

Sport Regulations Handbook for Sitting Volleyball

... For World ParaVolley Members



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1 Introduction

This Sport Regulations Handbook has been developed in response to an ongoing need to have ready access to the background information required to apply to stage a World ParaVolley Sitting Volleyball event.

This Handbook should be read in conjunction with the Event Management Handbook that is focused more on the detail involved in planning, organizing and delivering a World ParaVolley competition.

2 Purpose of this Handbook

The purpose of this Handbook is to provide World ParaVolley Members with the necessary information that will assist them to understand the context of Sitting Volleyball competitions and in making a decision to host an international Sitting Volleyball event.

This information may be applied at World and Zonal levels.

3 General International Competition Regulations

3.1 Basic Rules and Regulations Applicable

World ParaVolley or the World ParaVolley Zone governs all international Sitting Volleyball competitions and matches.

They must be played in accordance with:

- a) The Official Volleyball Rules current at the time,
- b) The Sport Regulations of this Handbook,
- c) The Event Management Handbook,
- c) The Specific Competition Regulations for the event,
- d) The World ParaVolley General Regulations,
- d) The World ParaVolley Code of Conduct,
- e) Any relevant Policy of the World ParaVolley Board of Directors.

The World ParaVolley Member or other approved Organization must be the body responsible for the financial and technical organization of any competition.

The categories of competition and their frequency are determined by World ParaVolley and may be varied by the Board from time to time. (For detail see the Event Management Handbook)

3.2 Governing Bodies

Recognized by the IPC, World ParaVolley is the sole governing body for international Sitting Volleyball competitions.

Some special competitions of Sitting Volleyball may be organized by different bodies with the written approval or support of World ParaVolley. Such events may include:

- a) The Paralympic Games
- b) Regional Multi-Sport Para Games e.g. Asian Para Games
- c) Youth Para Games
- d) Military Games e.g. Invictus Games
- e) Specific language or cultural Games
- f) Special groups of countries e.g. Commonwealth Games

All International Competitions are subject to World ParaVolley approval and timetabling into the International Events Calendar.

Competition matters are managed by the World ParaVolley Sport Director.

3.3 Enforcement of Regulations

World ParaVolley World Competitions are planned and delivered under the control of World ParaVolley. These include any competitions that are conducted for teams from across more than one of the World ParaVolley Zones. The teams may be National teams or Club teams.

World ParaVolley Zonal Competitions are planned and delivered under the control of the respective Zone. These include any competitions that are conducted for teams from within the relevant Zone. The teams may be National teams or Club teams.

National Competitions are planned and delivered under control of the respective World ParaVolley Member that may be a National Federation, a National Paralympic Committee or an independent disability organization recognized by World ParaVolley. Such competitions are held only within the respective country with Club teams or State teams City teams or Regional teams as defined by the World ParaVolley Member.

3.4 Team eligibility and participation

National teams may compete in World ParaVolley or Zonal competitions.

Club teams may compete in World ParaVolley or Zonal competitions or National competitions.

National teams and Club teams may compete against each other in the same competition.

The composition of teams (players, coaches, medical staff) is determined by the Rules of the Game as approved by the Board and includes specifying player classification (SV1 or SV2), Captain and Libero(s).

In order to participate in a competition, the team must register with World ParaVolley in a two-step process by the due dates:

- a) Provisional Application
- b) Final Team Entry

3.5 Medical controls

Classification is an essential part of international participation in Sitting Volleyball and is undertaken by qualified and approved World ParaVolley Classifiers who have undertaken extensive training and education. World ParaVolley is compliant with the IPC 2015 Athlete Classification Code.

Full details of Classification are available from the World ParaVolley Classification Commission.

Anti-Doping testing and education is an important part of all events conducted under the auspices of World ParaVolley.

World ParaVolley has trained Anti-Doping officers and is compliant with the WADA Anti-Doping Code. World ParaVolley requires appropriate testing at all events and in out-of-competition periods and strongly encourages the implementation of an Anti-Doping education program at international events.

A Therapeutic Use Exemption form (TUEs) is required to be lodged by some athletes who are taking certain medications prior to competition.

Full details of Anti-Doping are available from the World ParaVolley Anti-Doping Commission.

Gender verification may be required on a case-by-case basis at international competitions. Female players may be required to present a valid gender certificate and/or submit themselves to a medical examination in case of doubt based on medical evidence.

