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## **CHAPTER 1 DEFINITION, COMPOSITION, PURPOSE**

### **ARTICLE 1 NAME AND AUTHORITY**

- 1.1. International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (“**IWBF**”) is an association under Swiss law.
- 1.2. IWBF is an independent federation composed of national organisations governing wheelchair basketball in their respective countries (“**NOWBs**”). For the sake of clarity, “national” shall mean that the authority of the organisation applies to a territory with clearly established geographical limits.
- 1.3. IWBF shall be the sole competent authority for men’s and women’s wheelchair basketball worldwide.
- 1.4. IWBF is a member of the International Paralympic Committee (“**IPC**”) and is recognized as the competent authority for wheelchair basketball by IPC.

### **ARTICLE 2 HEADQUARTERS AND PLACE OF JURISDICTION**

- 2.1. The headquarters of IWBF shall be established in Switzerland. Any change of location of these headquarters must be approved by the Executive Council.
- 2.2. IWBF is subject to the laws of Switzerland and shall be organised in such a manner as to acquire legal status, listed in the *Registre du Commerce*.

### **ARTICLE 3 NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION**

- 3.1. IWBF is a non-profit-making organisation and does not pursue any objective for its own gains. It shall pursue solely and directly objectives of general interest in accordance with the laws of Switzerland. The financial resources of IWBF may be used only in pursuit of the objectives laid down in these Statutes.
- 3.2. To the extent that compensation or reimbursement of expenses is paid to individuals, it must be appropriate, justified and related to IWBF’s objectives.
- 3.3. IWBF shall raise funds, collect fees, accept contributions and subsidies and use such funds in accordance with the laws of Switzerland.

### **ARTICLE 4 MISSION AND ROLE**

- 4.1. IWBF’s aim shall be to develop and support the sport of wheelchair basketball in all countries worldwide. To this end, IWBF shall promote, supervise and direct the sport of wheelchair basketball throughout the world. In particular IWBF shall:
  - a) Encourage the growth and development of the sport in all nations of the world through an organized programme of education and instruction;
  - b) Establish the following regulations (“**Regulations**”):
    - I. the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules;
    - II. the Official Wheelchair Basketball Player Classification Manual;
    - III. the specifications for equipment and facilities;
    - IV. the Internal Regulations;
  - c) Control and govern the licensing of international referees, classifiers and commissioners.

- d) Control and maintain the classification of players and issuance of IWBF Identity Cards / Player Classification Cards and regulate the transfer of players from one country to another;
- e) Follow an anti-doping policy in compliance with the applicable World Anti-Doping Code (the Code) as published by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA").

4.2. Ensure the timely administration of the matters of IWBF by:

- a) Establishing such Commissions and Committees as it deems necessary for the proper conduct of its duties and make appointments to such Commissions or Committees;
- b) Constituting a Congress for the discussion, analysis and approval of future proposals for the establishment of the rules for wheelchair basketball, the specifics for equipment and facilities and the establishment of changes to the Statutes and Internal Regulations;
- c) Representing IWBF to all bodies and organizations concerned with wheelchair basketball internationally;
- d) Promoting amicable and courteous relations between NOWBs, Zones and their officials and players;
- e) Taking any measure that is appropriate in order to prevent violations of the Statutes and Regulations of IWBF;
- f) Establishing and maintaining an internal judicial system, settling all disputes and guaranteeing the right defence and an impartial judgement and provide a process for the appeal of decisions;
- g) Maintaining a documented history of the sport.

4.3. IWBF shall ensure its financial stability by:

- a) Raising funds, collecting fees and accepting contributions and subsidies and ensuring that all resources are used solely to further the aims and objectives of IWBF and in accordance with the principle that IWBF is a non-profit organization;
- b) Implementing an organized marketing programme that involves communication, public relations and demonstration events to raise awareness to the general public of the benefits of wheelchair basketball.

## ARTICLE 5 NEUTRALITY

5.1. IWBF shall maintain absolute political and religious neutrality and shall not tolerate any form of discrimination, racial or otherwise.

## ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIP

6.1. The members of IWBF are:

- a) The members of IWBF are those listed in the Annex to these Statutes;
- b) Any NOWB admitted to membership in accordance with Article 6.6

6.2. Membership shall be open to any NOWB, provided that in a country or territory where wheelchair basketball is controlled by a section of a sports organization responsible for other sports, only the section governing and organizing wheelchair basketball shall be recognized and empowered as an affiliated member of IWBF.

- 6.3. Only one NOWB per country or territory may be recognized by IWBF. This NOWB shall represent all wheelchair basketball for men, women, referees, classifiers, coaches and administrators in its jurisdiction. The various organs of the NOWB may only pursue their activities within the limits of their own national federation and only with the latter's permission. They may only carry out an international activity with the permission of IWBF and with the agreement of the relevant NOWB.
- 6.4. The regulations of NOWBs shall conform to the current Statutes and Regulations of IWBF. Furthermore, NOWBs agree to strictly observe all Regulations and decisions of IWBF.
- 6.5. NOWBs affiliated to IWBF are automatically members of their respective Zones. The composition of the Zones shall be decided by the Executive Council and ratified by the Congress.
- 6.6. In order to become a member of IWBF a NOWB must submit an application for membership to the Secretary General of IWBF. This action shall constitute agreement by the applicant to abide by the Statutes and Regulations of IWBF. The Executive Council shall determine if the NOWB represents the wheelchair basketball community and if the application meets the other requirements for membership. The Executive Council may approve provisional membership for such an applicant and grant it the full rights and privileges of an NOWB, save the right to vote, until such time as its membership is ratified by Congress.
- 6.7. If a NOWB is disbanded according to the procedure set out in its own statutes and regulations, a new NOWB must apply for membership of IWBF. Any outstanding financial obligations from the previous NOWB owed to IWBF becomes the responsibility of the new NOWB and must be paid, before the new NOWB can be accepted into membership in IWBF. The Executive Council or Congress might exceptionally waive this obligation.
- 6.8. A NOWB can be suspended or excluded from IWBF in the event it infringes these Statutes or Regulations, as deemed necessary by the Executive Council. Such decisions shall take into account the length of time the NOWB has been affiliated; the amount of activity in the country; international activity at competitions and Congresses and within the Zone; the international standing of the country; the payment of fees, etc. To this end, the Executive Council shall notify the NOWB concerned of the reasons for a proposed suspension or exclusion and shall give it an opportunity to present its case in writing or orally. A decision to suspend or exclude a NOWB must be communicated to the NOWB by registered letter stating in a precise and detailed manner the reasons for the decision. The NOWB concerned may, within a period of two months or receipt of the decision, lodge an appeal before the Appeals Committee. The appeal, however, shall not suspend the decision of the Executive Council. The Congress shall then confirm or withdraw the suspension or exclusion.
- 6.9. Following a formal reminder, a NOWB which has not paid its fees (as defined by the Congress, see Article 8.4.1), may be suspended by the Executive Council and lose its rights as a NOWB.
- 6.10. A suspended NOWB is not entitled to vote at the Congress or at the Zone Council to which it belongs. Its teams, referees, classifiers and administrators may not participate in official IWBF activities or competitions.
- 6.11. A NOWB may, at any time, resign from IWBF membership. It must notify the Executive Council of this action by registered letter to the Secretary General. This resignation will become effective at the end of the calendar year provided that all financial obligations of the resigning NOWB have been settled.

## **CHAPTER 2 DIVISIONS OF IWBF**

### **ARTICLE 7 DIVISIONS OF IWBF**

7.1. The Divisions of IWBF shall be:

- a) The Congress
- b) The Executive Council
- c) The Secretariat
- d) The Permanent Commissions:
  - I. Technical Commission
  - II. Player Classification Commission
  - III. Competitions Commission
  - IV. Commission for Legal Matters and Eligibility (CLME)
  - V. IWBF Players' Commission
- e) The Zones and their Councils
- f) The Committee(s) of IWBF:
  - I. The Appeals Committee

7.2. The Executive Council may establish other commissions or committees. Commissions and committees thus established shall be of a temporary nature until a decision by Congress gives them permanent status or until they cease to exist.

### **7.3. THE CONGRESS**

- a) The Congress (“**Congress**”) shall be the collective voice of wheelchair basketball worldwide. It shall have final authority over the activities of IWBF within the limits of its terms of reference and the provisions contained in these Statutes. It shall consist of:
  - I. A maximum of two delegates for each NOWB
  - II. The President
  - III. Members of the Executive Council

#### **7.3.1 DUTIES OF THE CONGRESS**

- a) The Congress shall have the functions assigned to it in these Statutes. The Congress shall have the power to:
  - I. Approve the agenda
  - II. Adopt and amend in their entirety the changes proposed to the Statutes
  - III. Elect the President and the other Executive Council members, except the ex officio members (FIBA Secretary General, Chairperson of the IWBF Players' Commission elected by its members in accordance with its specific Election Policy and the Presidents of a Zone elected by the Zone Council, see art. 7.8.2.)
  - IV. Examine and approve all reports and other items placed on the agenda.
  - V. Ratify the decisions of the Executive Council regarding the approval of the budget and the financial reports

- VI. Ratify any decisions regarding relations with other international federations or with the IPC
- VII. Ratify decisions of the Executive Council according to (but not limited to) Articles 7.4.2.e and 7.4.7.d.
- VIII. Adopt in their entirety the modifications to the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules presented by the Executive Council
- IX. Ratify in their entirety the decisions of the Executive Council concerning the establishment and modification of the Internal Regulations
- X. Ratify decisions of the Executive Council on all matters relating to the suspension, admission or exclusion of members
- XI. Declare the dissolution of IWBF

### 7.3.2 MEETINGS OF CONGRESS

- a) The ordinary Congress meeting shall in principle meet once every four years on the occasion of and in the same city as the Men's World Championship.
- b) The Congress shall be the main business meeting of IWBF and its constituent parts.
- c) The date, place and agenda for the Congress shall be established by the President after consultation with the Executive Council.
- d) A notice specifying the place and date together with the proposed agenda shall be sent to the secretaries of the NOWBs at least six months prior to the opening of the Congress.
- e) Nomination for all office bearers and proposals for consideration by the NOWBs and the Executive Council must reach the Secretary General four months before the meeting in order that they can be collated and forwarded to the NOWBs at least two months prior to the meeting for discussion by the NOWBs.
- f) The meetings are open to all NOWBs of IWBF and also such invited persons considered by the IWBF President, after consultation with the Secretary General, as being of service to IWBF.
- g) An extraordinary session of Congress shall be called by resolution of the Executive Council, or within three months of receipt of a resolution from one-fifth (1/5) or more of the NOWBs to call the meeting together with the signed proposals to be discussed and voted on at that meeting. The date and site of extraordinary sessions of Congress shall be established by the Executive Council.
- h) The conduct of Congresses shall be the same for ordinary and extraordinary sessions of Congress.
- i) The Secretary General is responsible for the correct documentation in the minutes of the decisions taken.
- j) The decisions of Congress shall be taken in accordance with the provisions under Articles 7.3.3, 9 and 17 of these Statutes. They shall be final and may not be subject to appeal.
- k) Unless otherwise specified, decisions of Congress shall enter into force the day after the closure of the session of Congress.

### 7.3.3 CREDENTIALS AND VOTING RIGHTS

- a) Each non-suspended NOWB shall be entitled to one vote.
- b) The delegates to meetings of IWBF shall have in their possession, at all meetings, credentials from their respective NOWB authorizing their attendance and designating the voting delegate. A delegate may represent one NOWB only. The voting delegate shall be issued a voting card.

- c) A postal or facsimile or email vote may only be taken in an extraordinary circumstance when it is not possible to convene a meeting of the members and a decision is urgent, in the sole judgement of the President or SG.
- d) The President of IWBF shall preside over Congress. During Congress, he shall not vote except in the case of a tie when he will have the casting vote. The President shall not cast a deciding vote in an election of members of the Executive Council.
- e) Voting can be by a show of voting cards or by secret ballot at the discretion of the President or if requested by 25% of the NOWBs present and entitled to vote.
- f) Voting on amendments to the Statutes is governed by Article 9. Simple majority will decide all other votes, including those concerned with elections.
- g) Voting by proxy is not permitted.

#### 7.3.4 AGENDA

- a) Only matters proposed by the President of IWBF, the Secretary General, the Executive Council or the NOWBs may be put on the agenda for the session of Congress, provided that these matters fall within the latter's competence (Article 7.3.1). Proposals must be submitted to the Secretary General at least 6 months prior to the opening day of the Congress. The agenda is established by the President and must be included in the letter of invitation to attend the Congress.
- b) In the case of an extraordinary session of Congress, the items to be put on the agenda shall be determined in the request for such a session (Article 7.3.2.g). The Executive Council may add other issues on the agenda. However, only such matters as fall within the powers of the Congress shall be placed on the agenda (Article 7.3.1).

### 7.4. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

#### 7.4.1 The Executive Council shall consist of the following members ("Officers"), with the following role:

- a) **THE PRESIDENT OF IWBF**
  - I. The President shall be an ex officio member of all IWBF Commissions and Zone Executive Councils.
  - II. The President shall have the ultimate responsibility for the upholding of the Statutes and its operation
  - III. The President shall represent the IWBF
  - IV. The President shall be responsible for the convening and conduct of all meetings
  - V. The President shall prepare or cause to have prepared an agenda for all meetings
- b) **THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF IWBF**
  - I. The Vice-President shall deputize for the President as required
  - II. The Vice-President shall attend to such other matters as may be decided by the Executive Council.
- c) **THE TREASURER OF IWBF**
  - I. The Treasurer shall supervise the finances of IWBF
- d) **THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSIONS OF IWBF**
  - I. The Chairpersons of the Permanent Commissions shall oversee the responsibility of their Commissions as defined in the articles of these Statutes concerning the Permanent Commissions (Article 7.6.).

**e) THE ZONE PRESIDENTS**

- I. The Zone Presidents shall oversee their responsibilities as defined in Article 7.8 of the Statutes.

**f) THE FIBA SECRETARY GENERAL**

- I. The Secretary General of the Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA) shall be part of the Executive Council *ex officio*
- II. The FIBA Secretary General shall be entitled to designate a representative to attend the meetings of the Executive Council and exercise his voting right on his behalf.
- III. The FIBA Secretary General can be consulted by the IWBF President or Secretary General for any guidance on the general operations of the IWBF.

**g) THE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE OF IWBF (as from time to time determined)**

- I. The Members-at-Large shall have those functions assigned to them by the Congress or the Executive Council. There may be none of them or maximum two Members-at-Large.

**h) MEMBERS WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

- I. The Secretary General

**7.4.2 POWER AND DUTIES**

- a) The Executive Council shall have the powers delegated to it under the Statutes and the Internal Regulations.
- b) Except for the FIBA Secretary General who shall remain member of the Executive Council *ex officio*, and unless any member's specific election provisions specify otherwise, the term of office of the Executive Council's members shall be the time between the regular sessions of the Congress, which is in principle 4 years save unforeseen circumstances allowing the Executive Council to extend or reduce such period of one year maximum. The reason leading to such decision shall be formally substantiated to all NOWBs.
- c) No person may hold more than one position on the Executive Council at any time. Zone Presidents and non-voting members of the Executive Council shall not be included in determining the number of positions held on the Executive Council.
- d) A quorum of the Executive Council shall consist of five or more of the voting members, one of whom must be either the President or the Vice-President.
- e) The Executive Council shall have the power to fill unforeseen vacancies in the membership of the Executive Council to serve until the next Congress.
- f) The duties of the individual Executive Council members shall be those functions mandated to it in these Statutes and the Internal Regulations.

**7.4.3 FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

- a) The Executive Council shall have the functions assigned to it in these Statutes and the Internal Regulations. In particular, it shall:
  - I. Supervise the practise of wheelchair basketball worldwide.

- II. Supervise the Secretary General's management of IWBF.
- III. Accept or reject applications for membership or resignation of members.
- IV. Appoint agents and hire employees as it shall deem necessary and such persons shall have such authority and shall perform such duties as determined by the Executive Council.
- V. Transact the business and administer the affairs of IWBF in accordance with the policies of IWBF.
- VI. Require all income from whatever source to be deposited in the accounts of IWBF.
- VII. Establish and modify by majority vote the various IWBF Regulations, subject to the ratification by the next Congress.
- VIII. Present activity and financial reports for the most recent financial period to the Congress.
- IX. Determine the financial policy and approve the budget and the financial reports as prepared by the Treasurer, subject to ratification by the Congress.
- X. Exercise overall control over the financial administration of IWBF.
- XI. Adopt and modify the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.
- XII. Adopt and modify the Official Player Classification Manual.
- XIII. Oversee the marketing and public relations programmes of IWBF consistent with the principles outlined in the Internal Regulations.
- XIV. Report on its activities to the Congress. The Executive Council shall direct the Secretary General to report on its activities and plans to the NOWBs by the end of April, in each of the four intervening years.
- XV. Endorse the decisions of the President and the Secretary General (or otherwise) which have been made in the best interests of IWBF between meetings.
- XVI. Determine who shall serve as the representative of IWBF to any other organization in the world.
- XVII. Fix a reasonable rate of expenses for all Executive Council, Commission and Committee members, agents and employees.
- XVIII. Have the power, subject to article 7.2, to establish Commissions and Committees on such terms and conditions as the Executive Council deems appropriate, including duties of such Commissions and Committees and the timing and manner of holding meetings of such Commissions and Committees whose members will hold their offices at the discretion of the Executive Council, or as otherwise determined by the Executive Council under these Statutes.
- XIX. Assign the organization of World Championships and other world competitions and ratify the decisions of the Zones with regards to the awarding of the Qualification Tournaments for the World Championships and the Qualification Tournaments for the Paralympic Games.
- XX. Ratify the appointment of the members of the Permanent Commissions of IWBF as proposed by the Chairperson of the Commission after consultation with the President (save for the Players' Commission governed by the Players' Commission Election Policy).

#### 7.4.4 NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- a) Nominations shall be overseen by the Secretary General.
- b) Six months prior to the start of the ordinary Congress, the Secretary General shall issue to all non-suspended NOWBs the call for nominations. This shall include a listing of the positions for election, a nomination form and the official date of closure for nominations.
- c) Nominations to be eligible must be received by the Secretary General at the IWBF office no later than four months prior to the start of the ordinary Congress.

- d) Two months prior to the start of the first day of the ordinary Congress the Secretary General shall inform the NOWBs of the names placed in nomination along with any information that is included with the nomination and which may be of use to the NOWBs in preparing for the meeting.
- e) Current sitting members of the Executive Council shall be permitted to be re-elected by informing the Secretary General of their intentions to allow their name to stand. This declaration shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by the nomination from their NOWB. The letter of intent to stand must be received by the Secretary General six months prior to the first day of the start of the ordinary Congress. The Secretary General as soon as possible, but no later than one month after receiving this information shall inform the member nations of the decisions of the current Executive Council members.
- f) Each non-suspended NOWB is eligible to submit nominations. If a NOWB chooses to nominate a candidate from another NOWB they shall obtain a letter of support from the NOWB of the candidate and include it with the nominating papers. A NOWB is not restricted in the number of nominations they may submit subject to the restrictions of Article 7.4.5.c.
- g) Any position, for which there is no eligible nomination at the time of the Congress, shall be elected at the meeting from nominations put forward by a NOWB at that time. All restrictions relating to the eligibility of candidates remain in effect.

#### **7.4.5 ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

- a) The election of the IWBF Executive Council's members specified under paragraph h of the present article only shall take place at each ordinary Congress.
- b) Each non-suspended NOWB shall be entitled to cast one ballot for each position elected.
- c) At no time may more than two persons nominated from one NOWB serve as an elected member of the Executive Council with the exception that Zone Presidents and non-voting members of the Executive Council shall not be included in determining the number of persons from a NOWB.
- d) The Secretary General shall appoint two scrutineers at the time of the election who shall be neutral individuals not holding a vote at the meeting. The scrutineers shall assist the Secretary General in conducting the election.
- e) The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- f) An abstention will not be considered as a vote cast.
- g) All elections shall be decided by majority vote, according to the following procedure:
  - I. One valid nomination- the winner is declared by acclamation.
  - II. Two valid nominations- the winner is the nominee receiving the majority vote.
  - III. Three or more valid nominations - the winner is the nominee receiving more than fifty (50%) percent of the votes cast. Should no nominee receive more than fifty (50%) percent of the votes cast then there will be a second ballot. The candidate with the least number of votes will be deleted from the ballot paper. Should there be a tie for the positions for an election, then the persons involved in the tie shall stand in a by-election to determine the nominees eligible for that election.
  - IV. In case of an election for two vacant seats:
    - One or two valid nominations- the winner(s) is/are declared by acclamation;

- Three or more valid nominations - there will be a separate ballot for each vacant seat. There will be an election according to the procedure described under II and III for the first vacant seat. After having decided on the winner, there will be a second election with the same candidates except for the winner of the first election. The candidate with the least number of votes in the first election will drop off. Again, the procedure described under II and III is valid.

h) The Secretary General shall conduct the election of the Officers in the following order:

- I. The President of IWBF;
- II. The Vice-President of IWBF;
- III. The Treasurer of IWBF;
- IV. The Chairpersons of the Permanent Commissions of IWBF (save for the Chairperson of the Players' Commission):
  - Technical Commission;
  - Player Classification Commission;
  - Competitions Commission;
  - Commission For Legal Matters & Eligibility (CLME);
- V. The Members-at-Large as required.

i) The new Officers shall assume their office at the conclusion of the World Championship for Men. If an ordinary Congress is exceptionally not taking place the same year of the World Championship for Men, the new Officers shall assume their office at the conclusion of the ordinary Congress.

#### 7.4.6 REPRESENTATION & VOTING RIGHTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- a) Membership of the Executive Council, with the exception of Zone Presidents and FIBA Secretary General, is strictly personal.
- b) Representation by proxy is not permitted with the exception of the FIBA Secretary General and any Zone President, who may send a person designated by him/her (the person designated by a Zone President shall come from the Zone Council).
- c) Each elected member of the Executive Council shall have one vote on all questions at Executive Council meetings. The President shall have the casting vote in case of a tie.

#### 7.4.7 MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- a) The Executive Council shall meet as often as necessary, but at least once yearly. If necessary, the President may call additional meetings of the Executive Council.
- b) The President may invite other persons to attend meetings of the Executive Council. These persons shall have consultative status only.
- c) The Executive Council may conduct such parts of its business by correspondence or telephone, as it might deem advisable. For the sake of clarity, the President can decide whether a meeting of the Executive Council shall be held online. In case the Executive Council meeting is held online, and only in such a case, the members attending the meeting with a right to vote can cast their vote by email or any other online technology implemented.

- d) Any Officer, other than Zone Presidents, IWBF Players' Commission Chairperson or FIBA Secretary General, who fails to attend two successive Executive Council meetings without cause, or three Executive Council meetings during a term, regardless of cause, can be removed from office and shall then be replaced by a person appointed by the President, following consultation with the Executive Council. In the event that the President is removed from office under the terms of the previous sentence, the IWBF Vice-President shall replace that person. The Executive Council would then appoint a new Vice-President.
- e) The elected members of the Executive Council shall serve as such without remuneration and no elected Officer shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his/her position as such, provided that an elected Officer may be paid reasonable expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties.

## **7.5. THE SECRETARIAT OF IWBF**

### **7.5.1 THE SECRETARIAT**

- a) The Secretariat of IWBF shall consist of:
  - I. The Secretary General who shall be appointed by the Executive Council
  - II. Any further personnel under contract to IWBF
- b) All members of the Secretariat remain in office until their contract expires.
- c) The Secretary General shall direct the Secretariat of IWBF and shall assume all responsibility for it. He may not hold an elected position within a NOWB.

