

To all IPC-recognised
International Federations (IFs)

Via Email

Bonn, 7 November 2017

Paris 2024 Paralympic Games – Sport Programme

Dear President/Secretary General,

In recognition of your continuing contributions to the Paralympic Movement I would like to notify you of the general process as well as the timelines for the IPC's determination of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Sport Programme:

7 November 2017 (start of Phase 1)	IPC initiates the review and application process. IPC-recognised IFs wishing to introduce new sports or disciplines are requested to fill out the ' <i>Declaration of Intent to Apply for the Inclusion of a Sport or Discipline</i> ' – attached to this letter
21 November 2017	Deadline for recognised IFs to return the ' <i>Declaration</i> ' to IPC
27 January 2018 (end of Phase 1)	The IPC Governing Board approves and closes the list of eligible IFs intending to apply for inclusion of a new sport or new discipline on the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Sport Programme
12 February 2018 (start of Phase 2)	IPC distributes the ' <i>Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Sport Programme Application</i> ' package to IFs of all established sports as well as eligible IFs of new sports or disciplines
9 July 2018	Deadline for IFs to return complete ' <i>Application</i> ' (including all supplementary documentation) to IPC
September 2018	The IPC Governing Board identifies those sports whose applications fulfil the technical requirements and may be considered for Games inclusion
January 2019 (end of Phase 2)	The IPC Governing Board establishes the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games Sport Programme



Before your Federation decides to express interest in joining the 2024 Paralympic Games Sport Programme, I would like to outline the requirements each IF will have to meet as part of the application process. These requirements are the same for new sports and disciplines as well as for those already established on the 2020 Paralympic Games Sport Programme.

In accordance with the IPC Handbook the IPC Governing Board has instructed the management team to establish a set of eligibility conditions for which applicants must provide written documentation in order to be considered for inclusion in the Paralympic Games. Below is an overview of these conditions and the documentation that will be requested during Phase 2 in order for your sport to be considered:

CONDITION	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
Anti-Doping: WADC compliance	Copy of the IF Corrective Action Report (CAR) in response to the WADA assessment of the Code Compliance Questionnaire review process
Anti-Doping: Testing	Statistics on annual testing programme 2016 and 2017 (Para athletes only) Annual budgets (2016 and 2017) spent on testing, not including contributions from local organising committees (Para athletes only)
Anti-Doping: Registered Testing Pool	Website link to the IF Registered Testing Pool (Para athletes only)
Classification	No documentation required. The IPC Athlete Classification Code IF Compliance Strategy Review documentation will be used for assessment.
Medical: Committee	Membership list of IF Medical Committee
Medical: Athlete health	Policies and procedures to safeguard athlete health and well-being, including (but not limited to) regulations for transgender athletes; non-accidental violence, harassment and abuse Medical services requirements for event organisers (Para sport events)
Sport: Worldwide reach	Register of all national member federations with an active Para sport programme



Sport: Widespread and regular practice	Entry or results lists documenting the number of national member federations considered as widely and regularly practicing the sport/discipline by either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ holding recognised/sanctioned National Championships on a regular basis within the past four (4) years; or: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ competing on a regular basis with a national delegation in internationally recognised/sanctioned competitions within the past four (4) years.
Sport: Quadrennial competition programme	Detailed list of all recognised competitions over the past eight (8) years including: National Championships, international competitions (e.g. World Cups, Invitationals etc.), Regional Championships, World Championships
Sport: Competition Proposal	Outline of proposed competition at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games (including number of athletes, medal events and competition format)
Governance: Established and democratic structure	Description of IF governance structure and policies
Governance: Finance	Reports/statements demonstrating the IF's financial stability over the past four (4) years

The above conditions are central to the process of admitting a sport to the Paralympic Games. The IPC management team will carefully review each IF's documentation prior to briefing the Governing Board on all applicant sports. While application packages will not be distributed until February 2018, I want to encourage you to already start producing and collecting the materials listed above. This will greatly reduce the demands on your staff during the second application phase next year.

In addition the IPC is mindful of Olympic Agenda 2020, in particular Recommendation 12 with its mandate to closely monitor and possibly reduce the costs of staging the Games. Applicant new sports and disciplines will thus be asked to provide a cost assessment including services required from the Organising Committee, venues and other operational implications associated with their potential inclusion in the Games.



Furthermore, we share with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) the commitment to stimulate women's participation and involvement in sport by creating more participation opportunities at the Games. Applicant new sports or disciplines must demonstrate that they offer equal competition opportunities to female athletes and that their women's medal events are sufficiently viable to justify the sport's/discipline's Games inclusion.

Please be advised that the outcome of the process we initiate today is uncertain. As agreed with the IOC, there are 22 sports on the programme of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games with a total quota of 4,400 athletes. For the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, the Governing Board may remove one or more sports from this list. Any sport removed may or may not be replaced by a new one. Our goal is to shape a competitive and attractive programme that will inspire and excite the world.

For any questions concerning your application, please contact Jürgen Padberg, Paralympic Games Senior Sport Manager: juergen.padberg@paralympic.org, T. (+49) 228-2097-280. *Declarations of Intent* should also be submitted to Mr. Padberg's attention.

The IPC appreciates your continued support of the Paralympic Movement and looks forward to your participation in this process should you intend to apply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Parsons'.

Andrew Parsons, President