Medical issues are managed by the World ParaVolley Medical Director.

4 Trustee of the Competitions

4.1 World ParaVolley Member

The World ParaVolley member can be assigned as the Trustee of World ParaVolley Official competitions and events in that the World ParaVolley Member is given full responsibility to plan and deliver the agreed competition on behalf of World ParaVolley and in line with World ParaVolley Rules and Regulations.

This arrangement is specified in the Contract between World ParaVolley and the World ParaVolley Member.

The World ParaVolley Member may appoint a third party to be the Trustee of the competition with the agreement of World ParaVolley and this will be reflected in the Contract.

4.2 LOC

The appointed Trustee of World ParaVolley competitions shall appoint a Local Organizing Committee (LOC) that is directly responsible for planning, delivery and management of the event on behalf of the World ParaVolley Member or third party.

5 Basic event arrangements

5.1 Responsibilities

In general, the planning and administrative organization of the competition is the responsibility of the LOC.

The LOC is responsible to World ParaVolley to deliver the competition to the standards expected and specified in the Event Management Handbook.

5.2 Facilities

The event facilities include the Competition courts, Warm-up courts and Training courts, together with the change-rooms and administration rooms.

5.3 Personnel

The LOC is required to provide the staff that undertakes the various roles at the event.

These include, but are not limited to the following leadership roles:

- Competition Director
- Refereeing Manager
- Court Manager
- Technical/Equipment Manager
- Administrative Manager
- Media Manager
- PR Manager

5.4 Financial arrangements

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the LOC is financially responsible for all aspects of the event. In general, teams are required to contribute to the cost of running the event, particularly accommodation, food and transport.

The LOC has the right to secure sponsorships to support the event provided these are not in conflict with World ParaVolley sponsorships that must take precedence. The LOC has the right to sell tickets to the event and to display sponsor signage in the venues with the approval of World ParaVolley.

World ParaVolley will use best endeavors to support the LOC by the provision of sponsorship but this is not guaranteed.

World ParaVolley retains all types of broadcasting rights to all events and has the right to display signage in the venues.

Both World ParaVolley and the LOC specify financial arrangements in the Contract that is signed.

5.5 Public Relations (PR)

Both World ParaVolley and the LOC have responsibilities to be fulfilled towards sponsors, government officials and other representatives of various organizations that have supported the event.

World ParaVolley and the LOC mutually decide exactly how this will be undertaken and by whom.

5.6 Media/Communications/Advertising

Normally, World ParaVolley appoints a Media & Communications Manager to events who works cooperatively with the LOC's Media Manager to maximize the promotion potential of the event to the world.

World ParaVolley or the LOC (or both) may appoint an Official Photographer for the event who shall have specific "Official Photographer" designated clothing and special access to the field of play.

World ParaVolley's Marketing Manager (Commercialization) communicates with the LOC on matters related to World ParaVolley contracts and obligations.

5.7 World ParaVolley "look"

It is important that the World ParaVolley brand is clear and obvious at the event, particularly within the competition area that will have most media focus.

The “look” of the event should be distinctly that of World ParaVolley with the logo used extensively in all venues.

There is more detail about this in the Contract.

6 Status of players

6.1 Eligibility

Only players who meet the qualification conditions (citizenship, classification, age limits, gender) determined by World ParaVolley shall be eligible to participate in World ParaVolley competitions.

6.2 Proof by Passport

Players are required to present their official passport as proof that they are eligible to represent their country or Club in World ParaVolley competitions.

6.3 Age limits

Whenever an age requirement is imposed for a competition, players must present their individual Passports or Certificate of Birth as evidence of age.

Normally the minimum age required for a participant in an open age competition shall be 14 years as at the first day of the competition. Exceptions to this need to be approved by the Sport Department following receipt of relevant medical and other evidence, including written consent from a parent or guardian.

6.4 Citizenship

Only players holding the citizenship of the country they represent may be permitted to participate in World ParaVolley competitions. They must present a valid passport as proof of citizenship.

6.5 Naturalised players

Naturalised players (a foreigner who has been granted citizenship of another country) may participate in World ParaVolley competitions to represent their new country provided they have written proof of their status.

6.6 Transfers

Players wishing to transfer to another country to participate in local competitions may do so provided the two countries involved agree in writing.

In general, in each individual case, World ParaVolley shall apply the transfer principles of the FIVB, as determined by the Sport Department.