### **7.5.2 THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

- a) The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the President. He will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), which will be signed by the President and Treasurer on behalf of the Executive Council and the appointed Secretary General. The MOU sets out the terms and conditions for the Secretary General, taking into account these Statutes, and the payment of any honorarium and reimbursement of any expenses.
- b) At the direction of the President, the Secretary General shall be responsible:
  - I. To ensure the implementation of all decisions taken by Congress and the Executive Council;
  - II. To plan and direct all activities of IWBF on behalf of the NOWBs and in accordance with the objectives and policies of the Executive Council;
  - III. To provide leadership for the sport and staff on behalf of the Executive Council;
  - IV. To represent the sport throughout the world;
  - V. For such other responsibilities as described in the MOU and in the duties outlined in the Internal Regulations.
- c) The Secretary General shall be removable in accordance with the MOU entered into between the Secretary General and IWBF, or by decision of the Executive Council.

## **7.6. PERMANENT COMMISSIONS**

- a) The Permanent Commissions shall in principle have a four-year term of office identical to that of the Executive Council. They shall consist of a Chairperson who shall be elected by the Congress (save for the Chairperson of the Players' Commission), and such other members as defined in the Internal Regulations.

- b) The President of IWBF and the Secretary General, by virtue of their office, shall be additional members without voting rights, of all Commissions.
- c) Membership of the Permanent Commissions is strictly personal. Representation by proxy is not permitted.
- d) The Permanent Commissions shall meet whenever necessary, but at least once every two years, at the invitation of the Chairperson of the Commission, who shall first consult with the Secretary General.
- e) Members of Commissions who do not take an active part in the work of the Commission may be replaced at the request of the Chairperson of the Commission and upon the approval of the Executive Council.
- f) The Permanent Commissions have no executive authority with the exception of the Commission for Legal Matters and Eligibility concerning the application of sanctions and on matters of eligibility. However, the Chairpersons and members of the Commissions may be called upon by IWBF to exercise executive functions by delegation. In such cases, they shall not act as representatives of their Commissions but as representatives of IWBF.

#### 7.6.1 THE PLAYERS' COMMISSION

- a) The Player's Commission shall have those functions mandated to it in the Internal Regulations, including but not limited to the following:
  - I. Represent the interests of the international wheelchair basketball player community.
  - II. Promote the values of wheelchair basketball as equal, fair and inclusive sport.
  - III. Provide feedback on wheelchair basketball related matters and support other Permanent Commissions, as requested. These matters *inter alia* may include: competition matters, classification, the official Wheelchair Basketball Rules and other matters.
- b) The members of the Players' Commission are democratically elected by IWBF's player population in line with the applicable IWBF Players' Commission Election Policy (part of the IWBF Internal Regulations), amendable by the IWBF Executive Council from time to time and as needed.
- c) The members of the Players' Commission elect the Chairperson in accordance with the IWBF Players' Commission Election Policy.

#### 7.6.2 THE TECHNICAL COMMISSION

- a) The Technical Commission shall have those functions mandated to it in the Internal Regulations, including but not limited to the following:
  - I. Draw up the text of the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, draft the amendments to these rules for consideration by the Executive Council, give official interpretations of these rules and solve doubtful cases or cases not clearly covered by the rules themselves. In addition, it is competent in all matters concerning the practical application of the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.
  - II. Draft the amendments for modifications of equipment or the playing court and present it to the Executive Council for its consideration.
  - III. Be responsible for the training, examination and qualification of international referees and referee instructors, as well as for preparing the referees for the main international competitions of the IWBF and the selection of the referees to the World Championships and Paralympic Games.

#### 7.6.3 THE PLAYER CLASSIFICATION COMMISSION

a) The Player Classification Commission shall have those functions mandated to it in the Internal Regulations including but not limited to the following:

- I. Draw up the text of the Official Player Classification Manual, draft the amendments to these rules for consideration by the Executive Council, give official interpretations of these rules and solve doubtful cases or cases not clearly covered by the rules themselves.
- II. Be responsible for the training, examination and qualification of international classifiers, and classifier examiners as well as for their appointment and selection to the World Championships and Paralympic Games.
- III. Ensure the proper maintenance of records of the classification of players.

#### 7.6.4 THE COMPETITIONS COMMISSION

a) The Competitions Commission shall have those functions mandated to it in the Internal Regulations, including but not limited to the following:

- I. Oversee the conduct of the World Championships and Paralympic Games.
- II. Draw up the text of the regulations governing the competitions of IWBF, draft the amendments to these regulations for consideration by the Executive Council, ensure the compliance to the regulations and give official interpretations of these regulations.
- III. Be responsible for the training and qualification of international commissioners, as well as for their appointment and selection to the World Championships and Paralympic Games.
- IV. Draft the systems of competition for all World Championships of IWBF.
- V. Draft the systems of competition for the Paralympic wheelchair basketball tournaments for men and women.
- VI. Draft the systems for new IWBF world competitions.
- VII. Draw up the world calendar for IWBF competitions.
- VIII. Study the problems specific to competition for women's wheelchair basketball and wheelchair basketball for youth.
- IX. Study the need for new IWBF competitions and present them for consideration by the Executive Council.

#### 7.6.5 THE COMMISSION FOR LEGAL MATTERS & ELIGIBILITY ("CLME")

a) The CLME shall have those functions mandated to it in the Internal Regulations, including but not limited to the following:

- b) Study all legal matters relating to the practice of wheelchair basketball world-wide.
- c) Study from a legal standpoint, all proposed modifications to the Statutes.
- d) Draw up the official text of the Internal Regulations of IWBF and draft amendments to these Internal Regulations for approval by the Executive Council.
- e) Advise the Executive Council on matters pertaining to the interpretation of the Statutes including the responsibilities of the Permanent Commissions.

- f) Advise the Zone Councils on matters pertaining to the interpretation of the IWBF Statutes, the IWBF Internal Regulations and the regulations of the Zones.
- g) In the first instance, have the responsibility for the application of sanctions whether or not specifically outlined and defined in the Internal Regulations.
- h) Decide on the eligibility of players on the basis of the Internal Regulations.
- i) Have the power to take decisions on all questions relating to the terms of reference provided for in this Article. It shall act through the Secretary General and its decisions shall have immediate effect with the possibility of appeal by the interested parties to the Appeals Committee of IWBF within 30 days of the decision being made.
- j) Can propose to the Executive Council the suspension or exclusion of a NOWB.

## **7.7. THE COMMITTEE(S)**

- a) The structure and term of office of the Committees shall be determined by the Executive Council. The members of the Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Council.
- b) The Committees shall have the same working procedure as the Permanent Commissions.

### **7.7.1 THE APPEALS COMMITTEE**

- a) The Appeals Committee of IWBF shall hear appeals filed by an affected party against decisions of IWBF including its divisions and disciplinary bodies, unless such appeal is the competence of an appeal commission of a Zone or expressly excluded in the Statutes or Internal Regulations.
- b) The Chairperson shall be appointed by the Executive Council.

## **7.8. THE ZONES**

- a) IWBF may establish several Zones. The Zone shall, on behalf of IWBF, promote, supervise and direct the sport of wheelchair basketball within their territory, strictly recognizing the autonomy of each NOWB within its own territory, while following the policies of IWBF established by Congress and the Executive Council.
- b) Each Zone has its own council that shall have no authority to represent IWBF before third parties.
- c) A NOWB may only belong to one Zone. Once a NOWB has been affiliated to IWBF, it shall automatically become a member of the corresponding Zone.
- d) The Zones of IWBF are:
  - I. IWBF Africa
  - II. IWBF Americas
  - III. IWBF Asia Oceania
  - IV. IWBF Europe
- e) The NOWBs are grouped as shown in the annex to these Statutes.

- f) The Executive Council may, subject to the ratification of the Congress, withdraw the recognition of a Zone if it does not comply with the conditions of its admittance as a Zone or does not operate in the best interests of IWBF or the NOWBs of the Zone. The Executive Council shall assume all responsibilities of the Zone council concerned until a new council can be convened.
- g) The Executive Council may decide itself or upon receipt of a resolution signed by 25% of the constituent members of a Zone to call an extraordinary meeting for the purpose of reconstituting the Zone.

#### 7.8.1 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ZONE

- a) A Zone shall have those functions mandated to it in the Internal Regulations, including but not limited to the following:
  - I. Promote the practice of wheelchair basketball in the territory under its jurisdiction and organise continental or Zone competitions in a permanent and regular manner, in strict compliance with the administrative and technical regulations of IWBF.
  - II. Apply and demand the strict observance of the Statutes and the Internal Regulations of IWBF.
  - III. Impose such sanctions to members and entities under its jurisdiction as fall within its mandate and regulations.
  - IV. Establish its own regulations in accordance with the general provisions of these Statutes and consistent with the Internal Regulations of IWBF. These regulations shall be submitted through the CLME to the Executive Council of IWBF for approval.
  - V. With the exception of membership fees, establish fees and set fines for all items under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Zone.
  - VI. Provide the Secretary General with the relevant information on the Qualification events.
  - VII. Organise and sanction all competitions held within the Zone that involve only NOWBs from that Zone.
  - VIII. Inform the Secretariat of IWBF of any event or competitions organized by them and if necessary, obtain such authorization as may be required by the regulations.
  - IX. Inform the Secretariat of IWBF of the results of all international competitions held on the territory under their jurisdiction. Present a detailed report to the Secretariat of IWBF on their activities each year including a financial report.
  - X. Inform the Secretariat of IWBF of all international transfers of players and from one Zone to another.

#### 7.8.2 STRUCTURE OF ZONE COUNCILS

- a) Each Zone Council shall:
  - I. Be organized in the manner most appropriate to the conditions prevailing in its territory.
  - II. Ensure that only members of NOWBs may become members of the Zone Council.
  - III. Elect the Zone President who shall serve as a member of the Executive Council of IWBF. In addition, each Zone shall elect such other officers as required by its regulations.
  - IV. Meet at least two times between each Congress to carry out the functions assigned to it in its regulations.

## **CHAPTER 3 FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 8 FINANCES**

- 8.1. IWBF shall be a non-profit organization. Therefore, it shall not pursue any objective for its own gains. It shall pursue solely and directly objectives of general interest in accordance with the legislation of Switzerland.
- 8.2. The financial resources of IWBF may only be used in pursuit of the objectives laid down in These Statutes.
- 8.3. To the extent that compensation or reimbursement of expenses is paid to individuals, it must be appropriate, justified and related to IWBF's objectives.
- 8.4. The income of IWBF shall consist of:
  - 8.4.1 Fees from the NOWBs, the amounts to be established at the Congress on a progressive category basis;
  - 8.4.2 Fees for international referees, classifiers and commissioners;
  - 8.4.3 Fees for player classification cards / player identity cards;
  - 8.4.4 Fees from hosting or participation in any event organized by IWBF, to be set by the Executive Council;
  - 8.4.5 Fines in application of the respective regulations;
  - 8.4.6 Income from television and marketing rights owned by IWBF, advertisement and sponsoring.
  - 8.4.7 Donations, subsidies and miscellaneous income.
- 8.5. The Treasurer shall forward fifty percent (50%) of the annual membership fees received from the countries within a respective Zone to that Zone.
- 8.6. The Executive Council shall levy fees on any world competitions under the jurisdiction of IWBF sanction and support. Such fees to be determined by the Executive Council.
- 8.7. The Executive Council shall have the power to set fines in accordance with the appropriate policy in the Internal Regulations.
- 8.8. The Executive Council shall determine any uses for the funds it accumulates in keeping with the objects of IWBF.
- 8.9. The financial year of IWBF shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st of the same year. Balance sheets shall be drawn up each year as at December 31st.
- 8.10 IWBF is the sole holder of television, licensing and marketing rights for any official world competition (with the exception of the Paralympic Games) and owned/sanctioned official competition involving teams from more than one Zone and any zonal competition which acts as the qualification tournament for World Championships and the Paralympic Games.
- 8.11 Only available resources shall be a security against any liabilities of IWBF. The members of IWBF shall be free from any financial liability. The members of the Executive Council and the Secretariat of IWBF shall be liable only for grossly negligent or illicit acts.

## **CHAPTER 4 LEGAL PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES**

- 9.1. The sole bodies entitled to propose an amendment to the Statutes are the Executive Council and a non-suspended NOWB. Such proposition shall be made by written notice.
- 9.2. Amendments to be considered at the Congress must state the substance of the proposal; and must be filed with the IWBF Secretariat not less than six months prior to the first day of the Congress at which it is to be considered.
- 9.3. The CLME will consider all amendments received under Article 9.1 and 9.2 and forward them to the Executive Council with their recommendations.
- 9.4. Amendments received under Article 9.1 and 9.2 will be sent by the IWBF Secretariat to the NOWBs not less than four months prior to the Congress at which it will be considered.
- 9.5. All proposed amendments to the Statutes respecting the deadline provided under Article 9.2, shall be considered at the first Congress held after their submission.
- 9.6. IWBF may amend the provisions of the Statutes upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the NOWBs present and entitled to vote.
- 9.7. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, with respect to amendments to these Statutes, 9.1 and 9.2 may be waived by an affirmative vote of not less than three fourths (3/4) of the NOWBs present and entitled to vote.

### **ARTICLE 10 AUTHORITY**

- 10.1 In the event of any question or matter arising, which is not provided for in the Statutes, such questions or matters shall be dealt with by the Executive Council; its decision will be binding on all members until the next Congress when the matter will be resolved.
- 10.2 The Executive Council may affix such rules and regulations not inconsistent with these Statutes relating to the management and operation of IWBF they deem appropriate, provided that such rules and regulations shall have force and effect only until the next Congress when they shall be confirmed, or failing such confirmation at such Congress, shall cease to have any force and effect.

### **ARTICLE 11 COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT, LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND**

- 11.1. Any dispute arising from these Statutes or Regulations, which cannot be settled by the IWBF internal appeal process, shall be definitively settled by a tribunal constituted in accordance with the Statutes and Procedural Rules of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. The parties concerned shall undertake to comply with the Statutes and Procedural Rules of the Court of Arbitration for Sport and to accept and enforce its decision in good faith.
- 11.2. The NOWBs shall introduce in their own regulations such clauses that the provisions of the Statutes and the Internal Regulations of IWBF, as well as the decisions of the IWBF, CLME and the Court of Arbitration for Sport are legally binding for the NOWBs themselves, the regional federations if any, the clubs, players, managers and officials.

## **CHAPTER 5 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 12 INTERPRETATION**

12.1. In these Statutes and in all further versions of the statutes of IWBF hereafter passed unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice versa, and references to persons shall include firms and corporations. This shall also refer to the Internal Regulations of IWBF.

### **ARTICLE 13 LANGUAGE**

13.1. English will be the official language of IWBF and the Zones.

13.2. In the Zones other languages may also be designated official.

13.3. In the case of dispute regarding the interpretation of the Statutes or the Internal Regulations, the English text shall prevail.

### **ARTICLE 14 CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

14.1. Members of the Executive Council, IWBF Commissions or any other body of IWBF shall not engage in any business or transaction, or have a financial or other personal interest, that is incompatible with their official duties with IWBF, unless such business, transaction, or other interest is properly disclosed and approved by IWBF.

14.2. Members of the Executive Council, IWBF Commissions or any other body of IWBF shall not knowingly place themselves in a position where they are under an obligation to any person who might benefit from special consideration or who might seek preferential treatment.

14.3. Members of the Executive Council, IWBF Commissions or any other body of IWBF must not participate in any deliberation or decision that would expose them to a conflict of interest. In particular, they must abstain from voting on a bid for the right to organise an official competition of IWBF while their own national member federation remains a candidate.

### **ARTICLE 15 TWIN BASKETBALL**

15.1. The IWBF recognizes the sport of Twin Basketball as a sport forming an integral part of the wheelchair basketball family.

### **ARTICLE 16 RELATIONSHIP WITH FIBA**

16.1. IWBF will ensure that the provisions of these Statutes and the Internal Regulations of IWBF are consistent with those of FIBA.

### **ARTICLE 17 DISSOLUTION**

16.1. In the event of a Zone Council ceasing to exist, its responsibilities shall pass to the Executive Council along with any financial assets in order to assist in the Zone's re-establishment.

16.2. The dissolution of IWBF shall be declared by the Congress:

16.2.1 If requested by 4/5 of the present with voting rights vote for dissolution. If however, at that session, less than 3/4 of the NOWBs are present, a second session of voting on dissolution shall be called, at which session a majority of 4/5 of the members present with voting rights, irrespective of a quorum, shall be sufficient.

16.2.2 If the number of NOWBs is reduced to three or less.

16.2.3 In the case of 16.2.1, the members who vote for dissolution, and in the case of 16.2.2, the Executive Council, shall decide on the disposition of the remaining resources after having covered the expenses caused by the operations for dissolution. However, such a decision must conform to the objectives of IWBF and the available resources must be used in favour of wheelchair basketball. This is to be done in agreement with the appropriate fiscal authorities.

#### **ARTICLE 18 DURATION AND OBSERVANCE OF THE STATUTES**

18.1. The present Statutes shall become effective at the time of their approval by the Congress of IWBF held in Dubai (UAE) on 19 June 2023.

18.2 The strict observance of the provision contained in these Statutes, both in spirit and letter, is the primary condition for obtaining and maintaining affiliation to IWBF. The President shall do his utmost to ensure compliance by the NOWBs and shall be required to inform the Executive Council of any flagrant violations of the spirit and the letter of the Statutes that he may find in the course of his duties.



## ANNEX

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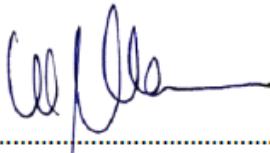
### ZONES AND NATIONS

IWBF AFRICA

IWBF AMERICAS

IWBF ASIA OCEANIA

IWBF EUROPE



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Ulf Mehrens, President



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## **Section A – Preamble**

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### **A1 Authority**

These Internal Regulations of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) are enacted by the Executive Council of IWBF under authority conferred in the Statutes of IWBF. Should there be any conflict or discrepancy between the provisions of these Internal Regulations and those of the Statutes, then the provisions of the Statutes shall prevail.

### **A2 Gender**

These Internal Regulations apply equally to all genders, and all references to males or females (e.g. he, his and him or she, hers or her) shall be considered to also apply to other genders and shall be ready accordingly.

### **A3 Effective Date**

These Internal Regulations come into force on 20 June 2023 and subsequently as amended.

### **A4 Prevailing language**

In accordance with Article 13 of the Statutes, English is the official language of IWBF and in any case of dispute, the English language will prevail.

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## Section B – Definitions

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### B1 Definitions

The definitions set out hereunder apply throughout these Internal Regulations unless a more specific definition is given in or by the text of an individual section or paragraph. These definitions do not include various technical terms included in the Doping Control Regulations (Section K) – those are defined in the WADA Code and replicated in the IWBF Anti-Doping Rules (Section K).

<b>Age of Players</b>	An age limit is established for all players of teams participating in the IWBF competitions for young categories. The following age group is established:
	U-23 - 22 years or under
	U-25 - 24 years or under
<b>Appeals Committee</b>	The Appeals Committee established under Art. 7.1 of the Statutes
<b>Classifier</b>	A specially qualified official appointed to control the classification of players for the game of Wheelchair Basketball.
<b>Classification Card</b>	The card used to verify the classification of the player.
<b>International Classifier Instructors</b>	Individuals approved to test classification candidates.
<b>Commercial Partners</b>	Entities that entered a commercial partnership with IWBF (e.g. Sponsors).
<b>Commission for Legal Matters and Eligibility (CLME)</b>	The Commission for Legal Matters and Eligibility, established under Article 7.1 of the - Statutes.
<b>Club of Origin</b>	The club or other organisation by which a player is/was licensed on his 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
<b>Coach</b>	A person who prepares a team for, and/or directs the team in, competition, and may be licensed by a National Federation (included as a Player in certain Regulations). [Also separately defined in WADA Code]

<b>Commission</b>	A Commission established for a specific task under the relevant provisions of the- Statutes.
<b>Committee</b>	A Committee established for a specific task by the Executive Council or by the IWBF Statutes or the Internal Regulations.
<b>Competitions Commission</b>	The Competitions Commission established under Article 7.1 of the Statutes
<b>Congress</b>	The collective voice of wheelchair basketball worldwide, IWBF as defined in Article 7.3 of the Statutes.
<b>Country</b>	A geographical territory within which an independent National Organisation governing Wheelchair Basketball recognised by IWBF exists.
<b>Delegate</b>	A person or officeholder authorised formally to exercise specified power/s of another person or officeholder.
<b>Disciplinary Panel</b>	The Panel established under -L7 of the Internal Regulations which adjudicates at the world level on sanctions against participants.
<b>Doping control</b>	The process of testing for breaches of IWBF's anti-doping regulations.
<b>Eligibility</b>	The status of a player in being eligible to represent an NOWB in the official competitions of IWBF.
<b>Executive Council</b>	Means the Executive Council of IWBF as defined in Article 7.4. of the Statutes.
<b>Foreign player</b>	A player who does not have the legal nationality of the NOWB by which he is currently licensed.
<b>Forum</b>	The two days before the Congress which are set aside for discussions among the wheelchair basketball community.
<b>Game Commissioner</b>	The person who oversees the table officials at official competitions of IWBF and carries out duties as specified in the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.
<b>Internal Regulations</b>	These regulations to complement the IWBF Statutes.



<b>International Technical Official (ITO)</b>	A referee, a referee supervisor, a classifier, a game commissioner, a member of the TTC may be singularly or collectively referred to as an ITO or the ITOs.
<b>IWBF Identity Card</b>	The official document issued by IWBF <u>that substantiates the date of birth, nationality, classification and gender of a player and shall serve as his IWBF international licence.</u>
<b>IWBF Nationality</b>	The wheelchair basketball nationality awarded to a player under marginal cases in accordance with Article J2.7 of the Statutes.
<b>IWBF Official</b>	A member of the Executive Council, Secretariat, Commission, Committee, Disciplinary Panel, or any other person appointed in an official capacity by IWBF.
<b>IWBF Player's Commission</b>	The Player's Commission established under Art. 7.1 of the Statutes
<b>Legal Nationality</b>	A player may have one or more legal nationalities, according to the law of the countries concerned.
<b>Letter of clearance</b>	The document which authorises the transfer of a player from one national federation to another.
<b>Licence</b>	The necessary authorisation given by a national federation to a player to allow him to play Wheelchair Basketball for a club which is a member of that national federation.
<b>Local Organising Committee (LOC)</b>	The Committee charged with the successful organisation and execution of a main official competition of IWBF.
<b>Main Official Competitions</b>	<b>Competitions as defined in Competition Regulation E.</b>
<b>NOWB</b>	A National Organisation governing Wheelchair Basketball, admitted to membership of IWBF in accordance with Article 1.2 of the Statutes of IWBF.
<b>Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules</b>	The official governing rules of wheelchair basketball as published by IWBF and amended from time to time.

<b>Player</b>	A player participating in national or international wheelchair basketball competition. [Also defined separately in the WADA Code]
<b>Player Classification Commission</b>	The Player Classification Commission established under Article 7.1 of the Statutes.
<b>Player Support Official</b>	Any coach, trainer, manager, team staff member, medical or paramedical person working with or treating athletes participating in or preparing for competition.
<b>Referee</b>	A specially qualified official appointed to control a game of Wheelchair Basketball.
<b>Referee Instructor</b>	Individuals approved to conduct referee candidate courses.
<b>Referee Supervisor</b>	A Referee Supervisor oversees the work of the Referees at a tournament and gives them advice.
<b>Sanction</b>	A penalty applied for breach (es) of the Statutes and/or these Internal Regulations of IWBF, or those of an NOWB, including sanctions against individuals.
<b>Secretary General</b>	The Secretary General of IWBF or his formally authorised delegate.
<b>Secretariat</b>	The Secretary General as appointed by the IWBF Executive Council and any further personnel under contract to IWBF, as per Article 7.5.1 of the Statutes
<b>Statutes</b>	The governing statutes of the IWBF as adopted on 26 August 2018 at the 2018 IWBF World Congress in Hamburg and subsequently amended in◆ 2023 at the World Congress in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
<b>Team Allocations</b>	The number of spots available at a tournament and/or the number of spots assigned to a Zone for a Qualification Tournament for a main official competition.
<b>Technical Commission</b>	The Technical Commission established under Article 7.1 of the Statutes.



