



## Recognised Development Events

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### Preamble

World ParaVolley wishes to support competitions in all Zones and across all disciplines (Sitting, Standing, Beach Standing, Beach Sitting) for the benefit of the athletes and to this end seeks to remove some of the barriers that may apply in some situations. These barriers include the cost of hosting events. Savings may be achieved by not requiring the involvement of internationally qualified officials, classifiers and anti-doping personnel, and not having to meet the full standards of equipment, venues, accommodation, transport and other services.

### Definition

A World ParaVolley *Recognised Development Event* (RDE) is a specific competition between countries/clubs that is organised to provide a development level of experience for athletes. In such events, the usual standards expected by World ParaVolley as detailed in the Sport Regulations Manual are not applicable. *RDEs between countries must have less than six competing teams but RDEs between clubs do not have a limit on the number of teams. World ParaVolley/IPC classification rules apply to RDEs between countries but do not apply to RDEs between clubs.*

Thus, by definition, none of the World ParaVolley events that are organised in the name of World ParaVolley such as the Paralympics, IPC-owned events, World Championships, World Club Cup, the Intercontinental, and any qualification events for these (eg Zonal and Sub-Zonal Championships), can be designated as an RDE. In other words, RDEs are special events that are created for development purposes. In addition, it should be noted that internal national-only events may involve able-bodied athletes as the rules of classification do not have to be applied.

## **Why?**

The aims of the RDE process are:

- 1 To increase the competition opportunities for athletes, coaching personnel and World ParaVolley/Zone officials
- 2 To encourage the staging of a variety of small invitation events between countries
- 3 To keep costs down to the LOC and the participants
- 4 To utilise World ParaVolley/Zone officials of all grades, free of sanctions which potentially could be applied to the LOC and individuals involved

## **Processes**

*In order to obtain the RDE designation for an event, the LOC is required to simply communicate their intentions to both the Zone involved, and the World ParaVolley Sport Director at least three months prior to the event – with details of the competition regulations to be used. In addition, any international officials invited to an RDE must inform their relevant Commission.*

It should be noted that the organisational and financial responsibility, insurance and all technical matters related to an RDE are not the responsibility of World ParaVolley and rest fully with the LOC. Thus, any disputes relating to the event should be resolved between the parties concerned.