



**IPC  
WHEELCHAIR DANCE SPORT  
COMMITTEE**



Assembly, September 30, 1999 in Athens

## **BY - LAW**

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General regulations regarding Sports Assembly Executive Committee (SAEC) refer IPC Handbook, Section I, Chapter 2 - By Law 2.4 (attached).

### **1. Definition 'Wheelchair Dance Sport'**

'Wheelchair Dance Sport' is the form for all national or international Dance Sport Competitions where wheelchair dancers participate in a Standard and/or Latin Section, Combi Dance organized by an IPC-member association and recognized by IPC-Wheelchair Dance Sport (IPC-WDSC).

### **2. Aim**

Within the aims and policies of IPC the IPC-WDSC shall promote Wheelchair Dance Sport around the world by means of competitive activities.

This aim can be achieved by:

- Developing Wheelchair Dance Sport within the IPC.
- Creating and cultivating contacts within the relevant international organizations for the achievement of the overall goal to globalize Wheelchair Dance Sport.
- Interactive contacts with national organizations to encourage the globalization of Wheelchair Dance Sport.
- Marketing activities promoting Wheelchair Dance Sport in all types of media and in different forms of meetings on a global level.
- Organizing competition programs and advanced training for all involved staff.
- Seeking cooperation with the relevant International Dance Sport Federations.

### **3. Membership**

3.1. The Wheelchair Dance Sport Assembly (WDSA) shall be composed of each IPC-member nation participating in the International Wheelchair Dance Sports program. A maximum of two delegates appointed by the member nation is allowed to attend the WDSA and only one delegate per member nation shall have voting rights. The written and signed national approval must be shown for the rights to represent the nation.

3.2. The IPC-WDSC shall consist of the following members and functions elected by its Wheelchair Dance Sport Assembly (WDSA):

- (a) Chairperson
- (b) 5 members
- (c) A representative of the athletes
- (d) A medical officer
- (e) A classification officer

3.3. The IPC-WDSC decides on the relevant specified functions in the committee.

3.4. Members of the IPC-WDSC shall serve until the next relevant Paralympic Games after their election. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment at the next meeting of the IPC-WDSC after the vacancy has occurred. The person appointed shall serve the balance of the term vacated.

#### 4. **Meetings**

4.1. There shall be at least two meetings of the IPC-WDSC each year. One of them has to be a physical meeting, the other can be by telephone or electronic media.

4.2. The WDSA is arranged by the IPC-WDSC every second year preferably in connection to a big competition event or other relevant occasion in order to limit the costs.

4.3. Invitations to the WDSA meetings shall be sent by the Chairperson as decided by the IPC-WDSC. The invitations shall be in writing and shall be sent together with a tentative agenda at least six weeks prior to the physical meeting.

4.4. Motions for the consideration at the meeting have to reach the Chairperson at least four weeks prior. Major changes of the agenda have to be sent out minimal two weeks before the physical meeting.

4.5. The WDSC-meetings are to be chaired by the Chairperson or another person appointed by the IPC-WDSC. The WDSA are chaired by a person approved by the WDSA.

4.6. At all meetings the quorum shall be 50% plus one of the voting members. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of those voting.

#### 5. **Reporting**

5.1. The secretary of the IPC-WDSC, together with the Chairperson shall be responsible for keeping accurate minutes of all meetings.

5.2. Minutes of the IPC-WDSC meetings shall be submitted to all IPC-WDSC members and minutes of the WDSA meetings to the SCEC and the IPC Secretary General for transmission to all IPC members.

5.3. The IPC-WDSC shall submit a report on its activities to the Sports Council Executive Committee (SCEC) prior to each IPC General Assembly. An annual report has to be sent to IPC Technical Officer.

5.4. Results and reports of all approved competitions shall be submitted to the SCEC and the IPC Secretary General for information and publication.

5.5. The IPC-WDSC shall submit a comprehensive report of its activities to each WDSA meeting.

6. **Functions**

Within the aims and policies of IPC, the IPC-WDSC shall:

6.1. Taking charge of all administration duties which contribute to the development of Wheelchair Dance Sport.

6.2. Examining and making recommendations for applications to hold 'International Wheelchair Dance Sport Competitions'.

6.3. Liaise with organizing committees of all relevant competitions.

6.4. List, train, certify and appoint classifiers, Judges and other officials for all approved 'International Wheelchair Dance Sport Competitions'.

6.5. Supervise relevant 'International Wheelchair Dance Sport Competitions'.

6.6. Conduct appropriate inspections of sites for 'Official Wheelchair Dance Sport Competitions'.

6.7. Provide to Sports Council (SC) comments on all bids, sanctions, conditions of any approvals for any event or competition in which Wheelchair Dance Sport is included.

6.8. Establish minimum standards or criteria for qualifications of athletes in Wheelchair Dance Sport.

6.9. Keep informed as to the rules of all appropriate international sports bodies for the purpose of updating IPC rules in its sport as appropriate.

6.10. Prepare and submit amendments to IPC rules as appropriate for Wheelchair Dance Sport or as decided by the WDSA.

6.11. Prepare and conduct the IPC-WDSC and WDSA meetings.

6.12. Establish check lists for bidding and entries according to the special needs of Wheelchair Dance Sport.

6.13. Classify athletes at approved 'International Wheelchair Dance Sport Competitions'.

6.14. Establish ranking lists for 'International Wheelchair Dance Competitions' and publish such lists at least once annually and provide it to the IPC office.

6.15. Develop an annual budget for the IPC-WDSC and its WDSA for submission to the SA and the IPC executive committee.

6.16. Debate and assess any fees associated with the conduct of Wheelchair Dance Sport as agreed upon the Sports Assembly (SA).

- 6.17. Initiate and seek sponsor-ships in conjunction with the IPC Treasurer.
- 6.18. Establish By-Laws and International Regulations for the proper conduct of Wheelchair Dance Sport in the Paralympic Games and all other relevant Wheelchair Dance Sport Competitions.