<b>Tournament Technical Committee (TTC)</b>	The Tournament Technical Committee which oversees all technical matters during an official competition of IWBF.
<b>Technical Delegate</b>	A person appointed by the Secretary General to act on his behalf as the IWBF representative in technical matters during main and other official competitions of IWBF and at IWBF endorsed events.
<b>Verification Meeting</b>	NOT DEFINED
<b>WADA</b>	World Anti-Doping Agency.
<b>WADA CODE</b>	The World Anti-Doping Code.
<b>Wheelchair Basketball Parties</b>	IWBF and each of its Zones and NOWBs, the IWBF officials and any persons or organisation belonging in any capacity whatsoever to IWBF, to one of its affiliated members, to an IWBF Zone or to a recognised organisation, the cities and countries wishing to organise the IWBF Competitions, and the Organising Committees of the IWBF Competitions.
<b>Young Player</b>	A player who has not yet reached his 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
<b>Zone</b>	A regional body established under Article 7.8 of the Statutes and to which NOWBs are assigned. It exercises authority, delegated by IWBF, in accordance with the Statutes and these Internal Regulations.





## **Section C – IWBF Code of Ethics**

### **C1 Introduction**

IWBF and each of its Zones and NOWBs, the IWBF Officials and any persons or organisation belonging in any capacity whatsoever to IWBF, to one of its affiliated members, to an IWBF Zone or to a recognised organisation, the cities and countries wishing to organise the IWBF Competitions, and the Organising Committees of the IWBF Competitions (hereinafter referred to collectively as “the Wheelchair Basketball Parties”) are bound by the IWBF Statutes and Internal Regulations.

Consequently, within the framework of IWBF’s activities, the Wheelchair Basketball Parties and the participants in the IWBF Competitions undertake to respect and ensure respect of the following rules:

- C1.1 Dignity
- C1.1.1 Safeguarding the dignity of the individual is a fundamental requirement of IWBF.
- C1.1.2 There shall be no discrimination between participants on the basis of race, gender, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinion, marital status or other grounds.
- C1.1.3 No practice constituting any form of physical or mental injury to the participants will be tolerated. All doping practices, at all levels, are strictly prohibited.
- C1.1.4 All forms of harassment against participants, be it physical, mental, professional or sexual, are prohibited.
- C1.1.5 The Wheelchair Basketball parties shall endeavour to guarantee to the players conditions of safety, well-being and medical care favourable to their physical and mental equilibrium.

### **C2 Integrity**

- C2.1 The Wheelchair Basketball parties or their representatives shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any concealed remuneration, commission, benefit or service of any nature connected with the organisation of the IWBF activities and / or IWBF Competitions.
- C2.2 Only gifts of nominal value, in accordance with prevailing local customs, may be given or accepted by the Wheelchair Basketball parties, as a mark of respect or friendship. Any other gift must be passed on to the organisation of which the recipient is a member.
- C2.3 The hospitality shown to the members and staff of the Wheelchair Basketball parties and the persons accompanying them shall not exceed the standards prevailing in the host country.
- C2.4 The Wheelchair Basketball Parties shall avoid any conflict of interest. If a conflict of interest arises, or if there is a danger of this happening, the parties concerned must inform the IWBF Executive Council which will take appropriate measures.



- C2.5 The Wheelchair Basketball Parties shall use due care and diligence in fulfilling their mission. They must not act in a manner likely to tarnish the reputation of IWBF.
- C2.6 The Wheelchair Basketball Parties must not be involved with firms or persons whose activity is inconsistent with the principles set out in the IWBF Statutes, Internal Regulations, and this Code.
- C2.7 Members of the Executive Council, Commissions and Committees shall never accept instructions to vote or intervene in a given manner within the organs of IWBF.

### **C3 Resources**

- C3.1 The resources (financial and other material resources) of the Wheelchair Basketball Parties, may be used only for Wheelchair Basketball purposes.
- C3.2 The income and expenditure of the Wheelchair Basketball Parties above shall be recorded in their accounts, which must be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. An independent auditor will check these accounts.
- C3.3 The Wheelchair Basketball Parties recognise the significant contribution that broadcasters, sponsors, partners and other supporters of sports events make to the development and prestige of the IWBF Competitions throughout the world. However, such support must be in a form consistent with the rules of sport and the principles defined in the Statutes and Internal Regulations. They must not interfere in the running of sports institutions. The organisation and staging of official Wheelchair Basketball competitions are the exclusive responsibility of IWBF or of any organisation recognised and/or authorised by IWBF.

### **C4 Candidatures**

The Wheelchair Basketball Parties shall respect in their entirety the provisions of the Internal Regulations and Statutes and Bid and Event Manuals while bidding to host an IWBF Competition. The NOWB's wishing to organise IWBF Competitions shall, *inter alia*, refrain from approaching another party or a third authority with a view to obtaining any financial or political support inconsistent with the provisions of such Manual.

### **C5 Relations with Nations**

- C5.1 The Wheelchair Basketball Parties shall work to maintain harmonious relations with national authorities, in accordance with the principle of universality and of political neutrality of the IWBF Competitions. However, the spirit of humanism, fraternity and respect for individuals which inspires the IWBF ideal, requires the governments of countries that are to host the IWBF Competitions to undertake that their countries will scrupulously respect the same principles anchored in the Statutes and Internal Regulations.
- C5.2 The Wheelchair Basketball Parties are free to play a role in the public life of the nations to which they belong. They may not however abuse their IWBF



position, engage in any activity, or follow any ideology inconsistent with the principles and rules defined in the Statutes and Internal Regulations.

C5.3 The Wheelchair Basketball Parties shall endeavour to protect the environment on the occasion of any events they organise. In the context of the IWBF Competitions, they undertake to uphold generally accepted standards for environmental protection.

**C6 Confidentiality**

The Wheelchair Basketball Parties shall not disclose information entrusted to them in confidence. Disclosure of information must not be for personal gain or benefit, nor be undertaken maliciously to damage the reputation of any person or organisation.

**C7 Application and Enforcement of this Code**

C7.1 The Wheelchair Basketball Parties shall see to it that the principles and rules of the Statutes and Internal Regulations are applied.

C7.2 The Wheelchair Basketball Parties shall notify the Secretary General of any breach of these Internal Regulations.



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## **Section D – Regulations Governing National Federations**

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*NOTE: This Regulation gives effect to the application of Article 6 of the Statutes*

### **D1 Applications for membership**

D1.1 An organization seeking NOWB status must submit an application for membership to the Secretary General.

D1.2 The applicant must submit also a copy of its own statutes and regulations, and details of its internal organisation and the facilities for playing Wheelchair Basketball in its country.

D1.3 An application for membership shall contain an undertaking by the applicant NOWB to:

- conform at all times with the IWBF Statutes, Internal Regulations and decisions of IWBF and of the Zone to which it is assigned.
- observe the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules of IWBF; and
- alter its statutes and regulations as required by IWBF.

D1.4 Once all the documentation is received the Secretary General shall submit the application including the supporting documentation, to the Executive Council for their decision.

### **D2 Suspended Member**

D2.1 A NOWB which has not paid its fees or arrears for a period of three (3) months shall lose its rights as an affiliated member of IWBF and will be suspended by the Executive Council and the Zone must be informed.

The Secretary General is authorized to impose the suspension with immediate effect until the next ordinary meeting of the Executive Council.

D2.2 As soon as a NOWB is suspended, it cannot register any teams to IWBF official events, cannot participate with a team in any IWBF official event, nor can it register NTOs or ITOs for IWBF official events.

D2.3 To become a full member of IWBF with all member rights again, a suspended NOWB must:

- Settle all arrears to IWBF owing at the date it was suspended.
- Pay (or have paid) the annual membership fee due in the meantime to IWBF and IWBF Zones.
- Must have paid the suspension fee (See Regulation P2).
- Be subject again and with immediate effect to the progressive category fee it was paying before it became suspended, if this is still justified (which will be decided by the Executive Council).
- Register again its IWBF active ITOs immediately.
- Register its National Technical Officials (NTO) or International Technical Officials (ITO) for the various IWBF Clinics.



The Secretary General is authorized to repeal the suspension with immediate effect.

**D2.4** If a Zone allows a suspended NOWB to participate in a main official competition, this NOWB shall be reinstated with full rights as a member of IWBF. The respective Zone shall be liable for a suspended NOWB's debts with IWBF as soon as it allows that NOWB to participate in a main official competition of the Zone.

**D3 Annual and progressive membership fees.**

**D3.1** Progressive fees are payable by each NOWB and shall be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> January each year. An NOWB becoming a member of IWBF for the first time shall pay a new member federation fee. (See Regulation P4).

**D3.2** For purposes of assessment of progressive fees which are set out in Regulation P4, the member national federations are divided into the following categories:

**D3.2.1 Category "A"**

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Great Britain, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Morocco, The Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, U.S.A.

**Category "B"**

Austria, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela,

**D3.2.2 Category "C"**

Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong China, Iraq, Latvia, Lithuania, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia, Slovenia, Uruguay,

**D3.2.3 Category "D"**

Afghanistan, Angola, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, India, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libyan, Nigeria, Philippines, Serbia, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Zimbabwe,

**D3.2.4 Category "E"**

Belarus; Bolivia; Bulgaria; Cameroon; Cuba; Cyprus; DPR Korea; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; El Salvador; Eritrea; Estonia; Gabon; Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Honduras; Indonesia; Jamaica; Lao PDR; Mauritius; Myanmar; Nepal; Nicaragua; Oman; Palestine; Panama; Qatar; Romania; Sudan; Syria; Uganda; Ukraine; Zambia.

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## **E1. Status of the Competition Commission**

The Competition Commission is a standing commission of IWBF.

### **E1. General Principles of IWBF Competitions**

E1. IWBF has the authority to organise, sanction and control basketball competitions worldwide.

#### **E1.2. The Main Official Wheelchair Basketball Competitions are:**

- a. IWBF National Team Competitions;
- b. IWBF (and IWBF Zone) Club Competitions; and
- c. IWBF 3x3 Competitions (Zonal and World).

#### **E1.3. The IWBF National Team Competitions are:**

- a. The IWBF World Championships for Men;
- b. The IWBF World Championship for Women;
- c. The IWBF Zonal Championships (for men and women);
- d. The IWBF Zonal Qualifying Events;
- e. The IWBF U23 World Championships for Men;
- f. The IWBF U25 World Championships for Women;
- g. The IWBF Zonal Youth Championships;
- h. The IWBF Repechage Tournaments (men and women);
- i. Other IWBF endorsed and sanctioned events with a pathway to World Championships or Paralympic Games.
- j. The Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Tournament.

## **E2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Competition Commission**

- E2.1. The Competition Commission shall:
  - E2.1.1. Oversee the conduct of the main official tournaments of IWBF.
  - E2.1.2. Request the Secretary General to issue the call for bids for IWBF owned competitions, except those competitions that come under the jurisdiction of the Zones of IWBF.
  - E2.1.3. Maintain the world calendar for all IWBF competitions.
  - E2.1.4. Champion competition for all groups in wheelchair basketball.
  - E2.1.5. Study the need for new IWBF competitions and present them for consideration by the Executive Council.
  - E2.1.6. Develop, train and nominate personnel (including Game Commissioners and Technical Delegates) for IWBF competitions.
  - E2.1.7. Propose and amend to the Executive Council of IWBF the Regulations governing the Competitions of IWBF.
  - E2.1.8. Provide the official interpretation of these Regulations.
  - E2.1.9. Serve as the competent authority on all matters dealing with the competitions of IWBF.
  - E2.1.10. Ensure the proper training of the Game Commissioners, including the preparation and conduct of clinics. Conduct a system of evaluating and testing candidates for the international certification as a commissioner of IWBF.

## **E3. Structure**

- E3.1. The Competition Commission shall comprise of:
  - E3.1.1. The Chairman elected by the NOWBs at the World Congress.
  - E3.1.2. No fewer than four individuals shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Competition Commission, in consultation with the President and the Secretary General of IWBF, this shall be ratified by the Executive Council.
    - E3.1.2.1. The Chairman of Competition shall endeavour to engage the Zones where appropriate and possible within the Commission.
  - E3.1.3. The President and the Secretary General of IWBF who are ex officio members of all commissions of IWBF.
  - E3.1.4. Membership is strictly personal and representation by proxy is not permitted and it shall be regularly reviewed. People may be invited to attend a meeting where the Chairman deems it appropriate.
  - E3.1.5. Membership shall normally expire at the ordinary session of the World Congress.
- E3.2. The Competition Commission of IWBF shall meet whenever necessary, but at least once every two years, at the invitation of the Chairman of the Commission.

- E3.3. Members of the Competition Commission who do not take an active part in the work of the Commission may be replaced at the request of the Chairman of the Commission and the approval of the Executive Council.
- E3.4. The Chairman of the Competition Commission shall also be an ex officio member of each Zone committee with the same task.
- E3.5. The Competition Commission may appoint sub-committees and specific roles (such as Secretary) as necessary.
- E3.6. The Chairman of the Commission is an ex officio member of all sub-committees of the Commission.

#### **E4. The Competitions of IWBF**

- E4.1. These rules pertain to **IWBF Owned, Sanctioned and Endorsed Competitions**.
- E4.1.1. Competitions of IWBF may be defined as follows:
  - E4.1.1.1. **Owned Competitions**, where IWBF has all rights to the competition.
  - E4.1.1.2. **Sanctioned Competitions**, where IWBF are responsible for all technical aspects of the competition
    - E4.1.2.1. A Sanction Competition is granted by the Executive Council of IWBF where the rights holder and event organiser is considered in good standing and the event is considered as having significant strategic importance.
    - E4.1.2.2. IWBF shall make all ITO appointments and provide all technical support at the cost of the organisers.
    - E4.1.2.3. IWBF shall approve all technical equipment including balls, baskets and courts (including their markings).
    - E4.1.2.4. IWBF may provide clothing on field of play for referees.
    - E4.1.2.5. IWBF shall provide clothing where necessary (but not exclusively to its Tournament Technical Committee)
    - E4.1.2.6. Only FIBA Live stats or systems approved by IWBF may be used at Sanctioned events.
    - E4.1.2.7. IWBF shall receive courtside board presence, use of logo in materials pertaining to the competition at the cost of the organisers.
    - E4.1.2.8. IWBF shall receive accreditation, tickets and hospitality opportunities at Sanctioned events.
    - E4.1.2.9. IWBF shall develop Sanctioned events to broker and support commercial agreements of IWBF and broadcast agreements.
    - E4.1.2.10. There shall normally be no fee associated with a Sanctioned Competition.

E4.1.3. **Endorsed Competitions**, where an event organiser is granted official recognition by IWBF for a competition and inclusion on the official IWBF calendar of events.

E4.1.3.1. An event organiser or NOWB may apply to IWBF to endorse an event.

E4.1.3.2. Unless the event is considered a 'development' event, there will be a charge to endorse an event (Regulation P4.2). This fee is subject to changes by the Executive Committee and will be updated from time to time.

E4.1.3.3. An endorsed event shall only be granted by IWBF if it is a recognised event by a NOWB or the Zone.

E4.1.3.4. Applications should be made to the Competition Commission through the Secretariat.

E4.1.3.5. IWBF shall, at their own cost, use endorsed events to endorse its' purposes. This shall be on a case by case basis and shall be discussed at the application phase.

E4.1.3.6. IWBF shall be provided with VIP accreditation for the endorsed event.

E4.1.3.7. IWBF shall require up to four courtside boards in keeping with the event. IWBF shall use these for IWBF promotion and the promotion of IWBF partners (where there is not a conflict with the events commercial activities).

E4.1.3.8. Endorsed events may use the IWBF logo in conjunction with the event logo on approval of artwork of IWBF.

E4.1.3.9. IWBFs logo may not be used in conjunction with sponsors unless authority has been provided by IWBF.

E4.1.3.10. FIBA LiveStats shall be used at the event. This shall be managed by the event organisers.

E4.1.3.11. IWBF shall approve all technical equipment including baskets and courts (including their markings).

E4.2. The level of engagement by IWBF shall be categorised by three tiers.

E4.2.1. Tier One, where a competition is the end of the pathway and significant to IWBF. For example, World Championships.

E4.2.1.1. Tier One Competitions maybe owned or sanctioned events and include World Championships, the Summer Paralympic Games and Commonwealth Games where wheelchair basketball is delivered.

E4.2.2. Tier Two, where the event is a pathway competition leading to a Tier One competition and significant to IWBF

E4.2.2.1. Tier Two Competitions may be owned or sanctioned events and include zonal Championships where results govern progression to Tier one events.

E4.2.2.2. Tier Two events include competition which qualifies teams to Championships which lead to Tier one events.

E4.2.3. Tier Three, where the event is standalone and has no pathway to World events.

E4.2.3.1. Tier Three events may include club competition within and/or across zones.

E4.2.3.2. Tier Three events may include owned, sanctioned and endorsed events.

E4.3. Competitions of IWBF include, but are not limited to:

E4.3.1. The IWBF World Championship for Men;

E4.3.2. The IWBF World Championship for Women;

E4.3.3. The IWBF U-23 World Championship for Men;

E4.3.4. The IWBF U-25 World Championship for Women;

E4.3.5. The Summer Paralympic Games;

E4.3.6. Qualification Tournaments for World Championships and Summer Paralympic Games;

E4.3.6.1. These qualification tournaments will include events such as the Parapan and Para Asia Games when used as qualification events for IWBF. These are then sanctioned events.

E4.3.7. All Zone Championships, including all qualifying games and tournaments for these championships.

E4.3.8. 3X3 Open World Championships

E4.3.9. The Commonwealth Games and similar major events;

E4.3.10. All Other official competitions of IWBF;

E4.3.11. The international cups and tournaments sanctioned endorsed by IWBF and included in the international calendar.

E4.3.12. These regulations apply to both 5X5 competition and 3X3.

## **E5. General Principles governing IWBF Competition**

E5.1. Only IWBF is empowered to organise, sanction, and control wheelchair basketball competitions involving teams from more than one Zone, or to authorise Zone competitions to qualify for world competitions.

E5.1.1. IWBF shall sanction and endorse competitions to be included in the international IWBF calendar.

E5.2. Each Zone is delegated authority to organise, sanction, endorse and control wheelchair basketball competitions within its geographic area.

E5.2.1. A Zone may determine the process to be followed in allocating an official competition being organised under its patronage, provided that the process is consistent with the general provisions of this regulation.

- E5.2.2. Zones are authorised also to establish the technical and financial regulations within the general framework of these Regulations.
- E5.3. All competitions of IWBF shall be governed by the following provisions of a general nature and any specific regulations applicable to the respective competitions. All competitions of IWBF shall be governed in line with the general principals of these regulations.
- E5.4. Competitions of IWBF are usually organised by a Local Organising Committee and the contract to host the competition is signed with the local NOWB of that country. For certain competitions, IWBF may request the signing of a Host Agreement.
- E5.5. The Executive Council may authorise that IWBF organises a specific competition in more than one country or under its own auspices.
- E5.6. All parties involved in an IWBF competition must scrupulously respect the IWBF Competition Regulations and all other relevant agreements & regulations surrounding the competition.
- E5.7. The principle of adherence to these Regulations applies to all international IWBF competitions.
- E5.8. IWBF alone will determine and advise which brand of basketballs to be used during an IWBF Competition.

## **E6. Duties of IWBF**

- E6.1. IWBF shall enforce these regulations for the good governance of IWBF events and to enhance the profile and reputation of the sport.
- E6.2. IWBF must do all in its power to see that IWBF Owned, Sanctioned or Endorsed Competitions will be staged successfully and that IWBF is represented by competent persons who shall maintain absolute impartiality.
- E6.2.1. IWBF is obliged to assist the Local Organising Committee by all means at its disposal.
- E6.2.2. IWBF may require reimbursement from the Local Organising Committee of expenses incurred through providing such assistance.
- E6.3. In the event of default of these provisions by the Local Organising Committee of a competition mentioned in E4, IWBF may:
  - E6.3.1. withdraw its patronage and the title of the competition involved.
  - E6.3.2. apply disciplinary and financial sanctions to the Local Organising Committee at fault. This shall normally default to the NOWB with whom the contract is signed.
  - E6.3.3. make representation for the removal of a Local Organising Committee.

- E6.4. For Tier One (1), Tier Two (2) and Tier Three (3) World competition, such decisions in E6.3 must be made by the Executive Council and shall have immediate effect. This includes events Sanctioned by IWBF where appropriate.
- E6.5. For Tier One (1) and Tier Two (2) competitions at the Zone level, such decisions in E6.3 pertaining to zonal competition shall be made by the Zones' Executive Council and shall have immediate effect.
- E6.6. For the avoidance of doubt, IWBF's Executive Council has the overarching and ultimate right to enforce these regulations on all bodies delivering IWBF events.
- E6.7. IWBF is competent to make any decision and to impose sanctions or levy fines whenever a conflict arises at the time of an international competition, no matter whether the competition is official or not. Any appeal against the decisions of IWBF shall be dealt with in accordance with the Internal Regulations and the Statutes of IWBF.

## **E7. Bidding for the right to conduct a main official competition of IWBF**

- E7.1. IWBF, or where relevant the IWBF Zone, will invite NOWBs to bid for the right to conduct an official competition owned by IWBF. IWBF shall:
  - E7.1.1. Call for bids for the right to conduct a particular competition in terms of this entire Regulation E, in principle five (5) years before that competition, and set a closing date for closure of the bids for that competition, or
  - E7.1.2. For certain competitions, issue Bidding and Event manuals and circular letters specific to the particular events. If so, the terms of such documents shall prevail over the general provisions of this Regulation E and shall be observed scrupulously.
- E7.2. Any bid for the right to organise an official competition must be submitted to IWBF through the NOWB of the candidate, within the time limit set by IWBF. The bid is only valid, if it is accompanied by the bid fee (Detailed in Regulation P4.2). The bid fee in its entirety is retained by IWBF. IWBF is responsible for the costs of travel to conduct the site visits. The time limit may be modified by IWBF if circumstances render it necessary.
  - E7.2.1. The landed costs of the site visit including transport, accommodation and Wi-Fi shall be provided by the LOC for up to three (3) persons. IWBF shall meet the costs of any additional persons.
  - E7.2.2. Successful bidders may receive up to two more additional site visits. Landed costs shall be met by the LOC for up to three (3) persons per visit.
- E7.3. Any bid submitted must give a written undertaking to observe all of the requirements of this Regulation E with respect to the particular competition.
- E7.4. Any organisation lodging a bid must frame it in such a way that it demonstrates the ability of the bidding organisation to observe the Terms of Engagement set out in E10 below and any other requirements laid down in advance by IWBF, and it must undertake to execute a contract enshrining the Terms of Engagement and any other pre-ordered

requirements within six months of the award or an agreed timeline with the Secretary General.

