face to Face Courses and Pricing

An NPC/NF can request to host any of the above mentioned World Para Athletics education courses. World Para Athletics will provide course material, certified educators and support where needed to the host of an education course for a course fee. More detailed information on hosting World Para Athletics education courses is available on the [World Para Athletics education website](#). World Para Athletics will always aim to facilitate your requests but cannot guarantee that all requests can be met. World Para Athletics will aim to offer you an alternative date when this situation arises.

## 7 Application Process

To apply for a World Para Athletics Course please view all the available courses and download the application form from the World Para Athletics education website: [www.paralympic.org/athletics/education/technical-officials](http://www.paralympic.org/athletics/education/technical-officials).

All applications should be completed fully and submitted to [education@paralympic.org](mailto:education@paralympic.org).

## 8 World Para Athletics Education Contact Information

If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about all of the World Para Athletics and IPC Academy education courses, please contact us at:

<b>World Para Athletics Education and IPC Academy</b>
+49 228 2097 200
<a href="mailto:education@paralympic.org">education@paralympic.org</a>
World Para Athletics education website: <a href="https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/education">https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/education</a>

If you are interested in learning more about other aspects of World Para Athletics, please use the following email address: [info@worldparaathletics.org](mailto:info@worldparaathletics.org).

## 9 World Para Athletics Educational Partners



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