



Paralympics Australia Member Responsibilities

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In our role as a member and National Paralympic Committee of the IPC, Paralympics Australia is the guardian of Paralympic sport and its values in this country. As part of our membership requirements, Paralympics Australia must adhere to relevant IPC rules and codes (such as the IPC Classification Code, IPC Anti-Doping Code, IPC Code of Ethics and IPC Medical Code), which also impact on our members. Full rights and obligations of IPC Members are outlined in Chapter 2 of the IPC Handbook.

The general obligations and responsibilities of Paralympics Australia to Voting Members is outlined in our Constitution, and Sport Partnership Agreements detail the relationship between Paralympics Australia and relevant sports.

Paralympics Australia is mandated by the IPC to ensure that the national Para-sport classification system is compliant with the IPC Athlete Classification Code. As such, we play a key role in the governance of classification, supporting NSOs to develop and implement code compliant policies and procedures, and leading the strategic direction of classification in Australia.

Paralympics Australia also has a responsibility to support the health and well-being of our athletes and provides a voice through its Athlete's Commission.

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To fulfil their membership responsibilities, Voting Member organisations will:

- Work with Paralympics Australia throughout the Paralympic Games cycle to deliver athletes for Paralympic Games teams.
- Work with Paralympics Australia to develop athletes, coaches and support staff and provide pathways for athletes with disability to participate in sport to an international level.
- Abide by Paralympics Australia Classification Policies and Standards (as published from time to time by Paralympics Australia) and promote through their network to support classification governance and mandate compliance with the IPC Athlete Classification Code.
- Take such actions and provide all reasonable support and assistance that Paralympics Australia requires in order to comply with its obligations under the IPC Athlete Classification Code, and to support integrity in classification.
- Ensure mandatory compliance with the IPC Medical Code and Code of Ethics and promote throughout their networks.
- Ensure mandatory compliance with Paralympics Australia /SIA/WADA anti-doping policies and SIA codes/laws and promote throughout their networks.
- Ensure mandatory compliance with Sport Australia and Paralympics Australia member protection/child protection rules and policies and promote throughout their networks.
- Promote interest in the Paralympic Games and other international Para-sports events (relevant to their sport).
- Act as representatives for athletes with disability in their segment of the sporting landscape in Australia.
- Act as advocates to build awareness of Paralympic sport through their networks.
- Attend and vote at Paralympics Australia Annual General Meetings and pay their annual financial fees as required under the Constitution.
- Provide feedback to annual Paralympics Australia surveys, Paralympics Australia strategic process and attend relevant member forums, events and education opportunities.

Note: Paralympics Australia will continually review whether Members are fulfilling their membership responsibilities through ongoing engagement, the annual survey and other procedures from time to time.

Membership Conditions

Voting Member rules and conditions are outlined in the Paralympics Australia Constitution. The Paralympics Australia Board may review the membership of a Voting Member from time to time if:

- the sport that the organisation represents is not recognised by the IPC or on the current programme of the current Summer or Winter Paralympic Games;
- such member is in breach of a provision of the Constitution, or any act or omission is, in the opinion of the Board, unbecoming of a Member, or prejudicial to the interests or reputation of Paralympics Australia;
- such member is not fulfilling their Member responsibilities or acting contrary to these obligations.

The Voting Member will be given the opportunity of explaining to the Board why they should not have their membership reviewed prior to any action being taken.