- E7.5. A candidature complying fully with the provisions of E7.7 must be received by IWBF by the date stipulated by IWBF as the closing date for bids, and this date shall usually be a minimum of three (3) months prior to the date of the meeting which is to decide on the organisation which shall be designated as organiser of the competition.
- E7.6. A successful bidder which renounces its assignment shall be subject to disciplinary and financial sanctions by IWBF.
- E7.7. In addition to a bid complying with the Terms of Engagement as set out in E10, a bid to conduct a particular event must contain:
  - E7.7.1. Proposed dates and places of the competition;
  - E7.7.2. Any conditions attached to the filing of the bid by the candidate; (Including restrictions stipulated by the domestic bid partners)
  - E7.7.3. Financial conditions, including budget for the competition;  
(Including any fees for additional services to teams outside of the contract, e.g. additional rooms, laundry services)
  - E7.7.4. Means of transportation and distances to be travelled within the country from the proposed International port(s) of arrival;
  - E7.7.5. Guarantee by national, state/provincial, and/or local government of full support including in the event of a financial shortfall;
  - E7.7.6. Full details and all guarantees concerning the technical equipment (subject to IWBF approval) and the facilities in the hall where the competition will take place;
  - E7.7.7. A signed statement acknowledging that IWBF is the owner of all broadcast, marketing, merchandising, and equipment rights in terms of Section I of IWBF's Internal Regulations and that the division of income from such rights is decided by the Executive Council with the host NOWB.
- E7.8. IWBF is entitled to request appropriate financial guarantees and/or financial bonds (cash deposits or irrevocable bank guarantees) or an "AA" or "AAA" rated international bank based in Switzerland) from any candidates to ensure the seriousness of the candidature and, once awarded, the proper organisation of the competition and full compliance with IWBF's regulations and decisions. The appropriate amounts, if any, shall be determined by the Executive Council.
- E7.9. Candidatures which do not satisfy the conditions indicated above under E7.8 will be disregarded.
- E7.10. IWBF may decide to organise a site visit to all or some of the candidates. In principle, the IWBF delegation making the site visit shall comprise of two people, one of which uses a wheelchair. In some cases, IWBF shall ask the bidding nation to provide a wheelchair user (ideally a low-point player) for the inspection. The report of the delegation will be made available to the Executive Council of IWBF.

- E7.11. In principle, the IWBF Executive Council makes a final decision awarding the hosting rights at the meeting of the IWBF Executive Council following the close of bids. Where possible, IWBF shall aim to announce all hosts at least three years before the event will take place.
- E7.12. In principle, all World Championships should take place between and including the months of July to September.  
Other event dates shall be agreed on by IWBF and the successful candidate on a case by case basis.

## **E8. Terms of Engagement for successful bidder to conduct an official competition of IWBF**

- E8.1. Section H and Section I of the Internal Regulations forms an integral part of the Terms of Engagement and must be read in conjunction with this Section E.
- E8.1.1. In general, all rights in connection with all IWBF World Championships and the Repechage(s), in particular the broadcasting, marketing, merchandising, and equipment rights are owned by IWBF which shall have the exclusive right and authority to govern and supervise all sporting and financial activities linked to each event.
- E8.1.2. IWBF reserves the right to modify or expand the Terms of Engagement as set out herein. If it is proposed to do so, IWBF shall provide the details of expanded/modified requirements at least six (6) months ahead of the closing date for bids for the right to conduct an individual Championship.
- E8.1.3. Additional modifications to the Terms of Engagement will be recorded in the contract with the host and/or recorded in agreed minutes.
- E8.2. Once the organisation has been assigned, no change to these Terms of Engagement will be accepted for any reason unless otherwise agreed in writing by all parties. Should the Local Organising Committee default on the agreed Terms of Engagement, IWBF shall have the right to
  - E8.2.1. Revoke the assignment of the Local Organising Committee of the competition;
  - E8.2.2. Impose disciplinary and financial sanctions on the Local Organising Committee; and/or
  - E8.2.3. With or without recalling bids, assign the competition to another NOWB which undertakes to respect these Terms of Engagement.
- E8.3. The following minimum undertakings/guarantees must be given clearly by a candidate and become part of these Terms of Engagement for the successful bidder. This list is not exhaustive and all bidders for an individual competition must take account of the provisions of the whole of this Regulation E and also those of Regulation G which form

part of the Terms of Engagement, and also any circulars which have been issued in association with a particular event.

E8.4. The NOWB candidate must lodge a declaration from the appropriate level of government in its country stipulating that the level of government welcomes the championship to the country; also, that the appropriate level of government provides minimum guarantees from an organisational point of view for the complete success of the championship such as:

- E8.4.1. Entry visas and any other travel documents required to guarantee freedom of movement for all participants (including officials and those attending official IWBF meetings), representatives of the media, partners, sponsors and suppliers recognised by IWBF, and others, and guarantee that the respective documents will be issued in good time.
- E8.4.2. Temporary work permits if required for the players, commissioners, referees, referee supervisors, representatives of the media, partners, sponsors and suppliers recognised by IWBF, and others, and guarantee that these will be issued in good time.
- E8.4.3. Temporary free import permits for all material and equipment necessary for the work of all participants, representatives of the media, partners, sponsors and suppliers recognised by IWBF, and others;
- E8.4.4. Appropriate security for all participants and officials;
- E8.4.5. Free Local transportation for all participants and officials (including delegates where appropriate);
- E8.4.6. Any other facilities and services needed to ensure the complete success of the championship.
- E8.4.7. Assurance from the appropriate national authority of clean national broadcast signals for international transmission for all games of the competition, and provision of the necessary equipment including television graphics and commentary position for worldwide broadcast of the competition by television and radio according to the host broadcaster obligations available from the Secretariat of IWBF or from IWBF's television partner. IWBF itself may contract the services of a host broadcaster for certain competitions.

## **E9. Conducting an official competition of IWBF**

### **E9.1. Rights and duties of the Local Organising Committee**

E9.1.1. The Local Organising Committee has the duty to take all measures that it deems necessary for the success of the event. However, such measures shall be subject to approval by the Executive Council of IWBF. Furthermore, the Local Organising Committee must work closely and efficiently with all official bodies of IWBF responsible for the organisation of the event.

- E9.1.1.1. IWBF shall provide designated officials to represent them for item E9.1.1. These representatives shall have delegated powers and responsibilities as seen fit by the IWBF Executive Council.
- E9.1.2. The Local Organising Committee shall ensure that all participating teams are treated in the same way and that all enjoy equal rights. Special requests by any of the participating teams shall be forwarded to IWBF for approval, in consultation with the Local Organising Committee.
- E9.1.3. The Local Organising Committee is entitled to rely on the closest co-operation from the official bodies of IWBF and also from the participating teams and their NOWBs.
- E9.1.4. All Technical matters of the competition are the responsibility of IWBF. The Local Organising Committee shall prepare schedules of Games, Training, Meetings, etc. For approval by IWBF.

#### **E9.2. Duties of Local Organising Committees**

- E9.2.1. The Local Organising Committee is obliged to respect all applicable provisions within these regulations.
- E9.2.2. These provisions are valid also for invited teams, guests and events that are not of an official nature

### **E10. Financial Provisions**

- E10.1. IWBF shall agree to a schedule for the payment of fees to the LOC. This shall be detailed in the host agreement.
- E10.2. IWBF shall retain a specified fee until the conclusion of all reporting to IWBF which shall settle any payments remaining from IWBF.
- E10.3. IWBF and the LOC shall normally share any profit made on a World Championships equally once all external commitments have been made by the LOC.
- E10.4. The Local Organising Committee of an official competition of IWBF is obliged to respect the financial provisions for the competition. All moneys owed to IWBF must be paid in full, net of all fees, within the deadlines established by IWBF in the host agreement to IWBF's bank account.

### **E11. Resource provisions**

- E11.1. The Local Organising Committee shall be responsible for the provision and cost of:
  - E11.1.1. Accommodation and catering for teams, ITOs, and personnel in these regulations and, where necessary, congresses and forums.

E11.1.2. Rental of arenas/halls, meeting rooms, offices and equipment with the provision of Wi-Fi internet services as required by IWBF.

E11.1.3. Landed costs for teams including local transport, accommodation, catering, water at training and games, first aid and free access to the internet.

E11.1.4. Host broadcaster services, provision of statistics and graphics for television, and requirements in regulations concerning marketing and advertising.

E11.1.5. Services provided for the press and media in all its forms.

E11.1.6. Taxes and local charges for the import of equipment.

E11.1.7. Services and hospitality for the IWBF guests and sponsors.

E11.1.8. All other expenses associated with conducting the event as described in E11.

E11.2. Accommodation and air travel expenses for the events as listed below (unless varied by the Bid and Events Manuals), as follows:

E11.2.1. Full board and lodging (accommodation) expenses from forty-eight (48) hours prior to the beginning of the competition until twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the competition as per the following schedule:

Accommodation	Men's World Championship	Women's World Championship	Combined World Championship	U23 World Championship for Men	U25 World Championship for Women
President	1	1	1	1	1
Secretary General **	1	1	1	1	1
Tournament Technical Committee (TTC) **	3	3	4	3	3
Participating teams	16	12	28	12	10
Game Commissioners*, ****	4	4	6	4	4
Referee Supervisors*	4	3	6	2	2
Referees	No. of Teams +2	No. of Teams +2	No. of Teams +4	No. of Teams +2	No. of Teams +2
Classifiers***	3	3	4	6	6
IWBF Representative for Doping Control	1	1	1	1	1
IWBF IT Media Representative	1	1	1	1	1

\* Where a second venue) is used for competition, additional personal will be added as needed for the TTC, referee supervisors, game commissioners and classifiers.

\*\* The Technical Delegate and their TTC and Secretary General shall arrive a minimum of two days prior to the arrival of teams to ensure facilities and provisions are adequate.

\*\*\* Where it is deemed necessary, Classifiers and Commissioners may arrive one day prior to teams to undertake their duties.

\*\*\*\* Where necessary, a second TTC may be required. See article E17.3.2

- E11.2.2. The President, Secretary General, TTC and Head Classifier together with the Doping and Media representatives shall be provided with single rooms for their accommodation.
- E11.2.3. Where there is a Congress of IWBF; The President, Secretary General will also be provided accommodation at the Congress hotel during the event.
- E11.2.4. The International Technical Officials (ITOs) shall, in principle, be accommodated in the same hotel as that of the teams, unless otherwise agreed by IWBF.
- E11.2.5. Board and lodging must be provided under conditions ensuring comfort and modern sanitation. If meals are to be taken in a restaurant separate from the hotel, the distance between the two places must be as short as possible and agreed by IWBF.
- E11.2.6. All events-related hotels (official IWBF hotel, team hotels, congress hotels, press hotels, etc.) must be approved by IWBF.

- E11.3. The air/travel expenses and booking (return trip from the town of residence) for the ITO's as per economy fare will be the responsibility of IWBF.
- E11.3.1. IWBF shall insure all nominated ITO's and the official IWBF representatives present at the competition against accidents which may occur during the travel to and from the venue of the competition.
- E11.4. The air/travel expenses (return trip from the town of residence) for the President of IWBF and the Secretary General of IWBF as per business class fare will be the responsibility of the organizer. The air travel expenses for the Technical Delegate shall be Premium Economy and shall be the responsibility of IWBF.
- E11.5. Reimbursement of these travel expenses must be made in US Dollars or as otherwise agreed between the parties.  
Unless stated otherwise in the Bid and/or Event manuals, the participating teams shall cover their own travel expenses to the agreed port of entry and from it.
- E11.6. Costs of Internal Transportation.
- E11.6.1. The organisers shall arrange for the transportation of IWBF guests, ITOs, officials and teams to and from the airport and from their hotel quarters to the competition venues. This provision applies to training sessions, and official competitions, and to any event to which the teams and guests and officials may be invited officially.
- E11.6.2. Free passage on public transport for players and officials should be obtained by the organisers wherever possible.

- E11.7. IWBF is responsible for fees and allowances for the ITO's in accordance with P3.
- E11.8. Doping control expenses – refer to Regulation K and to Annex 3 to Regulation K,
- E11.9. Costs related to accidents, medical care and equipment, and insurance:
- E11.9.1. The Local Organising Committee is obliged to ensure, at their cost, that medical care is available at the venues (training sites, hotels, sport halls, etc.) for all participants (players, ITO's and officials) in the event of illness and/or accident during their entire

stay for the competition. This includes all accidents which may occur during any local transportation arranged by the Local Organising Committee.

- E11.9.2. All competition venues shall include a first aid room.
- E11.9.3. The Local Organising Committee must carry civil responsibility (third party liability) insurance for all accidents which are the result of poor organisation: faulty fittings, equipment and stands, security within the precincts of the game and, in general, all material organisations for which the Local Organising Committee is responsible. IWBF shall be a co-insured party to that insurance. IWBF will indicate to the Local Organising Committee the appropriate amount to be covered.
- E11.9.4. The Local Organising Committee must discuss and agree on appropriate event cancellation insurance with IWBF.
- E11.10. The Local Organising Committee shall provide IWBF with tickets, accreditations, and VIP hospitality areas. The total number of tickets shall vary from competition to competition.
  - E11.10.1. The Local Organising Committee must provide to IWBF complimentary tickets in the best seats for all official competitions and accreditation passes for each day.
  - E11.10.1.1. The number of passes and accreditations shall vary from competition to competition and shall be specified in the host agreement
  - E11.10.2. Should IWBF reduce its requirements, it will either inform the Local Organising Committee of this in advance or return unused tickets in time for them to be on-sold.
  - E11.10.3. The system of accreditation and the list of those receiving accreditations must be approved by IWBF.
  - E11.10.4. VIP hospitality area(s) located near to the VIP seats at event venues must be organised by the Local Organising Committee and approved by IWBF.
- E11.11. Media and advertising
  - E11.11.1. The Events owned by IWBF shall be subject to the Marketing and Advertising Regulations.
  - E11.11.2. The LOC shall cooperate and work in conjunction with the IWBF Media representatives to ensure cohesive messaging and the development of a combined marketing strategy.
  - E11.11.3. Provision of media facilities
    - E11.11.3.1. The Local Organising Committee shall provide all facilities necessary for the proper functioning of the various media, subject to IWBF approval.
    - E11.11.3.2. In particular, the Local Organising Committee shall ensure that a media working room is provided. This room must be large enough to accommodate all

journalists and be equipped with sufficient paper, telephone, suitable hi-speed band width Wi-Fi, internet access etc.

**E11.12. Revenue**

The Local Organising Committee shall keep all revenue/income derived from the sale of tickets, all approved value-in-kind agreements and any contribution received from national, state/provincial, and/or local authorities

**E11.13. Special Provisions**

The Terms of Engagement include also any special or amended conditions in terms of E7.7.2 which are accepted by IWBF in awarding the rights to conduct the event, and also any special conditions which are imposed by IWBF. The catering and minimum required installations for IWBF and its guests must be provided by the Local Organising Committee according to the standards set by IWBF.

**E12. Technical provisions**

**E12.1. Technical equipment and playing court**

E12.1.1. IWBF competitions (Tiers One (1), Two (2), and Three (3)) shall be played only in IWBF approved venues and with IWBF/FIBA Tier 1 approved technical equipment.

E12.1.2. All NOWBs which are awarded one of the main official competitions or other official competitions of IWBF must follow strictly the guidelines established in the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, in particular the Appendix "Basketball Equipment".

E12.1.3. The Main official competitions of IWBF shall be held only in halls that meet the minimum requirements for technical equipment as provided for in the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, and:

The halls must be made available to IWBF free from any advertising.

The floor area, including the playing court, shall measure at least 38 x 22 metres.

The halls must be air-conditioned unless approval is given by IWBF to the contrary.

The minimum seating capacity per court shall be as follows:

5X5 World Championships for Men: 2500 seats

5X5 World Championships for Women: 1500 seats

5X5 World Championships for U23/U25: 400 seats

3X3 Arenas will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

In all cases athlete seating should be provided to allow players from each team to spectate at Games. The number and placing of athlete seating shall be agreed with each LOC and stated in the contract.

E12.1.4. Before each official competition, the technical equipment and the court must all be examined and approved by the TTC of IWBF.

E12.2. Doping Control

E12.2.1. Doping control tests are to be carried out in accordance with the Regulations governing Doping Control (K) at all main official competitions and, where possible, at all other official competitions.

E12.2.2. The LOC is responsible for the provision of facilities and such costs to meet the IWBF Anti-Doping requirements and standards.

E12.2.2.1. Whilst the LOC is responsible for providing approved facilities, and volunteers to facilitate testing, the responsibility for the costs of tests and analysis is with IWBF.

E12.2.2.2. The LOC is obliged to provide facilities for testing 48 hours prior to the first game of the competition and 24 hours after the end of the last game of the competition.

E12.2.3. In conjunction with the Regulations for Doping Control (K), IWBF will organise doping controls and update the LOC as deemed relevant and in compliance with the applicable regulations.

E12.2.4. At the Championships, the Doping Control Representative (or in their absence the Technical Delegate or their appointee) shall be the principal liaison with the Doping Control Officers.

E12.3. Statistics and visual records

The Local Organising Committee shall ensure that:

E12.3.1. Results and statistics are provided and/or sent in real time to the IWBF website, social media outlets and server.

E12.3.2. FIBA LiveStats or another prescribed system designated by IWBF shall be used at all IWBF events.

E12.3.3. If unable to transmit electronically and agreed with IWBF, the Local Organising Committee must send the following information by fax/email within one hour of the end of each game to the IWBF designated officer:

- the final score,
- the score at the end of each quarter and extra period,
- the number of spectators, and
- information on television broadcast, and
- a copy of the duly completed IWBF Official Statistics Sheet.

E12.3.4. IWBF shall be provided with copies of all score sheets from the event at its conclusion.

E12.3.5. Ranking of teams  
The ranking of teams shall be made according to the Official Game Procedures as provided in the current Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.

E12.4. Protocol and ceremonies

E12.4.1. Flags

E12.4.1.1. During all of the main official competitions, only the flags and anthems of the countries or affiliated NOWBs approved and recognised by IWBF may be used.

E12.4.1.2. At the site of the competition and its surroundings, the flag of IWBF and, without exception, the flags of all the countries or NOWBs whose teams take part in the competition shall be raised. Correct artwork for IWBF flags and/or Zone flags is available from IWBF.

E12.4.1.3. The Local Organising Committee shall ensure that the flags of the teams taking part in the competition are placed in a manner that will be equal for all. The flags shall be hung in alphabetical order according to the language of the organising country.

E12.4.1.4. All medal winning teams shall be displayed/raised together during medal ceremonies.

E12.4.2. Protocol Provisions

E12.4.2.1. The following provisions are for the competitions

E12.4.2.2. Team delegation tribune  
A sufficient number of seats must be reserved in a special tribune for all the official members of the participating teams.

E12.4.3. Order of precedence – official competitions of IWBF

E12.4.3.1. The representatives of IWBF shall rank immediately after the highest authority of the host country.

E12.4.3.2. The order of precedence for members of IWBF shall be as follows:  
The President;  
The Secretary General;  
The Vice President;  
The Treasurer;  
The members of the Executive Council;  
The honorary members;  
The Chairmen of the International Commissions;  
The Presidents of the participating NOWBs.

E12.4.3.3. At a Zone competition, the order of precedence for members of IWBF shall be as follows:  
IWBF Zone President (or, in his absence, designated officer )  
IWBF President (if present),  
IWBF Zone Secretary General  
IWBF Secretary General  
IWBF Zone Vice-President(s)  
IWBF Zone Executive Council members  
IWBF Executive Council members  
IWBF Executive Council members from other Zones (in order of status, if present)

Any other IWBF Zone members according to the IWBF Zone Order of Precedence.

E12.4.4. Opening and Closing Ceremonies

E12.4.4.1. Opening Ceremony

At all main official competitions of IWBF, an official opening ceremony shall be organised at the beginning of the event in the following sequence:

The ceremony begins with a short cultural programme of not more than fifteen (15) minutes.

The national flag of each participating country is carried on to the court.

Two (2) short speeches of approximately two (2) minutes each, will be made, one on behalf of the organising NOWB and one by the IWBF President or his representative who shall declare the competition open.

The anthem of the organising country or NOWB only is played.

The opening ceremony ends with all flag bearers leaving the ceremony.

E12.4.4.2. Victory and Closing Ceremony

The victory ceremony shall usually be linked with the closing ceremony and shall take place at the site of the competition immediately after the last game in the following sequence:

As soon as the final game has ended, the teams placed 3rd, 2nd and 1st enter the court.

In the centre of the court in front of the tribune of honour there are three (3) clearly designated for the three teams receiving medals.

Each team lines up alongside its captain ready to move forward into the area reserved for it. After the results of the competition are announced, the team placed third moves into the area reserved for the team placed third. The representative of IWBF presents a maximum of nineteen (19) medals (at World and Zonal Championships) to the members of the team including coaches and staff. The teams placed second and first are presented with their medals in the same way.

The captain of the winning team is presented with the trophy. At the victory and closing ceremony, only IWBF's official sponsors' trophies and prizes approved by IWBF are awarded on the court.

The presentation of the medals and trophy is followed by a maximum of two (2) short speeches, with the IWBF representative speaking last.

The anthem of the country of the winning team only is played while the flags of the teams placed 1st to 3rd are raised.

The teams leave the court and the closing ceremony is concluded.

E12.4.4.2.1.

For the World Championship for Men, if a new President of IWBF is elected at the IWBF Congress just before or during the World Championship for Men, the Past President shall perform all of the official functions associated with the championship such as the official opening, presentation of the medals to the winners, and closure of the championship.

E12.4.4.2.2.

IWBF reserves the right to make changes to the ceremonies as described should circumstances so require.

E12.4.4.3. Prizes

E12.4.4.3.1. The Local Organising Committee shall provide the following prizes:  
Gold medals for the players and team staff of the team placed first.  
Silver medals for the players and team staff of the team placed second.  
Bronze medals for the players and team staff of the team placed third.  
A diploma for each team, with indication of the place won in the final ranking.  
A memento for each player, coach, team staff, and ITOs.  
A set of the above medals, diplomas, plaques, etc. each for IWBF.

E12.4.4.3.2. The Local Organising Committee may provide additional prizes either for the teams or for the players, but the awarding of these prizes and the award procedure must be approved by the representative of IWBF.

E12.4.4.3.3. Other than what is provided for under E12.4.4.3.1 above, under no circumstances may prizes be awarded to ITOs.

**E13. Systems of Competition and Draws**

E13.1. IWBF Competitions shall be usually delivered through the following structures:

E13.1.1. A sixteen team (16) competition shall usually be structured as:

E13.1.1.1. Preliminary Round (Phase 1)  
The 16 teams will be divided into four groups (A, B, C, D) of 4 teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group.  
The teams will be ranked on their results.

E13.1.1.2. Elimination Round (Phase 2)  
The sixteen (16) teams from the Preliminary Round will play direct elimination games as follows:

I	A1vB4
II.	D2vC3
III.	C1vD4
IV.	B2vA3
V.	B1vA4
VI.	C2vD3
VII.	D1vC4
VIII.	A2vB3

E13.1.1.3. Quarter Finals (Phase 3)  
The eight (8) winners of the Eighth Finals will qualify for the Quarter Finals.

IX. Winner I v Winner II  
X. Winner III v Winner IV  
XI. Winner V v Winner VI  
XII. Winner VII v Winner VIII

E13.1.1.4. Semi Finals and Classification (Phase 4)

Classification Round

XV. Loser IX v Loser X

XVI. Loser XI v Loser XII

Final Round

XIII. Winner IX v Winner X

XIV. Winner XI v Winner XII

E13.1.1.5. Finals Round (Phase 4)

XVII.. Loser XV v Loser XVI (7-8)

XVII.. Winner XV v Winner XVI (5-6)

XIX.. Loser XIII v Loser XIV (3-4)

XX.. Winner XIII v Winner XIV (1-2)

E13.1.1.6. There are three scenarios to determine places 9-16 approved by IWBF. The selected system shall be determined by IWBF and communicated to all teams prior to competition. These are:

E13.1.1.6.1. Option One (1)

After the Elimination Round (Phase 2) teams do not play anymore games and their position will be determined mathematically based upon:

The eight teams having lost games in phase two shall first be ranked by their final standings in their group. (places 1, 2, 3 or 4).

The second phase of ranking to determine which games the teams are placed in shall be determined by point difference in the cross over (knockout) games mentioned above.

Finally, where this does not determine final placing (e.g., teams are on same point difference), then the coefficient regulation shall come in to play where the points against is divided by points for. Only the points scored in the 'cross over games' will be used.

If all of this still does not determine placings in games, then the toss of a coin.

E13.1.1.6.1.1. This system comprises of twelve (12) games over a minimum of three days (maximum of four (4) per day).

E13.1.1.6.2. Option Two (2)

The teams who lose the Elimination Round (Phase 2) shall play off directly in a 9-10 game, 11-12 game, 13-14 game, 15-16 game. The placing of teams in each game is determined by the following criteria:

E13.1.1.6.2.1. 1. The eight teams having lost games in phase two shall first be ranked by their final standings in their pool. (places 1, 2, 3 or 4).

2. The second phase of ranking to determine which games the teams are placed in shall be determined by point difference in the cross over (knockout) games mentioned above.

3. Finally, where this does not determine final placing (e.g., teams are on same point difference), then the coefficient regulation shall come in to play where the points against is divided by points for. Only the points scored in the 'cross over games' will be used.
4. If all of this still does not determine placings in games, then the toss of a coin.

E13.1.1.6.3. Option Three (3)

All games are played out to determine the placing of teams, mirroring the schedule of teams progressing toward gold. This is to replicate the play-off games in other formats of the schedule such as that detailed in 13.2.

E13.2. A twelve team (12) competition shall usually be structured as:

E13.2.1. Preliminary Round (Phase 1)

The 12 teams will be divided into two groups (A and B) of 6 teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group.

The four best-placed teams in each group will play in the Final round, the four teams placed 5th and 6th in the two groups will play in the Classification Round.

E13.2.2. Quarter-Finals (Phase 2)

Classification Round:

V. A5 – B6

VI. B5 – A6

Final Round:

I. A1 – B4

II. B1 – A4

III. A2 – B3

VI. B2 – A3

E13.2.3. Semi-Finals (Phase 3)

Classification Round:

VII. Loser V – Loser VI (11 – 12)

VIII. Winner V – Winner VI (9 – 10)

Final Round:

IX. Loser I – Loser IV

X. Loser II – Loser III

XI. Winner I – Winner IV

XII. Winner II – Winner III

E13.2.4. Finals (Phase 4)

Final Round:

XIII. Loser IX – Loser X (7 – 8)

XIV. Winner IX – Winner X (5 – 6)

XV. Loser XI – Loser XII (3 – 4)

XVI. Winner XI – Winner XII (1 – 2)

E13.3. A ten team (10) competition shall usually be structured as:

E13.3.1. Preliminary Round (Phase 1)

The 10 teams will be divided into two groups (A and B) of 5 teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group.

The four best-placed teams in each group will play in the Final Round.

E13.3.2. Quarter-Finals (Phase 2)

Classification Round:

V. A5 – B5 (9 – 10)

Final Round:

I. A1 – B4

II. B1 – A4

III. A2 – B3

IV. B2 – A3

E13.3.3. Semi-Finals (Phase 3)

Final Round:

VI. Loser I – Loser IV

VII. Loser II – Loser III

VIII. Winner I – Winner IV

IX. Winner II – Winner III

E13.3.4. Finals (Phase 4)

Final Round:

X. Loser VI – Loser VII (7 – 8)

XI. Winner VI – Winner VII (5 – 6)

XII. Loser VIII – Loser IX (3 – 4)

XIII. Winner VIII – Winner IX (1 – 2)

E13.4. An eight team (8) competition shall usually be structured as follows:

E13.4.1. Preliminary Round (Phase 1)

The eight (8) teams will be divided into two groups (A and B) of 4 teams each. Each team will play all the other teams in its own group.

The teams shall be ranked in each group to determine their place in the quarter finals.

E13.4.2. Quarter-Finals (Phase 2)

Final Round:

I. A1 – B4

II. B1 – A4

III. A2 – B3

IV. B2 – A3

E13.4.3. Semi-Finals (Phase 3)

Final Round:

VI. Loser I – Loser IV

VII. Loser II – Loser III

VIII. Winner I – Winner IV

IX. Winner II – Winner III

E13.4.4. Finals (Phase 4)

Final Round:

X. Loser VI – Loser VII (7 – 8)

XI. Winner VI – Winner VII (5 – 6)

- XII.      Loser VIII – Loser IX (3 – 4)
- XIII.     Winner VIII – Winner IX (1 – 2)

E13.5. Where the number of teams is lower than eight (8) IWBF may approve a pool competition with all teams to determine rankings.  
From these rankings Semi Finals and Finals may be played.

E13.6. Draws

- E13.6.1. The date, venue and procedure for the draw shall be decided by IWBF for the competition in question in accordance with the following provisions:
- E13.6.2. In principle, the draw cannot take place until seventy-two (72) hours after the closing date for final entries;
- E13.6.3. The draw can be held on the occasion of a IWBF event (e.g. official tournament, competition or cup, meeting of a IWBF commission);
- E13.6.4. The draw may be held at the IWBF headquarters or at a venue decided by the appropriate body of IWBF;
- E13.6.5. The draw may be held in the organising country. In this event, the travel and board and lodging expenses of three (3) IWBF representatives will be the responsibility of the Organising NOWB;
- E13.6.6. Where the draw for a World Championship for Men or a World Championship for Women is held in the host country as part of an organised promotion for the respective championship, it is expected that an official representative of each NOWB whose team has qualified for that championship will be invited to attend the draw at the NOWB's own expense.
- E13.6.7. In all instances, the parties involved must be advised of the date and the place of the draw at least one (1) month in advance.
- E13.6.8. System for a four pool Draw
  - E13.6.8.1. Teams will be placed in to pools approved by the Board of IWBF. Each pool will include one of the Zonal Qualifier Competition Champions. Teams from the pools will be drawn in to the four (4) groups that will determine the schedule.  
Teams are drawn from pools in to groups for competition.
  - E13.6.8.2. The Zonal Qualifier Teams will be drawn first in to one of four groups.
  - E13.6.8.3. Each pool will then be drawn. Teams from the same pool may not be drawn in to the same group.
  - E13.6.8.4. Where there is a team from the host country of the competition, they may be in the final pool to be drawn and may select the group they wish to be in. Where the host is also the Zonal Qualifier Competition Champion, the runner up will be placed in the pool with other Champions for the draw.
  - E13.6.8.5. IWBF shall endeavour to pool teams by their zone first and then placing at the last major competition(s).

E13.6.9. System for two (2) pool draw

Teams will be paired based on their final rankings in the qualification process by their zone.

Teams will be drawn with teams in pairings being placed in to two (2) different groups (Group A and Group B).

At the end of the draw, where there is a team from the host country of the competition, they will be permitted to choose which group they wish to be placed in. The team paired with them will be placed in the other group.

## E14. IWBF (Owned) Events

E14.1. The Competitions owned by IWBF, listed in article E4 shall usually be delivered in the following formats over the prescribed length of time.

Event	Minimum duration Incl. arrival, training, classification and departure.	No. of Teams	No. of Pools
The World Championships for Men and Women Combined	15 days	<b>28</b> 16 (Men) 12 (Women)	4 (Men) 2 (Women)
The IWBF World Championship for Men	12 days	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>
The IWBF World Championship for Women	11 days	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
The IWBF U-23 World Championship for Men	11 days	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
The IWBF U-25 World Championship for Women	10 days	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
Repechage Tournaments for the Summer Paralympic Games			
<i>Men</i>	<i>7 days</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Women</i>	<i>7 days</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Combined</i>	<i>8 days</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>2 (Men) 2 (Women)</b>
Repechage Tournaments for World Championships			
<i>Men</i>	<i>7 days</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Women</i>	<i>7 days</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Combined</i>	<i>8 days</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>2 each</b>
3X3 World Open Championships Combined	5 days	<b>Open</b>	<b>Based on size</b>
3X3 World Championships Combined	5 days	<b>U28</b>	<b>4 (Men) 2 (Women)</b>
3X3 World Championships for Women	4 days	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>
3X3 World Championships for Men	4 days	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>

**E14.2. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

**E14.2.1 QUALIFICATION PROCESS - MEN**

**E14.2.1.1 Participation**

- E14.2.1.1.1 The World Championships for Men and Women may be hosted as single gender events or combined.
- E14.2.1.1.2 In the Men's competition there shall be the best sixteen (16) teams in the World, across four zones competing for the title of World Champions.
- E14.2.1.1.3 In the Women's competition there shall be the best twelve (12) teams in the World, across four zones competing for the title of World Champions.

**E14.2.2 Qualification Men**

- E14.2.2.1 The qualification system for the IWBF World Championships for Men shall be determined through Zonal Qualification Tournaments and Repechage Tournaments for the World Championships.
- E14.2.2.2 Table 14.2.2.2 illustrates the distribution of places available to each zone and those available through the Repechage Tournaments for the World Championships.
- E14.2.2.3 The host of the competition will receive one (1) place. However, IWBF may make an exception in the case that the organising NOWB does not have a sufficiently strong team to participate.
- E14.2.2.4 The Zonal Champions will each receive one (1) place (A total of four (4) places).
- E14.2.2.5 The teams ranked 1-7 at the preceding Summer Paralympic Games will each earn one (1) place for their respective Zone.
- E14.2.2.6 The places awarded to a Zone will be allocated to teams at the relevant Zonal qualification event(s) based on their placings at the Zonal qualification event.
- E14.2.2.7 Four (4) places will be awarded to teams through the Repechage competition.

Source	Number	Note
<b>Host</b>	1	Host Nation
<b>Zone</b>	4	Top ranked team from each Zone
<b>Paralympic placings</b>	7	Each zone is awarded one place based on team rankings at the Summer Paralympic Games in Paris in the Men's Competition. Places awarded to zones for teams ranked 1-7.
<b>Repechage</b>	4	Places available for teams to earn in a Repechage Tournament.
<b>TOTAL</b>	16	

Table 14.2.2.2

**E14.2.3 Qualification Women**

E14.2.3.1 The qualification system for the IWBF World Championships for Women shall be determined through Zonal Qualification Tournaments and Repechage Tournaments for the World Championships detailed in E14.6

E14.2.3.2 Table E14.2.3.2 illustrates the distribution of places available to each zone and those available through the Repechage Tournaments for the World Championships.

E14.2.3.3 The host of the competition will receive one (1) place. However, IWBF may make an exception in the case that the organising NOWB does not have a sufficiently strong team to participate.

E14.2.3.4 The Zonal Champions will each receive one (1) place (A total of four (4) places).

E14.2.3.5 The teams ranked 1-3 at the preceding Summer Paralympic Games will each earn one (1) place for their respective Zone (A total of three (3) places).

E14.2.3.6 The places awarded to a Zone will be allocated to teams at the relevant Zonal qualification event(s) based on their placings at the Zonal qualification event.

E14.2.3.7 Four (4) places will be awarded to teams through the Repechage competition.

Source	Number	Note
<b>Host</b>	1	Host Nation
<b>Zone</b>	4	Top ranked team from each Zone
Paralympic placings	3	Each zone is awarded one place based on team ranking at the Summer Paralympic Games in Paris in the Women's Competition. Places awarded to zones for teams ranked 1-3.
<b>Repechage</b>	4	Places available for teams to earn in a Repechage Tournament.
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	

Table E14.2.3.2

E14.2.4 Each Zone may determine their own qualifying systems with the approval of the IWBF Executive Council.

E14.2.4.1 IWBF will require minimum standards of quality in the delivery of their qualification competition and this will be determined by the IWBF Executive Council.

E14.2.4.2 IWBF will require a minimum number of teams in the qualification competitions and this will be determined from time to time by the Executive Council of IWBF.

E14.2.4.3 In the event that a Zone does not have sufficient teams to hold a Qualification Tournament but has teams registered equal to or less than the number of team allocations that they have been given, the Zone may apply to IWBF to allow the registered teams to be directly qualified to the tournament in question. The IWBF Executive Council has the final authority to rule on allowing teams to be directly qualified. Teams directly qualified under this regulation will be responsible to pay an additional fee to IWBF in recognition of the fact that they did not have the expenses of attending a qualification tournament. (P4.2)

**E14.2.4 Registration**

E14.2.4.1 Registration forms for participation in the IWBF World Championship for Men and/or Women must be sent by the IWBF Secretariat to the qualified teams at least six (6) months prior to the start date of the championship or as directed should the time between a Repechage event and the World Championships be less.

E14.2.4.2 Completed registration forms along with the registration fee (P4) must be returned so as to reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than four (4) months prior to the start date of the championship. In the event that a qualified team fails to meet this deadline, IWBF may revoke this team's right to participate. IWBF may then invite another team which participated in its qualifying Zone competition, but IWBF must endeavour to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.

E14.2.4.3 A list of twenty (20) players' names on the special form provided by IWBF ("First Entry List") must be submitted four (4) months prior to the date of the championship. Full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning each player on the list, must reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than two (2) months before the beginning of the championship. ("Last Entry List"). Failure to meet this deadline may result in financial penalties (Regulation P).

E14.2.4.4 Only players named on the First Entry List may be named to the Last Entry List.

E14.2.4.5 No changes after submission of the Last Entry List are permitted, unless there are exceptional circumstances in which case IWBF may accept a change of a named player. This change is subject to approval of the Chairman of the Competition Commission and the Secretary General. There will be a fee charged for each approved change (see P2).

E14.2.4.6 The unauthorized delay of submitting the First- or Last- Entry List is subject to a penalty fee (see P2).

E14.2.4.7 All teams registered to the competition may be obliged to submit the Team Whereabouts Information as outlined in the Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping – Section K (Art. 5.7) starting with the submission deadline of the Last Entry List until the end of the competition. Each violation shall incur a fine (see Internal Regulations – Section P (P2).

**E14.2.5 Repechage competition for World Championship qualification for Men and Women**

E14.2.5.1 The Repechage shall have eight (8) teams for the Men's competition and eight (8) teams for the Women's competition invited.

E14.2.5.2 The places to the repechage shall be determined as:

E14.2.5.2.1 The Host of the Repechage event (one (1) place).

E14.2.5.2.2 Four (4) places are awarded to the next highest ranked team from each Zone not already qualified in article 2 & 3 above.

E14.2.5.2.3 Three (3) places are awarded to the three (3) highest finishing zones at the Summer Paralympic Games.

E14.2.5.3 Zones will determine their own qualifying systems with the approval of the IWBF Executive Council and shall not be separate from their Zonal Championships.

E14.2.5.4 IWBF will require minimum standards of quality in the delivery of their qualification competition.

E14.2.5.5 IWBF will require a minimum number of teams in the qualification competitions, and this will be determined from time to time by the IWBF Executive Council.

E14.2.5.6 In the event that a Zone does not have sufficient teams to hold a Qualification Tournament but has teams registered equal to or less than the number of team allocations that they have been given, the Zone may apply to IWBF to allow the registered teams to be directly qualified to the tournament in question. The IWBF Executive Council has the final authority to rule on allowing teams to be directly qualified. Teams directly qualified under this regulation E35.4.2 will be responsible to pay an additional fee to IWBF in recognition of the fact that they did not have the expenses of attending a qualification tournament. (P4.2)

E14.2.5.7 Should a Repechage event not take place then the Executive Council of IWBF shall have the authority to determine a suitable ranking system to allocate places for the World Championships.

**E14.2.6 Registration**

E14.2.6.1 One (1) week after the announcement of the venue for the Repechage Competition or at the end of the Qualification Competition (whichever is later), Teams must accept or decline the invitation and pay the appropriate registration fee.

E14.2.6.2 Registration forms for participation in the IWBF World Championship Qualification Repechage Tournaments must be sent by the IWBF Secretariat to the qualified teams on receipt of their registration.

E14.2.6.3 The duly completed registration forms along with the registration fee (P4) must be returned so as to reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than the second week in January prior to the date of the championship. In the event that a qualified team fails to meet this deadline, IWBF may revoke this team's right to participate. IWBF may then invite another team which participated in its qualifying Zone competition, but IWBF must endeavour to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.

E14.2.6.4 The list of twenty (20) players' names on the special form provided by IWBF ("First Entry List") must be submitted. Full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning each player on the list, must reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than one (1) month before the beginning of the championship. ("Last Entry List"). Failure to meet this deadline may result in financial penalties (P2).

E14.2.6.5 Only players named on the First Entry List may be named to the Last Entry List. No changes after submission of the Last Entry List are permitted, unless there are exceptional circumstances in which case IWBF may accept a change of a named player. This change is subject to approval of the Chairman of the Competition Commission and the Secretary General. There will be a fee charged for each approved change (see P2).

E14.2.6.6 The unauthorized delay of submitting the First- or Last- Entry List is subject to a penalty fee (see P2).

E14.2.7 All teams registered to the competition may be obliged to submit the Team Whereabouts Information as outlined in the Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping – Section K (Art. 5.7) starting with the submission deadline of the Last Entry List until the end of the competition. Each violation shall incur a fine (see Internal Regulations – Section P (P2).

**E14.2.8 Delivery**

E14.2.8.1 Repechage Tournaments must be hosted and concluded no less than 90 days before the Opening Ceremony of the World Championships.

E14.2.8.2 Only one Repechage Tournament may be held per gender.

E14.2.8.3 A host may choose to bid for either men, women or both.

E14.2.8.4 The host does not need to be a competing nation.

E14.2.8.5 IWBF will call for bids for a Repechage Competition.

E14.2.8.6 The competition will be titled, Qualification Championship for the World Championships.

**World Championships for under 23 Men**

E14.2.1. Participation

E14.2.1.1. The number of participating teams in an IWBF World Championship for U23 Men will be twelve (12).

E14.2.1.2. Each zone will be awarded one additional place each.

E14.2.1.3. The host team will be awarded one place.

E14.2.1.3.1. The national team of the organising NOWB is directly qualified. However, IWBF may make an exception in the case that the organising NOWB does not have a sufficiently strong team to participate. Any such exception shall be stated by IWBF at the beginning of a bid phase. The decision is made by the IWBF Executive Council.

E14.2.1.3.2. In the event that a Zone does not have sufficient teams to hold a Qualification Tournament but has teams registered equal to or less than the number of team allocations that they have been given, the Zone may apply to IWBF to allow the registered teams to be directly qualified to the tournament in question. The IWBF Executive Council has the final authority to rule on allowing teams to be directly qualified. Teams directly qualified under this regulation will be responsible to pay an additional fee to IWBF in recognition of the fact that they did not have the expenses of attending a qualification tournament. (P4.2)

E14.2.1.4. The seven (7) best placed teams from the last World Championship for under 23 Men will qualify the same numbers of teams from their respective Zones (not necessarily the same teams).

E14.2.1.5. If they choose not to take it, that place shall be offered to the zone which had a team finish in eighth place at the last World Championships for U23 Men, in line with E14.4.1.4

E14.2.1.6. Players in teams must not have had their 23rd birthday on 31st December in the year of the competition.

E14.2.2. Qualification

E14.2.2.1. For the avoidance of doubt, the qualifying competitions in each Zone shall be known as the Zonal Championships for U23 Men as it is the Qualification Competition for the World Championships for U23 Men.

E14.2.2.2. IWBF will require minimum standards of quality in the delivery of their qualification competition.

E14.2.2.3. IWBF will require a minimum number of teams in the qualification competitions and this will be determined from time to time by the Executive Council of IWBF.

E14.2.3. Registration

E14.2.3.1. Registration forms for participation in the IWBF World Championship for U23 Men must be sent by the IWBF Secretariat to the qualified teams at least six (6) months prior to the start date of the championship.

E14.2.3.2. The duly completed registration forms along with the registration fee (P4) must be returned so as to reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than four (4) months prior to the start date of the championship. In the event that a qualified team fails to meet this deadline, IWBF may revoke this team's right to participate. IWBF may then invite another team which participated in its qualifying Zone competition, but IWBF must endeavour to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.

E14.2.4. The list of twenty (20) players' names on the special form provided by IWBF ("First Entry List") must be submitted four (4) months prior to the start date of the

championship. Full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning each player on the list, must reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than two (2) months before the start date of the championship. ("Last Entry List"). Failure to meet this deadline may result in financial penalties (P2).

E14.2.5. Only players named on the First Entry List may be named to the Last Entry List. No changes after submission of the Last Entry List are permitted, unless there are exceptional circumstances in which case IWBF may accept a change of a named player. This change is subject to approval of the Chairman of the Competition Commission and the Secretary General. There will be a fee charged for each approved change (see P2).  
The unauthorized delay of submitting the First- or Last - Entry List is subject to a penalty fee (see P2).

E14.4.6 All teams registered to the competition may be obliged to submit the Team Whereabouts Information as outlined in the Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping – Section K (Art. 5.7) starting with the submission deadline of the Last Entry List until the end of the competition. Each violation shall incur a fine (see Internal Regulations – Section P (P2)).

### **E14.3. World Championships for under 25 Women**

E14.3.1. Participation

E14.3.1.1. The number of participating teams in an IWBF World Championship for U25 Women will be ten (10).

E14.3.1.2. Each zone will be awarded one additional place each.

E14.3.1.3. The host team will be awarded one place.

E14.3.1.3.1. The national team of the organising NOWB is directly qualified. However, IWBF may make an exception in the case that the organising NOWB does not have a sufficiently strong team to participate.

E14.3.1.3.2. In the event that a Zone does not have sufficient teams to hold a Qualification Tournament but has teams registered equal to or less than the number of team allocations that they have been given, the Zone may apply to IWBF to allow the registered teams to be directly qualified to the tournament in question. The IWBF Executive Council has the final authority to rule on allowing teams to be directly qualified. Teams directly qualified under this regulation will be responsible to pay an additional fee to IWBF in recognition of the fact that they did not have the expenses of attending a qualification tournament. (P4.2)

E14.3.1.4. The seven (7) best placed teams from the last World Championship for under 25 Women will qualify the same numbers of teams from their respective Zones (not necessarily the same teams).

E14.3.1.5. If they choose not to take it, that place shall be offered to the zone which had a team finish in eighth place at the last World Championships for U25 Women, in line with E14.5.1.4

- E14.3.1.6. Players in teams must not have had their 25th birthday on 31st December in the year of the competition.
- E14.3.2. Qualification
  - E14.3.2.1. The qualifying Zone competitions must be completed, at the latest, by the end of the year preceding the beginning of the championship.
  - E14.3.2.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the qualifying competitions in each Zone shall be known as the Zone Championships for U25 Women as it is the Qualification Competition for the World Championships for U25 Women.
  - E14.3.2.3. IWBF will require minimum standards of quality in the delivery of their qualification competition.
  - E14.3.2.4. IWBF will require a minimum number of teams in the qualification competitions and this will be determined from time to time by the Board of IWBF.
- E14.3.3. Registration
  - E14.3.3.1. Registration forms for participation in the IWBF World Championship for U25 Women must be sent by the IWBF Secretariat to the qualified teams at least six (6) months prior to the start date of the championship.
  - E14.3.3.2. The duly completed registration forms along with the registration fee (P4) must be returned so as to reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than four (4) months prior to the start date of the championship. In the event that a qualified team fails to meet this deadline, IWBF may revoke this team's right to participate. IWBF may then invite another team which participated in its qualifying Zone competition, but IWBF must endeavour to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.
  - E14.3.4. The list of twenty (20) players' names on the special form provided by IWBF ("First Entry List") must be submitted four (4) months prior to the start date of the championship. Full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning each player on the list, must reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than two (2) months before the start date of the championship. ("Last Entry List") Failure to meet this deadline may result in financial penalties (P2).
  - E14.3.5. Only players named on the First Entry List may be named to the Last Entry List. No changes after the submission of the Last Entry List are permitted, unless there are exceptional circumstances in which case IWBF may accept a change of a named player. This change is subject to approval of the Chairman of the Competition Commission and the Secretary General. There will be a fee charged for each approved change (see P2).  
The unauthorized delay of submitting the First- or Last- Entry List is subject to a penalty fee (see P2).
- E14.5.6. All teams registered to the competition may be obliged to submit the Team Whereabouts Information as outlined in the Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping – Section K (Art. 5.7) starting with the submission deadline of the Last Entry List until the end of the competition. Each violation shall incur a fine (see Internal Regulations – Section P (P2)).

**E14.4. Repechage Tournaments for the Summer Paralympic Games**

**E14.4.1. Participation**

E14.4.1.1. A maximum of eight (8) teams may compete in each Repechage Tournament (Male and Female).

E14.4.1.2. Teams that qualify for participation shall be invited immediately after their Zonal Qualification Tournament.

**E14.4.2. Qualification**

E14.4.2.1. The two (2) highest ranked teams that have not earned qualification through their Zonal Qualification Competition (which they must have attended) will be invited at the conclusion of their Qualification Competition to the Repechage Competition.

E14.4.2.2. IWBF reserve the right to invite additional teams to fill any declined places. These will be offered to the next (3rd) ranked team in the Zone which finished highest at the last Summer Paralympic Games. If they decline it may be offered to the next zone and so on.

E14.4.2.3. IWBF reserve the right to offer declined places to 3rd ranked teams in other zones. This will solely be at the decision of IWBF.

**E14.4.3. Registration**

E14.4.3.1. One (1) week after the announcement of the venue for the Repechage Competition or at the end of the Qualification Competition (whichever is later), Teams must accept or decline the invitation and pay the appropriate registration fee.

E14.4.3.2. Registration forms for participation in the IWBF Repechage Tournaments for the Summer Paralympic Games must be sent by the IWBF Secretariat to the qualified teams on receipt of their registration.

E14.4.3.3. The duly completed registration forms along with the registration fee (P4) must be returned so as to reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than the second week in January prior to the date of the championship. In the event that a qualified team fails to meet this deadline, IWBF may revoke this team's right to participate. IWBF may then invite another team which participated in its qualifying Zone competition, but IWBF must endeavour to maintain an equitable balance between the Zones.

E14.4.3.4. The list of twenty (20) players' names on the special form provided by IWBF ("First Entry List") must be submitted. Full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning each player on the list, must reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than one (1) month before the beginning of the championship. ("Last Entry List"). Failure to meet this deadline may result in financial penalties (P2).

E14.4.3.5. Only players named on the First Entry List may be named to the Last Entry List. No changes after the submission of the Last Entry List are permitted, unless there are exceptional circumstances in which case IWBF may accept a change of a named player. This change is subject to approval of the Chairman of the Competition Commission and the Secretary General. There will be a fee charged for each approved change (see P2).

The unauthorized delay of submitting the First- or Last- Entry List is subject to a penalty fee (see P2).

E14.6.3.6. All teams registered to the competition may be obliged to submit the Team Whereabouts Information as outlined in the Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping – Section K (Art. 5.7) starting with the submission deadline of the Last Entry List until the end of the competition. Each violation shall incur a fine (see Internal Regulations – Section P (P2).

E14.4.4. Delivery

E14.4.4.1. Repechage Tournaments must be hosted and concluded no less than 90 days prior to the Opening Ceremony of the Summer Paralympic Games. This will be subject to agreement with IPC with their framework for the Summer Paralympic Games.

E14.4.4.2. Only one Repechage Tournament may be held per gender.

E14.4.4.3. A host may choose to bid for either men, women or both.

E14.4.4.4. The host does not need to be a competing nation.

E14.4.4.5. IWBF will accept bids from August of the qualification year for hosts and a final decision will be made by 15th November of that year regardless of whether qualification tournaments have been run.

E14.4.4.6. The competition will be titled, Qualification Championship for the Summer Paralympic Games.

E14.5. Intentionally blank

E14.5.1. 3X3 World Open Championships (Combined)

E14.5.2. Participation

E14.5.2.1. There shall be a Women's and Men's Competition at the 3X3 World Open Championships (Combined)

E14.5.2.2. Only single gender teams will be accepted for each competition (No mixed gender teams).

E14.5.3. Qualification

E14.5.3.1. IWBF shall issue an open invitation to Nations to participate in the 3X3 World Open Championships.

E14.5.3.2. Entries shall be accepted chronologically until the quota for the competition is full.

E14.5.4. Registration

E14.5.4.1. Registration forms for participation in the 3X3 World Open Championships (Combined) must be sent by the IWBF Secretariat to the qualified teams at least six (6) months prior to the date of the championship.

E14.5.4.2. The duly completed registration forms along with the Registration fee (P4) must be returned so as to reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than four (4) months prior to the date of the championship. In the event that a team fails to meet this deadline, IWBF may revoke this team's right to participate. IWBF may then invite another team.

E14.5.4.3. The list of twelve (12) players' names on the special form provided by IWBF ("First Entry List") must be submitted. Full particulars and all documentation which may be required concerning each player on the list, must reach the IWBF Secretariat no later than two (2) months before the beginning of the championship. ("Last Entry List"). Failure to meet this deadline may result in financial penalties (P2).

E14.5.4.4. Only players named on the First Entry List may be named to the Last Entry List. No changes after submission of the last Entry List are permitted, unless there are exceptional circumstances in which case IWBF may accept a change of a named player. This change is subject to approval of the Chairman of the Competition Commission and the Secretary General. There will be a fee charged for each approved change (see P2).

The unauthorized delay of submitting the First- or Last- Entry List is subject to a penalty fee (see P2).

E14.8.3.5. All teams registered to the competition may be obliged to submit the Team Whereabouts Information as outlined in the Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping – Section K (Art. 5.7) starting with the submission deadline of the Last Entry List until the end of the competition. Each violation shall incur a fine (see Internal Regulations – Section P (P2).

E14.5.5. Termination of this Regulation  
On the implementation of Zonal Qualification Championships for the 3X3 World Championships this regulation will cease to exist and be superseded by regulations 14.9 – 14.11.

E14.6. 3X3 World Championships (Combined)

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E14.7. 3X3 World Championships for Women

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E14.8. 3X3 World Championships for Men

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E14.9. Zonal Qualification Competition

E14.9.1. Each IWBF Zone decides on the system of qualification for its countries, provided that, in order to receive an automatic team allocation, or any additional team allocations earned over the one automatically given to each Zone, the Zone must hold a Qualification Tournament involving a minimum of four (4) NOWBs. In addition, there must be one more team than the total number of team allocations they have.

- E14.9.1.1. IWBF shall approve the system of competition determined in 14.12.1
- E14.9.1.2. For all Zonal Qualification Competitions the Internal Regulations – Section K apply.  
All teams registered to the Zonal Competition may be obliged to submit the Team Whereabouts Information as outlined in the said regulation, starting with the submission of the Last Entry List until the end of the competition. Each violation shall incur a fine (see Internal Regulations – Section P (P2))
- E14.9.2. For Competitions where there is not a Repechage event, if a Zone does not meet the requirements under 14.12.1 IWBF has the right to move the team allocation to a different Zone, provided that any team from the affected Zone has the right to compete in the Qualification Tournament of the Zone receiving that allocation.
- E14.9.2.1. Where there is a Repechage event, IWBF has the right to move the Zone allocation to the Repechage event.
- E14.9.3. Each Zone is responsible to invite the NOWB's in their Zone to attend a Qualification Tournament in accordance with the system they have established. In order to participate in an IWBF Zone Qualification Tournament any team that registers must pay a fee to IWBF (P4.2).
  - E14.9.3.1. This fee will be returned if the qualification tournament is not held because of insufficient registrations, if there are too many teams registered and the team is not invited or if the team is directly qualified.
  - E14.9.3.2. This fee will be retained if the team is accepted to attend a Qualification Tournament or if the team is directly qualified (as referenced from time to time in these regulations).

## **E15. IWBF (Sanctioned) Events**

Regulation E4.1.2 details the engagement level of IWBF with Sanctioned Events. Sanctioned Events are not limited to major events but do include the Summer Paralympic Games and Commonwealth Games. Specific regulations for Sanctioned Events with regard to qualification and their delivery is detailed in this section.

### **E15.1. Participation in Sanctioned Events**

- E15.1.1. For a team to enter a Sanctioned Event their NOWB must be a member in good standing with IWBF and they or their country should be eligible to participate in the sanctioned event.

### **E15.2. Summer Paralympic Games for Men and Women**

#### **E15.2.1. Participation**

- E15.2.1.1. The number of teams and structure of competition for the Summer Paralympic Games is negotiated at the beginning of every Paralympiad.

E15.2.1.2. The International Paralympic Committee has agreed that the Men's Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Tournament includes twelve teams and the Women's Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Tournament includes ten teams.

E15.2.2. Qualification System

E15.2.2.1. The qualification system for the Summer Paralympic Games shall be determined through Zonal Qualification Tournaments and Repechage Tournaments for the Summer Paralympic Games detailed in E14.6.

E15.2.2.2. The distribution of places available to each Zone, as well as those allocated through the Repechage Tournaments for the Summer Paralympic Games, will be confirmed once the total number of participating teams at the Summer Paralympic Games has been defined by the IPC.

E15.2.2.3. The Zones in question will determine their own qualifying systems with the approval of IWBF.

E15.2.3. IWBF will require minimum standards of quality in the delivery of their qualification competition.

E15.2.3.1. IWBF will require a minimum number of teams in the qualification competitions and this will be determined from time to time by the Executive Council of IWBF.

E15.2.3.2. In the event that a Zone does not have sufficient teams to hold a Qualification Tournament but has teams registered equal to or less than the number of team allocations that they have been given, the Zone may apply to IWBF to allow the registered teams to be directly qualified to the tournament in question. The IWBF Executive Council has the final authority to rule on allowing teams to be directly qualified. Teams directly qualified under this regulation E35.4.2 will be responsible to pay an additional fee to IWBF in recognition of the fact that they did not have the expenses of attending a qualification tournament. (P4.2)

E15.2.4. Registration

The deadline for registration for the Paralympic Tournaments shall be determined by the regulations of the International Paralympic Committee and shall be indicated in the regulations published for each sport.

E15.2.4.1. Participating teams shall cover their expenses according to the regulations established by the International Paralympic Committee.

E15.2.5. The travel and board and lodging expenses of the ITO's, shall be covered according to the provisions established by the International Paralympic Committee.

E15.3. Commonwealth Games

E15.3.1. Qualification

At the time of publication IWBF is in negotiation with the Commonwealth Games Federation to determine the qualification process for the Commonwealth Games. This section will be expanded.

E15.3.2. Registration

The deadline for registration for the Commonwealth Games shall be determined by

the regulations of the Commonwealth Games Federation and shall be indicated in the regulations published for each sport.

## **E16. IWBF (Endorsed) Events**

- E16.1. Endorsed events are recognised following an application detailed in Regulation E4.1.3.
- E16.2. This Regulation applies to all other international games and tournaments not included in E4.1.1 and E4.1.2 above but endorsed by IWBF.
- E16.3. Organisers of events are encouraged to seek the endorsement of, and work in close co-operation with, IWBF in the organising and running of the wheelchair basketball programme.

## **E17. Personnel and committees of IWBF Championships**

### **E17.1. Appointments**

- E17.1.1. The Chairperson of each appropriate Commission shall nominate International Technical Officials (ITOs) for IWBF World owned and sanctioned events. These nominations shall be verified by the Secretary General of IWBF. Following verification, they shall be announced.  
In the case of zonal events, the equivalent zonal position of IWBF shall make the appropriate appointment.
- E17.1.2. The Chairman of Competition Commission shall nominate the Technical Delegate, Technical Committee and Game Commissioners
- E17.1.2.1. In the case of the Technical Delegate, this role shall be approved by the IWBF Executive Council.
- E17.1.3. The Chairperson of Classification Commission shall nominate the Chairperson of the Classification Panel and Classifiers.
- E17.1.4. The Chairman of the Technical Commission shall nominate, Referee Supervisors and Referees.
- E17.1.5. The Secretary General shall appoint all other personnel including personnel for Media and Anti-Doping.

### **E17.2. Technical Delegate**

- E17.2.1. The Technical Delegate (TD) is responsible to ensure the requirements of IWBF are met in the lead up and delivery of IWBF Owned and Sanctioned Championships.
- E17.2.2. The Technical Delegate shall be engaged in contractual discussions, together with the Secretary General and LOC in order to ensure a holistic approach to the delivery of the event.

- E17.2.3. The Technical Delegate exists to supervise and implement IWBF Rules, Regulations and Guidelines.
- E17.2.4. They will be the representative of IWBF on matters relating to the delivery of the event. This shall include and not be limited to:
  - E17.2.4.1. Principal liaison with the Local Organising Committee (LOC);
  - E17.2.4.2. Preparation and management of site visits;
  - E17.2.4.3. The preparation of the game and the set-up of the venue;
  - E17.2.4.4. Scheduling of games;
  - E17.2.4.5. Adherence to broadcast and sponsorship with relevant IWBF personnel;
  - E17.2.4.6. Ensuring appropriate media services and facilities;
  - E17.2.4.7. The game being conducted in compliance with the spirit and the letter of the IWBF Statutes, Regulations and Wheelchair Basketball Rules;
  - E17.2.4.8. Resolution of disputes within the confines of the role;
  - E17.2.4.9. Chair of the Tournament Technical Committee;
  - E17.2.4.10. The management of Game Commissioners;
  - E17.2.4.11. The proper execution of any doping control tests;
  - E17.2.4.12. The production of an evaluation report in addition to that provided by the LOC.

#### E17.3. Tournament Technical Committee (TTC)

- E17.3.1. A Tournament Technical Committee (TTC) is appointed prior to each main official competition, cup and tournament of IWBF. It shall normally consist of three (3) or four (4) persons at an IWBF owned event, at a sanctioned event this figure may vary. Core appointees to the TTC are: The Chairman of the IWBF Competitions Commission (or his delegate), the Chairman of the IWBF Technical Commission (or his delegate).
- E17.3.2. If the event is organised in different venues of significant distance, there may at the discretion of IWBF be an equivalent number of TTCs.
- E17.3.3. The functions of the TTC are as follows:
  - E17.3.3.1. Supervision and approval of playing facilities and of the technical equipment as provided for in the Basketball Equipment Appendix to the Official Basketball Rules. This includes player equipment and clothing.
  - E17.3.3.2. Appointment of Game Commissioners and referees and approval of the personnel at the scorers' table.
  - E17.3.3.3. Approval of the final score of each game and the final ranking of the competition.
  - E17.3.3.4. Supervision of the implementation of the Regulations governing the Use of Advertising and enforce sponsorship requirements.

- E17.3.3.5. With the Technical Delegate ensure the event contract and specifications of IWBF are met in a positive manner.
- E17.3.3.6. Examination and decision on protests.
- E17.3.3.6.1. The imposition of penalties against players, coaches, assistant coaches, team followers, ITO's and table officials who have violated the spirit and the letter of the Statutes and the Internal Regulations of IWBF or the spirit of 'fair play' that must exist in wheelchair basketball. Penalties that are imposed shall be based upon the reports submitted by the commissioners and referees, as well as on observations by members of the TTC.
- E17.3.3.6.2. The TTC is responsible for making rulings concerning any other unsportsmanlike behaviour which may occur immediately before or after the game.
- E17.3.3.6.3. The Chairperson of the TTC (if not the TD) shall have the responsibility to inform the TD if one is present or the Secretary General if one there is no TD if an infraction is so severe that it is the opinion of the TTC that further sanctions should be considered by IWBF.
- E17.3.4. The TTC shall be disbanded with the announcement of the final ranking of the competition.

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E17.5. Game Commissioner

- E17.5.1. The game commissioner shall work at the direction of the TTC or the Technical Delegate which ever one is present.  
Their primary role shall be as much as possible ensure the smooth working of the scorer's table; and provide the referee with assistance as needed.
- E17.5.2. They shall be present at the assigned classification practice of each team for the purpose of confirming that all equipment and uniforms comply with the IWBF Rules and the IWBF Regulations on Advertising. At this time, they shall provide the team manager with a signed sheet notifying them of any changes that must be made and a time and place when this can be checked to see if it now conforms to the rules and regulations.
- E17.5.3. Game Commissioners shall inform the referees of any rulings made on the legality or otherwise of a player's chair or equipment during the chair check that have not been resolved
- E17.5.4. The Game Commissioner shall confirm with the referees the handover of the game responsibility to them when the briefing is completed.
- E17.5.5. The Game Commissioner must be seated at the scorers' table in accordance with the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.
- E17.5.6. The Game Commissioner shall instruct the Score Table when to start the game clock for the twenty minutes before the game starts.
- E17.5.7. The Game Commissioner shall provide information to the referees if he or she is requested to do so during or after the game, bearing in mind that the final decision rests with the referees.

E17.5.8. The Game Commissioner shall deliver immediately to the TTC the score sheet and any claim or protest received from one of the parties involved adding any information that may be relevant.

E17.6. Requirements for Referee Supervisors

E17.6.1. The Referee Supervisors role is to assist in the appointments, monitoring and professional development of IWBF Referees

E17.6.2. The Local Organizing Committee is obliged to provide a room for two (2) days (09:00 – 18:00) before the competition begins, and for each day during the competition. This room shall be equipped with:

E17.6.2.1. Audio-visual equipment, which will allow for the selection and copy of particular scenes from the games,

E17.6.2.2. A large screen and or computer projector or television with HDMI connections.

E17.6.2.3. One (1) DVD / Digital copy of all the games of the day shall be at the disposal of the IWBF Referee Supervisor at the latest on the evening of the same day.

E17.7. Requirements for Classifiers

E17.7.1. Classifiers are responsible for verification and assigning the classification of players at Tournaments.

E17.7.2. The LOC shall be obligated to provide adequate facilities for the classification of players for a period of at least two days prior to the start of the tournament. This involves the use of the training facilities as teams are scheduled to undergo practice, and an office or working space for the Chairperson of the Player Classification Panel (PCP) to conduct the administrative work of the PCP.

E17.7.3. The appointment of classifiers is governed by F of the Internal Regulations. The number shall be a minimum of three (3) classifiers and a maximum of six (6).

E17.7.4. Classification will take place in one gymnasium on the two days prior to the start of the tournament. The PCP will conduct the classification procedure. The LOC shall arrange training times for the teams.

For this procedure, the teams must be ready to practice on the court at the designated time.

E17.7.5. The Player Classification Panel will continue their duties throughout the Championships at designated ITO tables located courtside.

E17.8. Referees

E17.8.1. The Technical Regulations detail the conduct and regulations pertaining to Referees. The number of required referees is detailed in table 11.2.1.

E17.9. IT Media Representative

E17.9.1. The IWBF Media Representative shall be appointed by the Secretary General for the Championship.

- E17.9.2. The IWBF Media Representative must have full access to all media releases and IWBF reserve the right to require approval of all external media in relation to their owned events through the Media Representative.
- E17.9.3. All materials provided to the IWBF Media Representative must be in English.
- E17.9.4. The IWBF Media Representative shall have full access to all media facilities detailed in E11.11.

E17.10. Doping Control Representative

- E17.10.1. The Doping Control Representative shall be responsible for the liaison with the NADO on all tests at World Championships.
- E17.10.2. The LOC shall support the appointed representative with all requests related to Doping Control and testing.

E17.11. National Technical Officials

- E17.11.1. The Local Organising Committee is responsible for the appointment of all National Technical Officials (NTOs).
- E17.11.2. National Technical Officials include the Table Crew (Scorer, Assistant Scorer, Timer and Shot Clock operator) and Game Statisticians.
- E17.11.3. IWBF requires NTOs to be appropriately qualified and experienced.
- E17.11.4. IWBF would not object to NTO recruitment being from other Nations if necessary and deemed appropriate by the LOC.
- E17.11.5. All costs and rotas are the responsibility of the LOC
- E17.11.6. IWBF reserves the right to remove NTOs should the quality not be sufficient for the Championship by the TTC.

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E17.20. Transfer, resignation and dismissal of International Technical Officials (ITO) (Not dealt with elsewhere)

- E17.20.1. Any ITO who leaves his country of origin for business or other purposes keeps his title. However, in order to remain an active game commissioner and to have the

approval of IWBF for his transfer, he must become a member of his new NOWB after informing his former NOWB or he must remain supported by his “former” NOWB.

E17.20.2. The IWBF Secretary General can remove (temporarily or definitively) from the list of ITOs, anyone who has not satisfactorily carried out his task in the spirit of the Official Basketball Rules, the Constitution and the Internal Regulations of IWBF.

## **E18. Participating Teams**

### **E18.1. Participation of NOWB Teams**

E18.1.1. These regulations refer to IWBF Owned, Sanctioned or Endorsed Events and Competitions.

E18.1.2. Participation in other international games and tournaments shall not be subject to the above provisions. The organisers may invite teams from any country, on condition that the invited country is a member NOWB of IWBF and its affiliation is not suspended.

E18.1.3. Teams from a NOWB of IWBF may not participate in any international competition (games or tournaments) in which an entity not affiliated to a member NOWB of IWBF is participating, unless prior approval from both IWBF and the respective NOWB has been obtained.

E18.1.4. International games and tournaments between teams representing NOWBs or clubs must be authorised by the NOWB of the organisers. Furthermore, the respective NOWBs must authorise the participation of their teams in these competitions.

E18.1.5. The use of the IWBF logo and its properties may only be used at IWBF Owned, Sanctioned and Endorsed events.

### **E18.2. Participating in an Official IWBF Competition**

E18.2.1. Co-operation with the Local Organising Committee and with IWBF

E18.2.1.1. Participating teams shall co-operate closely with the Local Organising Committee and with IWBF in order to assure the technical and financial success of the event. In particular, the participating teams shall supply, in advance, the photographs and personal data of the players and all information as required by the organisers and/or IWBF. Any failure may result in a fine.

E18.2.1.2. Those responsible for teams taking part in an official international competition are required to facilitate the task of the Local Organising Committee by avoiding unnecessary expenses

E18.2.1.3. Teams are expected to be informed of all IWBF regulations and procedures.

E18.2.1.4. The teams taking part in an official competition of IWBF are obliged to respect the deadlines set for the preliminary and final entries provided for in the regulations applying to the competition. The formal confirmation of participation shall, in any

case, be provided before the draw of the competition is held, except for teams yet to be qualified at that time.

**E18.3. Eligibility of Teams**

- E18.3.1. Only qualified teams may take part in official international competitions unless the specific regulations of a competition say otherwise. If required, IWBF may invite non-qualified teams to replace qualified teams which have withdrawn from a competition.
- E18.3.2. Only teams of NOWBs that are up-to-date in the payment of their fees, including the current year, may take part in official competitions.
- E18.3.3. Should a team from a member country take part in an official competition of IWBF, any outstanding moneys due and owing to IWBF will be deducted from the annual IWBF subsidy to the relevant Zone. (See also D2.3).
- E18.3.4. Should a team from a federation that is not a member of IWBF or whose membership is suspended take part in an official competition, the said competition shall lose its official status automatically and shall no longer be recognised by IWBF unless the Executive Council decides otherwise.

**E18.4. Eligibility of Players**

- E18.4.1. The eligibility of players for national or club teams must conform to the Regulations governing the Eligibility of Players (J1) and the National Status of Players (J2).

**E18.5. Duties of the Participating Teams**

- E18.5.1. Teams taking part in an official competition of IWBF must respect the provisions of these Internal Regulations and/or the applicable regulations for each competition. They must be present at the site of the competition in due time and must co-operate at all times with the organisers and representatives of IWBF.
  - E18.5.1.1. A team that has accepted an invitation to take part in an official competition of IWBF shall be obliged to take part.
  - E18.5.1.2. In the event of violation of these provisions, the appropriate body of IWBF shall apply such penalties as are required. Where a club is involved, the decision shall be communicated to the NOWB to which the club belongs.
  - E18.5.1.3. In particular, teams participating in an official competition of IWBF may not under any circumstances:
    - E18.5.1.3.1. Refuse to leave the court at the beginning of half time;
    - E18.5.1.3.2. Refuse to play a game or leave the playing area before the end of a game;
    - E18.5.1.3.3. Refuse to participate in, or leave before the end of, the opening ceremony and/or the award ceremony and the closing ceremony;
    - E18.5.1.3.4. Behave inappropriately (or make insulting remarks), thus disrupting the smooth running of the competition, official functions or ceremonies.

**E18.6. Withdrawal From, Or Failure to Appear At, An Official Competition**

- E18.6.1. If, after having accepted the invitation to attend, a team should cancel its participation or should fail to appear at the opening of the competition, the Executive Council of IWBF or the appropriate body of IWBF shall have the right to sanction that party which is in breach of its obligations to appear. These penalties may be of a disciplinary and/or financial nature. In particular, IWBF may impose a fine in accordance with E18.7.1.
- E18.6.2. Part of the fine may be paid to the Local Organising Committee as compensation in the event of any financial loss.
- E18.6.3. A national team which has qualified to participate in an official competition of IWBF and which has withdrawn its participation from the said competition for any reason, is automatically banned from taking part in an official or friendly game for: thirty (30) days preceding the first day of the official competition for which it was qualified, the duration of the competition, and for thirty (30) days after the last day of this competition.

#### E18.7. Sanctions

- E18.7.1. Where there is a violation of the provisions of this Regulation E18.5, in addition to any provisions set out in the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, the appropriate body of IWBF may apply the following additional penalties:
  - Immediate disqualification from the current competition and disqualification of the team in question from all IWBF competitions for at least one (1) year, and,
  - A fine as stipulated in P2.
- E18.7.2. Cases not provided for in these Internal Regulations (such as, but not limited to, provocative gestures, not attending the post-game press conference or Championship Banquet) shall be judged on their own merits.

#### E18.8. Composition of National Delegations

- E18.8.1. For main official competitions of IWBF, a delegation (team) shall be made up of 16 persons, namely:
  - E18.8.1.1. Twelve (12) players
  - E18.8.1.2. Four (4) team staff members
- E18.8.2. Should a NOWB wish to send a more numerous delegation, it must assume all additional expenses. Under these conditions, the delegation may be made up of twenty-one (21) persons, that is, in addition to those mentioned above:
  - E18.8.2.1. Up to three (3) additional team staff members.
  - E18.8.2.2. The President of the NOWB.
  - E18.8.2.3. The Secretary General of the NOWB.
- E18.8.3. The additional team support staff, the Secretary General and the President will stay at the official competition hotel. The President of the NOWB will have a seat in the VIP Section.

- E18.8.4. The Secretary General will have a seat in the Participants' Tribune.
- E18.8.5. These persons will receive the same accreditation as the members of the delegation and are the responsibility of the organizers.
- E18.8.6. For any other person accompanying the delegation, the NOWB shall assume all additional expenses (including the price of the tickets for the competition) and must ensure hotel rooms are reserved. The organizers shall not be obliged to reserve rooms in the same hotel as the delegation proper or to arrange local transport.
- E18.8.7. The quota of Players may not be substituted for team staff.

E18.9. Insurance

- E18.9.1. The NOWBs and the clubs whose teams participate in an official competition must insure these teams against:
  - E18.9.1.1. Accidents which may occur during travel to and from the country of the competition venue.
  - E18.9.1.2. Accidents which may occur to members of their team during the competition and for which the organisers are not responsible.

**END OF REGULATIONS**



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# **REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLAYER CLASSIFICATION**



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**Regulation G – Regulations Governing Technical Commission, Referees, Referee Instructors and Referee Supervisors**

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**G1 Status of the Technical Commission**

G1.1 The Technical Commission is a standing commission of IWBF.

**G2 Duties and Responsibilities of the Technical Commission:**

G2.1 The Technical Commission shall:

- Draft the text of the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.
- Provide official interpretations to these rules and rule on doubtful cases or cases not clearly covered by the rules themselves.
- Serve as the competent authority on all questions dealing with the practical application of the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.
- Ensure the proper training of referee candidates, referees and referee instructor, including the preparation and conduct of courses for candidates, referees and referee instructors.
- Conduct a system of evaluating and testing candidates, under the supervision of IWBF, for international certification as wheelchair basketball referees.
- Receive from the Secretary General the names of individuals approved as referee candidates as requested.
- Receive from the Secretary General the list of officials achieving the standards and eligible for licensing by IWBF.
- Provide the Secretary General with an annual report containing a review of the standards of referees and instructors as well as recommendations on their future appointments.
- Advise the Secretary General of the assignments of the referees for the main official competitions of IWBF, except those competitions that come under the sole jurisdiction of the Zones of IWBF.
- Advise the Secretary General of the assignments of referees and examiners in all instances where a Zone does not have sufficient referees or referee instructors within the Zone and requires an appointment from a different Zone.
- Consult with the Zones on the assignments of the referees for the qualification tournaments for the main official world competitions of IWBF.
- Oversee the work of all referee related committees and panels appointed by the Commission or the Executive Council of IWBF.

### **G3 Structure of Technical Commission**

**G3.1** The Technical Commission shall be made up of:

- The Chairman elected by the NOWBs at the World Congress.
- 3 – 6 additional individuals appointed by the Chairman of the Technical Commission, in consultation with the President and the Secretary General of IWBF, and ratified by the Executive Council.
- The President and the Secretary General of IWBF who are ex officio members of all commissions of IWBF.

**G3.2** Membership is strictly personal and representation by proxy is not permitted.

**G3.3** Membership shall expire at the next ordinary session of the World Congress.

**G3.4** The Technical Commission shall meet whenever necessary, but at least once every two years, at the invitation of the Chairman of the Commission, in consultation with the Secretary General. Meetings may be in person or by such other means as determined by the Chairman in consultation with the Secretary General.

**G3.5** Members of the Technical Commission who do not take an active part in the work of the Commission may be replaced at the request of the Chairman of the Commission and the approval of the Executive Council.

**G3.6** The Chairman of the Technical Commission shall also be an ex officio member of each Zone committee with the same task.

**G3.7** The Technical Commission may appoint sub-committees as necessary.

**G3.8** The Chairman of the Commission is an ex officio member of all sub-committees of the Commission.

### **G4 Role of the Chairman**

**G4.1** The Chairman of the Technical Commission shall be responsible for:

- Reviewing the current Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, drafting amendments to these rules, including modifications to equipment or the playing court, as well as editing the rules and making recommendations to the Technical Commission. Reviewing all proposals received from NOWBs relating to changes to the rules. He may use such other persons as he needs to assist him in this task.  
*Note: The Executive Council shall ensure all proposals received are on the agenda of the World Congress. They shall inform the NOWB's which of the proposals are endorsed by the Technical Commission*
- Be responsible for reviewing the FIBA rule changes and their impact on the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules and making recommendations to the Technical Commission and the Executive Council.

- In consultation with the Secretary General provide the names of the referees and referee supervisors assigned to World Championships and Paralympic Games.

**G5      Regulations Governing International Referees****IWBF System of Certification of International Referees****G5.1      Referee Courses**

Each NOWB affiliated to IWBF has the right to nominate candidates for Certification from amongst its national referees. There are two levels of IWBF certification - Zone and International. An NOWB may have an unlimited number of zone and international referees.

The Chairman of the Technical Commission in consultation with the Secretary General of IWBF is responsible for approving the official referee courses where candidates will receive their IWBF certification as Zone or International Licensed Referees.

Zones are authorised to conduct referee courses that have been approved. They must comply with the regulations stated in this section.

The Secretary General of IWBF will maintain a list of official referee courses where candidates can be certified. As much as possible this list will be available on the IWBF website and circulated to NOWBs at least 2 months in advance of the course being held.

The Secretary General of IWBF in consultation with the Chairman of the Technical Commission will maintain a world listing of the individuals accredited as IWBF Referee Instructors. Only IWBF accredited Referee Instructors may be used for official IWBF referee courses. As much as possible instructors should not be from the same country as the candidate(s).

The Technical Commission with the assistance of the IWBF Secretariat supplies the instructors with the necessary material to teach and examine the candidates.

Only the official texts and examinations established by the Technical Commission of IWBF are valid.

Where a Zone does not have sufficient referee instructors to conduct an examination they must apply to the IWBF Secretariat who will consult with the Chairman of the Technical Commission for name(s) to be proposed to the Zone. The Secretariat will consult with the Zone but will have the final authority to appoint the necessary instructor keeping in mind the costs. The Secretariat will make the contact with the proposed instructor to confirm acceptance. The Secretariat will confirm the appointment with the Zone hosting the course, the instructor, his NOWB and his Zone. The Zone hosting the course is responsible for all further contacts with the instructor.

**G5.2 Application Procedure**

In order to be accepted as a candidate for the Zone or International referee level, individuals must be proposed officially by their NOWB.

The candidate's NOWB must forward an application form along with the fee as set out in Regulation P4 to the Secretary General of IWBF two months before the date set for the Candidate course. The Secretary General of IWBF will first confirm the candidate meets the standard. Upon confirming the candidate meets the standards the Secretary General of IWBF will forward the application to the relevant Zone Secretary General. In exceptional circumstances the Secretary General of IWBF in consultation with the Secretary General of the relevant Zone may accept an application for a candidate up until the start of the course. The fee as set out in P4 or the equivalent in a currency specified by the Zone where the course is taking place must accompany the form or be presented at the course with the approval of the Zone. This fee must be paid for each examination, Zone and International.

The NOWB of candidates who are accepted will receive notice of selection for examination as soon as possible after the receipt of the application. This notification will be sent by the Secretary General of IWBF, if IWBF is organizing the course. If the course is being organized by a Zone of IWBF the Secretary General of the Zone will inform the relevant NOWB. It is the responsibility of the NOWB of the candidate to inform the candidate of their acceptance and to make all arrangements for the candidate to attend the course. The NOWB is responsible for all candidate expenses including transportation, accommodation, meals and fees. The host organization will provide the candidate with access to the tournament site. The examiner must reserve a minimum of 3 (three) games for each candidate. The candidate shall be assisted in these matches by internationally licensed referees.

**G5.3** Candidates who do not pass their examination will not be eligible to register as a candidate again until one year after the last attempt.

**G5.4** Certification of Zone Referees:

Candidates proposed for their Zone license should have a minimum of 2 years' experience refereeing wheelchair basketball at the highest national level and must have been actively refereeing wheelchair basketball in the twelve months preceding the tournament at which they will be examined.

The recommended age of the applicant shall be 40 years or younger at the date of the examination in the year of 2019.

After the year 2019 the recommended age of the applicant shall be 37 years or younger at the date of the examination.

They should be able to communicate in English as that is the official language of IWBF.

They must participate in a tournament approved by IWBF.

Candidates must attend a referee course organized for the purpose of training zone referees. The course will be under the direction of IWBF Referee Instructors and will include:

- Theory sessions where the IWBF rules will be detailed and discussed;
- An examination where they will need to show their understanding of the rules through written and verbal means. They will be required to score within set parameters;
- Practical sessions where the candidates will have an opportunity to referee in game situations;
- A session where the candidates will use wheelchairs to become familiar with the principles being discussed;
- A physical fitness test as determined by IWBF.

They must meet the standards set by the Technical Commission in order to pass.

Candidates for Zone and International Referee certification may attend the same course.

## **G6 Testing Procedure for Zone Certification**

**G6.1** The instructors will meet with the candidate before the examination. They will explain the main objectives and the content of the examination.

**G6.2** The testing shall be conducted in the following manner:

The instructors shall first conduct the theoretical Course including the session using the wheelchair which all candidates must attend.

- IWBF written rules test which is written in English as established by the Technical Commission; and if the rules tests is passed,
- The physical test as prescribed by the Technical Commission; and if passed,
- The Practical Game Examination.

### **Concerning the practical game examination:**

- Each candidate who meets the criteria of G.6.1, G.6.2, and G6.2.3 will be entitled to up to three game assignments to reach the level required for obtaining their licence.

There will be 5 Categories of possible exam results:

- Category 1: 92-100.
- Category 2: 82 – 91.
- Category 3: 72 – 81.
- Category 4: 68 – 71.
- Category 5: less than 68- Failure.

- At the end of each game, the examination team shall discuss the result with the candidate. If the candidate scores in Category 5 in any game they

will not continue. If the candidate scores in *Category 4* in their first game they will be given a second game and if necessary a third game to achieve the standard.

- To be licensed as an IWBF Zone referee, the candidate must score *Category 3* or higher in at least one of his games. In cases involving failure to achieve a sufficient standard, the examination team shall explain the specific reasons for failure.

**G6.3** The Instructors will immediately send the examination files, along with one passport picture, to the Secretary General of IWBF who will forward a copy to the Secretary General of the IWBF Zone that the candidate is from and the Chairman of the Technical Commission. If successful, the Zone licence will be issued at the conclusion of the course. The Secretary General of IWBF will issue a letter of confirmation to the NOWB.

**G6.4** Generally, the Secretary General of IWBF and the Secretaries General of the Zones shall communicate with the international referees only through their respective NOWBs with the exception that the Secretary General of IWBF and the Secretaries General of the Zones may contact a referee directly to issue an invitation to act as a referee. They will inform the NOWB of the referee of this appointment.

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**G7 Zone Licence**

**G7.1** The Zone referee licence is valid for one year. It will be renewed annually upon payment of the annual fee until the referee no longer meets the quality and age criteria set by IWBF or its Zones.

**G7.2** In order to be considered as an active IWBF Zone referee, each Zone referee must take part in an official course approved by IWBF at least once every four years which includes a theory session; they must pass the rules examination; pass a physical fitness test as described by the Technical Commission. It is possible that a referee may not complete all of the requirements at one time but with the permission of the Secretary General of the relevant zone may complete the requirements in separate sessions.

**G7.3** The revocation of a zone referee's licence may be decided by the Executive Council of the relevant Zone upon recommendation of the Technical Officer of the Zone or upon recommendation of the Technical Commission of IWBF.

**G7.4** The Zone referee license is only valid in the Zone that issued it.

**G7.5** An NOWB may be allowed to bring a Zone referee as their delegation referee to a Qualification tournament of IWBF with the permission of the relevant Zone.

G7.6 Under no circumstances may a Zone referee who is not a certified International Referee be accepted as a referee for World Championships or Paralympic Games.

## **G8 Procedures for Obtaining International Certification**

In order to obtain the title of international referee of IWBF, the candidates must be proposed officially by their NOWB (See G5.2) and fulfil the following obligations:

G8.1 Referees proposed for examination must have a minimum of five years' experience refereeing wheelchair basketball or hold a Zone referee license.

The recommended age for the applicant shall be 45 years or younger at the date of examination in the year of 2019.

After the year 2019 the recommended age of the applicant shall be 40 years or younger at the date of the examination.

G8.2 They must also have been actively refereeing wheelchair basketball at the top level in their NOWB in the twelve months preceding the tournament at which they will be examined.

G8.3 They should be able to communicate in English as that is the official language of IWBF.

G8.4 They must participate in a tournament approved by IWBF.

G8.5 They must participate in an international candidates' course which includes a theory session.

G8.6 They must pass the rules examination which is written in English, the match examination, as well as a physical fitness test approved by IWBF. Only the official texts and examinations established by the Technical Commission of IWBF are valid.

G8.7 In exceptional cases, the testing of candidates for international certification can take place at any international tournament except the World Championships and the Paralympic Games. Permission to hold referee examinations under G8.7 must be obtained from the IWBF Secretariat.

G8.8 If a candidate applies for his International license and fails to achieve the standards he may not be given the Zone license even if he meets the standards. The candidate can only receive the license for the level he has applied for if he passes.

G8.9 If he already holds a Zone license he does not forfeit it unless he fails to achieve the standards for the Zone license.

## **G9 Procedure for Testing for International Certification**

G9.1 The instructors must meet with the candidate before the examination. They shall explain the main objectives and the content of the examination.

G9.2 The testing shall be conducted in the following manner:

- a) The instructors shall first conduct the theoretical session which shall also include a session using a wheelchair which all candidates must attend.
- b) IWBF written rules test (given in English) as established by the Technical Commission; and if the rules tests are passed,
- c) The physical test as prescribed by the Technical Commission; and if passed,
- d) The Practical Game Examination.

**Concerning the practical game examination:**

Each candidate who meets the criteria of G.9.2.a) – d) will be entitled to up to three game assignments to reach the level required for obtaining their licence.

There will be 5 Categories of possible exam results:

- Category 1: 92-100.
- Category 2: 82 – 91.
- Category 3: 72 – 81.
- Category 4: 68 – 71.
- Category 5: less than 68- Failure.

At the end of each game, the examination team shall discuss the result with the candidate. If the candidate scores in *Category 5* they will not continue. If the candidate scores in *Category 4 or higher* they will be given a second game and if necessary, a third game to achieve the standard.

To be licensed as an IWBF International referee, the candidate must score *Category 2 or higher* in at least one of their games.

In cases involving failure to achieve a sufficient standard, the examination team shall explain the specific reasons for failure.

G9.3 The Instructors will immediately send the examination files, along with one passport picture, to the Secretary General of IWBF who will forward a copy to the Secretary General of the IWBF Zone that the candidate is from and the Chairman of the Technical Commission. If successful, the International referee licence will be issued at the conclusion of the course. The Secretary General of IWBF will issue a letter of confirmation to the NOWB.

G9.4 The Secretary General of IWBF and the Secretary Generals of the Zones shall communicate with the international referees only through their respective NOWBs.

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G10 **International Licence**

G10.1 The international referee licence is valid for one year. It will be renewed annually upon payment of the annual fee until the referee no longer meets the quality and age criteria set by IWBF or its Zones.

G10.2 In order to retain their IWBF license, each international referee must take part in an official refresher course approved by IWBF that takes place in the four years between the men's World Championships (for example 2018 – 2022). The course will include three components: a theoretical session, a rules examination and a physical fitness test. With the approval of IWBF it is possible to pass parts of the components at separate times.

G10.3 Licenced referees who fail the fitness or rules examination as part of the refresher course may be allowed to retry this at a time and place approved by the Technical Commission.

G10.4 The revocation of a referee's licence may be decided by the IWBF Executive Council upon recommendation of the Technical Commission.

**G11 Fees**

G11.1 See Regulation P4 for fees for Referees.

**G12 Selection Of Referees**

G12.1 NOWBs are required to provide a list of all their available, active, internationally licensed referees to the Secretary General no later than January 1st of each year. At the beginning of each year the Secretary General of IWBF will forward to each NOWB a list of their referees registered with the IWBF as part of their annual membership invoice. The Secretary General of IWBF will forward the names of the referees approved by the NOWB to the Secretary Generals of the relevant Zone by January 31st of each year upon payment of the invoice.

G12.2 The NOWB agrees that any referee they approve by payment of the licence fee is eligible to be contacted by the Secretariat for an international appointment.

G12.3 NOWBs are responsible for informing the Secretariat if they wish to have a referee's name removed from the list of referees (G12.1) that are eligible for international assignments.

G12.4 The Secretariat will inform the NOWB of a referee appointment.

G12.5 The referees for the World Championships or Paralympic Games shall be appointed by the Secretary General of IWBF upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Technical Commission in consultation with the President of IWBF. The referees shall be informed, if possible, at least four (4) months in advance of the start of the tournament by the Secretary General of IWBF.

G12.6 The referees for the Qualification Tournaments or Zone Championships, which are also Qualification Tournaments to the World Championships or Paralympic Games shall be appointed by the Zone under whose jurisdiction the tournament is held. The Secretary General of the Zone shall forward the names of the proposed referees to the IWBF Secretariat for approval before

the invitations are sent out. The selected referees shall be informed, if possible, at least four (4) months in advance of the start of the tournament by the relevant Zone Secretary General.

**G13 Notification of Appointment of International Referees**

G13.1 The relevant Zone Secretary General will inform the NOWB should one of their referees be selected.

G13.2 The relevant Zone Secretary General shall provide the nominated referees with the following details:

- Arrival and departure date.
- Travel arrangements.
- Name of the person to report to upon arrival.
- The name and location of the accommodation.
- The LOC contact information.

G13.3 Once a nominated referee has accepted the appointment, withdrawal from a tournament may result in a penalty being assessed to the NOWB of the individual. Where withdrawal is necessary, the nominated referee must inform the IWBF Secretary General, as soon as possible, along with the reason for the withdrawal. The Secretary General will then determine if a penalty should be assessed and inform the respective NOWB of the decision. If a penalty is assessed, the respective NOWB will have the right to appeal the decision in accordance with the appeal process of IWBF as detailed in Regulation M

G13.4 IWBF is responsible for the travel arrangements and costs for the referee if the event is a World Championship or the Paralympics. The relevant Zone is responsible for ensuring in their regulation's responsibility for payment for the costs for the referees at tournaments under the jurisdiction of the Zone. The relevant Secretary General will be responsible to communicate this information to the referee and the LOC.

G13.5 Generally, the Secretary General of IWBF and the Secretaries General of the Zones will communicate with the international referees only through their respective NOWB with the exception that the Secretary General of IWBF and the Secretaries General of the Zones who may contact a referee directly to issue an invitation to act as referee. They will inform the NOWB of the referee of this appointment.

G13.6 All games of the main official competitions, cups and tournaments of IWBF shall be officiated by international referees of nationalities other than those represented by the two teams on court.

G13.7 For the Paralympic Games, the number of referees is dependent on the system of competition used. The expenses of these referees shall be covered according to the provisions established by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). See art. E11

G13.8 For the World Championships the number of referees appointed is dependent on the system of competition in question. See art. E11.2

G13.9 For Zone championships, qualification tournaments for World Championships or Paralympic Games or other zone tournaments under the jurisdiction of the Zones, the competent body of the Zone shall appoint the number of referees necessary for the competition.

G13.10 For international tournaments recognized by IWBF, the organiser may ask the Secretary General of the relevant Zone to appoint the number of international referees they consider necessary.

G13.11 For the games of the official cups and tournaments of IWBF, the referees shall be appointed according to the provisions contained in the regulations for the competition concerned.

G13.12 Where a Zone does not have sufficient available licensed referees to conduct a tournament they must apply to the IWBF Secretariat who will consult with the Chairman of the Technical Commission for a name or names to be proposed to the Zone. The Secretariat will consult with the Zone but will have the final authority to appoint the necessary international referees keeping in mind the costs. The Secretariat will make the contact with the proposed referee to confirm acceptance. The Secretariat will confirm the appointment with the Zone hosting the tournament, the referee, his NOWB and his Zone. The Zone hosting the tournament is responsible for all further contact with the referee.

**G14 Duties of International Referees**

G14.1 An international referee appointed to officiate a game represents IWBF on court. He and his colleagues are primarily responsible for the applications of the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules and the related Comments & Interpretations.

G14.2 Their duties are defined in the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules and the related Comments & Interpretations.

G14.3 The international referee shall co-operate with the organisers to ensure the smooth running of the game and must make certain that the interests of the two teams on the court are in no way encroached upon. If the tournament is under the direction of a TTC then the International referee shall report to the Chairman of the TTC. If there is no TTC then the international referee shall report to the IWBF representative or to the competent body.

G14.4 If the crew chief feels that it is proper to make a report on the game, he shall do so immediately after the game and send it to the Secretary General of IWBF or the relevant Zone Secretary General, or provide it to the Tournament Technical Committee, if applicable.

G14.5 If the Game Commissioner of IWBF is not present, the crew chief must ascertain that the scoresheet conforms to the model approved by IWBF with the original (white sheet) for IWBF and one copy for each team.

G14.6 If the Game Commissioner of IWBF is not present before the beginning of the game, the crew chief shall ensure that all players whose names appear

on the scoresheet are in possession of a valid IWBF ID Card and Classification Card. If that is not the case, he shall report this to IWBF.

**G14.7** International referees shall wear the IWBF badge embroidered or printed on their shirts.

#### **G15 Transfer, Resignation And Dismissal**

**G15.1** Any international referee who leaves his country of origin for business or other purposes keeps his title of international referee.

**G15.2** In order to remain active and be appointed for international competitions, he may remain a representative of his former NOWB or must become a member of the NOWB of his new country. The Secretary General of IWBF will recognize the new affiliation upon confirmation by the Secretariat that there are no outstanding issues with his former NOWB.

**G15.3** The IWBF Executive Council, upon recommendation of the Technical Commission, can remove from the list of international referees, any referee who has not satisfactorily carried out his task in the spirit of the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, the Statutes and the Internal Regulations of IWBF, or who, after having accepted an appointment as referee, fails to carry out his mission without giving any valid reason.

**G15.4** Upon receipt of notification from an NOWB of the suspension of an international referee, as a national referee, IWBF will normally suspend the international referee as well.

**G15.5** If an international referee temporarily resigns, he can only become an international referee again by passing the necessary examinations according to the provision in these regulations.

**G15.6** The Secretary General, after consultation with the Chairman of the Technical Commission, will inform the NOWB and the referee where a report from the Referee Supervisor advises that the referee no longer meets the standards to continue as an international referee. (G14.6).

#### **G16 Inactive Referee**

**G16.1** A referee who retires or fails to recertify is considered to be an inactive referee.

**G16.2** Inactive referees may continue to use the title IWBF referee and may register with IWBF upon payment of the annual fee as set out in P4. They may not be considered for International appointments to IWBF Main Official Tournaments.

#### **G17 International Referee Instructors**

##### **Qualification**



G17.1 IWBF Technical Commission is responsible for identifying the individuals it wishes to become accredited as an International Referee Instructor. The individual must meet the following criteria:

G17.2 The individual shall be:

- A member in good standing of a NOWB;
- An experienced referee at the international level of IWBF;
- An active or non active international referee;
- When acting in the capacity of International Referee Instructor, he may not also be appointed as a referee to the same tournament.

G17.3 The individual must complete a course organized by IWBF for the purpose of accrediting international referee instructors.

#### **G17 Duties and Responsibilities of the International Referee Instructors**

G17.1 At the start of the referee's course the Instructor shall:

- Meet with all the candidates and outline the course work.
- Collect the forms and course fee from the candidates.
- Distribute course material.

G17.2 At the conclusion of the course the Instructor shall:

- Inform the candidates of the results of their examinations.
- Provide successful candidates with their badge and License, if available.
- Provide a report to the Secretary General of IWBF which includes the following:
  - The results of all candidates.
  - Information on which candidates received their badge and license.
  - The contact information of all candidates including unsuccessful candidates.
  - A financial report for the course.
  - An expense report, if necessary.

#### **G18 Referee Supervisor**

G18.1 IWBF may appoint individuals to assist the TTC at a tournament in the supervision of the game referees. Such individuals shall be appointed on a tournament by tournament basis.

The Referee Supervisor shall:

- Have sufficient English language skills to be able to communicate well with referees and the members of the TTC.
- Observe the work of the active referees during the tournament.
- Provide each referee with an assessment of his performance in the games the Referee Supervisor observes which should include helpful information and constructive technical comments for their own improvement.

- Report to the Chairman of the Technical Commission (TC) or his delegate.
- The Referee Supervisor shall advise the representative of the Technical Commission on the TTC on the appointment of referees for each game.
- The Referee Supervisor shall, at the end of the tournament, provide the Secretary General of IWBF with a complete report of his observations of the referees at the tournament which should include:
  - A ranking of the referees under the categories *Excellent; Very good; Good; Sufficient; Not Recommended*.
  - If a referee is *Not Recommended* for future appointments the referee supervisor must provide the rationale as part of his report.
- This report is confidential and not to be circulated by anyone other than the Secretary General who will make it available to the Chairman of the Technical Commission.

## **G19 Selection of Referee Supervisors**

G19.1 The number of IWBF Referee Supervisors for each competition is determined by the Chairman of the Technical Commission in consultation with the IWBF Secretary General.

G19.2 The Chairman of the Technical Commission shall provide the Secretary General with the names of the Referee Supervisors for the main official competitions of IWBF, except those competitions that come under the sole jurisdiction of the Zones of IWBF.

## **G20 Notification of Appointment of Referee Supervisors**

G20.1 All appointments of IWBF Referee Supervisors shall be sent directly to the nominated Referee Supervisor with a copy to the NOWB.

G20.2 The Secretary General, if the event is a world championship or Paralympic Games, or the Secretary General of the relevant Zone if the event is a qualification tournament or a zonal tournament, shall inform nominated Referees Supervisors at least four (4) months prior to the start of the tournament with a copy to their NOWB. The Referee Supervisor shall confirm their acceptance to the relevant Secretary General within 72 hours of receiving the nomination(s) with a copy to their NOWB. Once the nominations have been finalised, IWBF shall be responsible for making all travel arrangements. The organizers may communicate with the Referee Supervisor only at the direction of IWBF.

G20.3 The relevant Secretary General shall provide the Referee Supervisors who are selected with the following:

- Arrival and departure date.
- Travel arrangements.
- Name of the person to report to upon arrival.
- The name and location of the accommodation.
- The LOC contact information.



G20.4 IWBF is responsible for the travel arrangements and travel costs for the Referee Supervisor. It will be responsible to communicate this information to the Referees Supervisor and the LOC.

G20.5 Once a nominated Referee Supervisor has accepted the appointment, withdrawal from a tournament may result in a penalty being assessed to the NOWB of the individual. Where withdrawal is necessary the nominated Referee Supervisor must inform the relevant Secretary General as soon as possible along with the reason for the withdrawal. The Secretary General involved will then determine if a penalty should be assessed and inform the NOWB of the individual of the decision. If a penalty is assessed the NOWB of the individual will have the right to appeal the decision in accordance with the appeal process of IWBF.

**END OF REGULATIONS – SECTION G**

## Section H – Regulations Governing the Use of Advertising

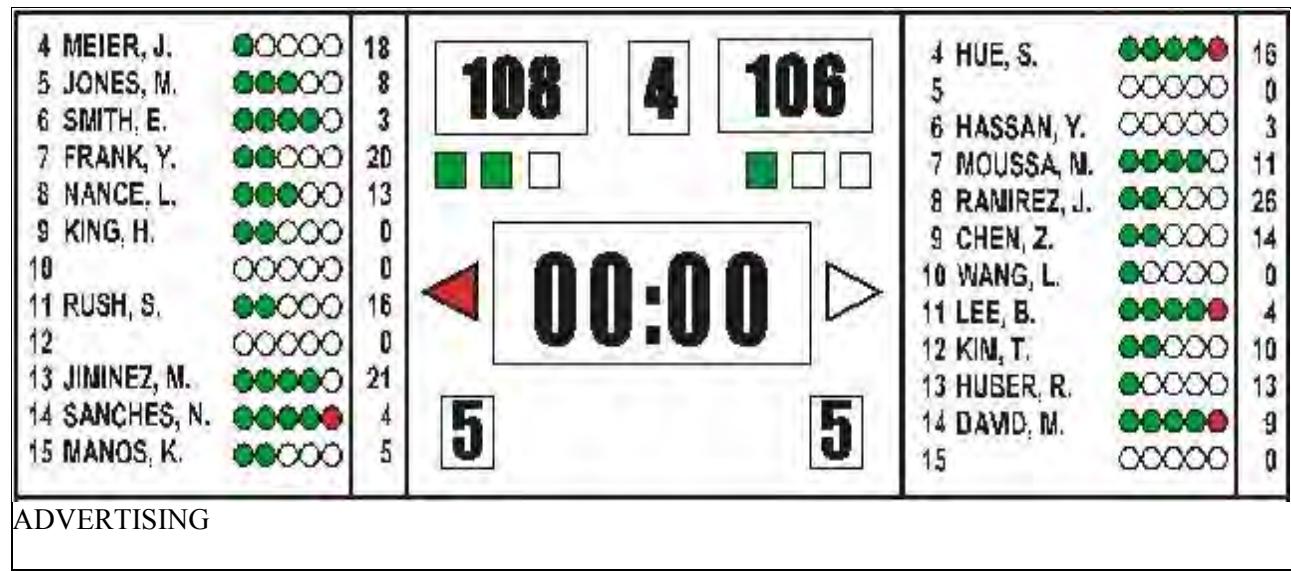
### H1 Technical Equipment and The Playing Court

H1.1 Baskets, backboards, backboard supports, backboard padding and backboard support padding:

- Advertising is prohibited on baskets, backboards, backboard supports, backboard padding and backboard support padding.
- The manufacturer's name, trademark or logo solely is permitted on the metallic structure of the backboard supports (once only on each side of the structure and with a maximum size of 250 cm<sup>2</sup>) and on the side padding of the backboard supports (once only on each side of the supports and with a maximum size of 250 cm<sup>2</sup>).

H1.2 Game information boards (Scoreboards)

- Advertising is permitted on scoreboards provided it does not obstruct or interfere with the functioning of the scoreboards.



H1.3 Centre circle and free-throw semicircles

- Advertising is prohibited inside the centre circle which is used exclusively by IWBF for its own brand (See diagram under H1.5.6).

H1.4 Advertising may be permitted, with the express approval of the appropriate IWBF body, inside the free throw circles provided that:

- The advertising is the same in both circles.
- There is only one identical company name or logo in both circles.
- The free throw lines are clearly visible.

H1.5 Playing court area

H1.5.1 Advertising is prohibited inside the boundaries (end lines and sidelines) of the playing court.

H1.5.2 Advertising is permitted outside the boundaries provided that it is located at a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the said boundaries (this includes advertising on the floor/parquet).  
Advertising which is free-standing around the court must be padded around the top for the protection of the players if considered necessary.

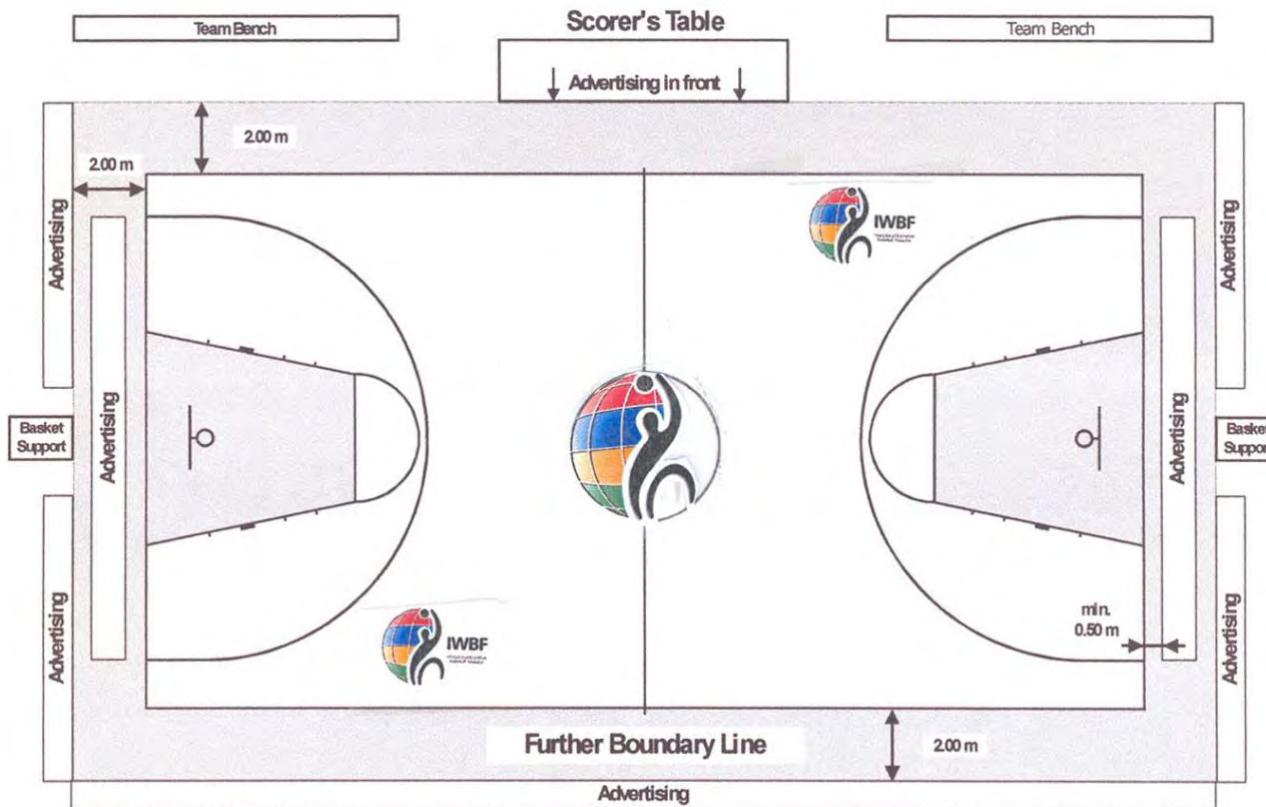
H1.5.3 The name of the arena, city or municipality, etc., can be displayed in white lettering at least 50 cm outside the sidelines or end lines (inside the further boundary line). At the request of the organisers, other conditions may be accepted by the appropriate IWBF body.

H1.5.4 Any advertising next to the scorers' table must be located:

- At a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the scorers' table, and
- In a single line with it.

H1.5.5 Advertising is permitted in front of the scorers' table provided that it is placed directly in front of and flush with the table.

H1.5.6 The IWBF logo must appear on the playing court as per the following diagram.





## **H2      Referees and Table Officials**

H2.1 Advertising is prohibited on referees' clothing during main and other official competitions of IWBF, except where sold as rights by IWBF, when all referees will be similarly attired.

H2.2 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear on referees' clothing, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

H2.3 Advertising is allowed on table officials' clothing during main official competitions of IWBF, if such clothing is supplied by a commercial partner of an IWBF body.

## **H3      PLAYERS**

### **H3.1     Playing Uniforms**

H3.1.1 For a total of three different advertisings, advertising is permitted:

- *On the front of the shirts.*
- *On the back of the shirts*
- *On the shorts/pants.*

### **H3.2     Shirts**

H3.2.1 Shirts must conform to the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules (article 4.3)

H3.2.2 The front of the shirt shall conform to the following provisions:

H3.2.3 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

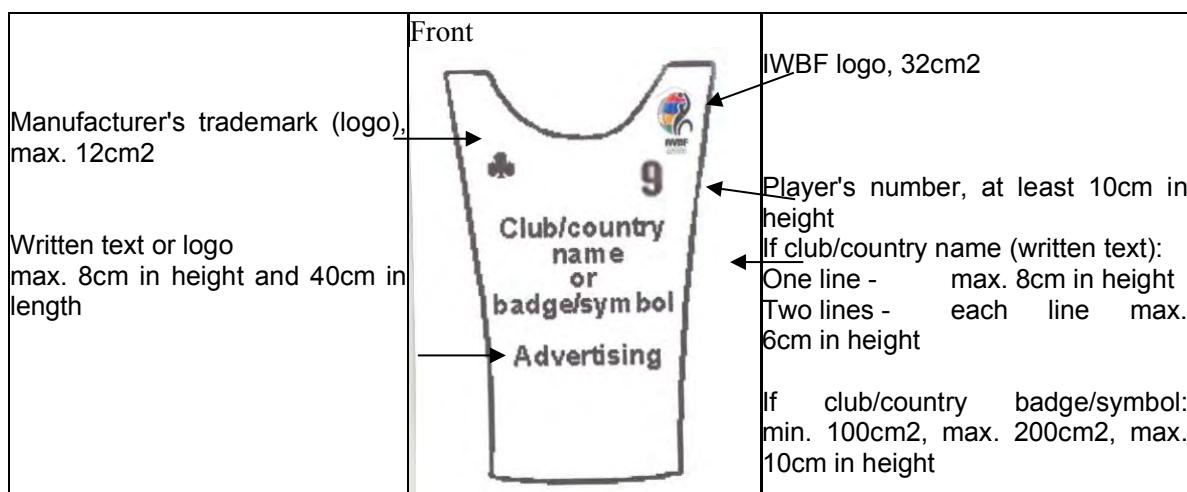
H3.2.4 The IWBF logo must appear on the front of the shirt (see diagram) for all main official competitions of IWBF (E4.1).

H3.2.5 The player's number must appear and be clearly visible and at least 10 cm high. Any other markings on the front of the shirt must be at a distance of at least 5 cm from the player's number.

H3.2.6 The name or the badge or symbol of the club or country may appear on the front of the shirts as follows:

- Above the advertising.
- If the written text comprises one (1) line, the letters shall be a maximum of 8 cm in height. If the written text comprises two (2) lines, the letters on each line shall be a maximum of 6 cm in height.
- The badge/symbol must not be smaller than 100 cm<sup>2</sup> nor larger than 200 cm<sup>2</sup> and shall be a maximum of 10 cm in height.

H3.2.7 Advertising of one (1) sponsor only is permitted provided that the written text or the sponsor's logo is a maximum of 8 cm in height and maximum of 40 cm in length.


**H3.2.8**The back of the shirt shall conform to the following provisions:

- The player's surname may appear above the player's number and shall comprise only one (1) line of text. The height of the writing must be between 6cm and 8cm. If the player's surname is used on one shirt, the surnames of all players must appear on their shirts.
- The player's number must appear and be clearly visible and at least 20 cm high. Any other markings on the back of the shirt must be at a distance of at least 5 cm from the player's number.
- Advertising of one sponsor only is permitted on the back of shirts, provided that the written text or the sponsor's logo is a maximum of 8 cm in height and of 40 cm in length.


**H3.2.9**At least one (1) month prior to the first game of the competition, clubs or national federations must submit to the IWBF Secretariat for approval a drawing/design of the uniform which will be worn during the competition. This can be sent by mail or fax.

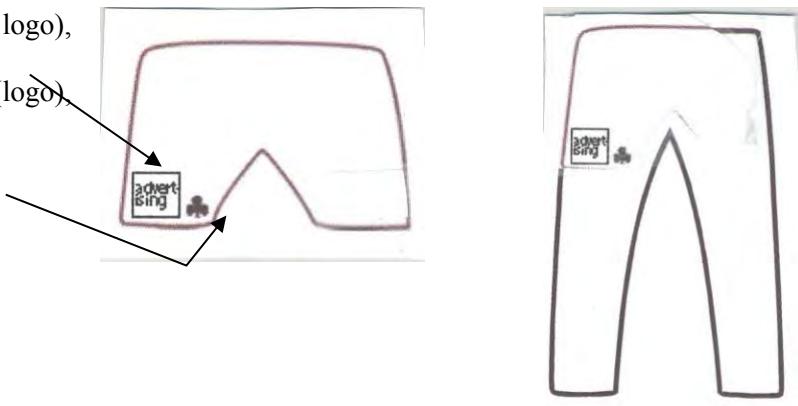
**H3.3      Shorts/Pants**

- Shorts/Pants must conform to the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules (article 4.3).

- Advertising is permitted on the front of the shorts/pants (see diagram) provided that:
- The advertising is of one sponsor only, and
- The sponsor's written text or logo is of a maximum of 100 cm<sup>2</sup>
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- The player's number is not permitted on the shorts/pants.

Advertising (written text or logo),  
max. 64cm<sup>2</sup>

Manufacturer's trademark (logo)  
max. 12cm<sup>2</sup>



### H3.4 Socks

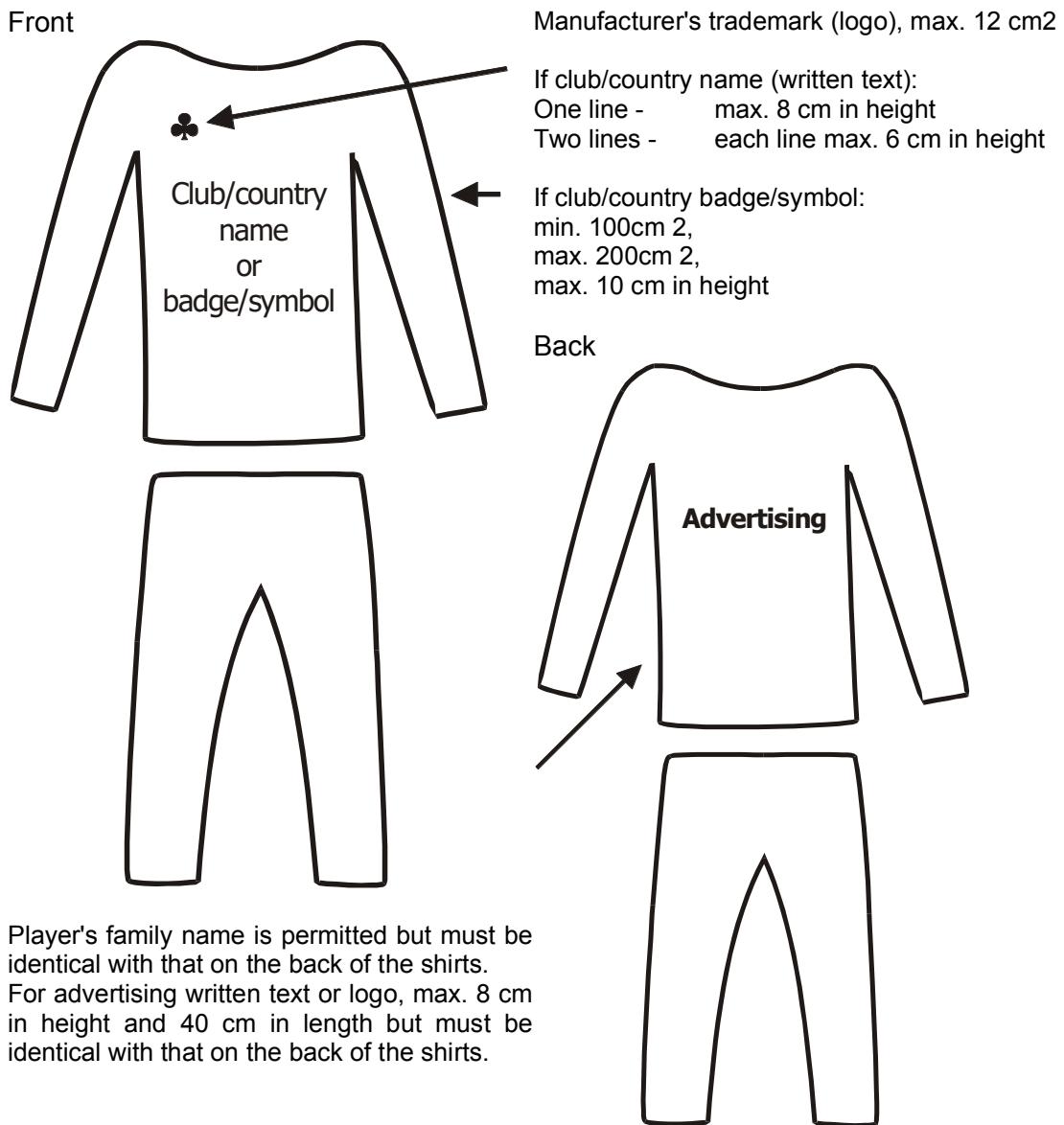
- Advertising is prohibited on socks.
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

### H3.5 Warm-up T-shirts

- Advertising is permitted on the front of warm-up T-shirts but must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the playing shirts.
- The name or the badge/symbol of the club or country may appear on the front of the warm-up T-shirts.
- Advertising is permitted on the back of warm-up T-shirts, but it must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the shirt.
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

### H3.6 Tracksuits

- Advertising is permitted on the front of tracksuits but must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the playing shirts...
- The name or the badge/symbol of the club or country may appear on the front of the tracksuits
- Advertising is permitted on the back of tracksuits, but it must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the shirts
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- The player's family name is permitted on the back of the tracksuit but it must be identical (same name and size) with that on the back of the shirts.



### H3.7 Shoes

- Advertising is prohibited on the shoes.
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear.

### H3.8 Undergarments

- All undergarments such as T-shirts worn under uniforms, cycling shorts, etc., must be the same colour as the respective part of uniform.
- Advertising is prohibited on all visible parts of undergarments.
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

### H3.9 Other accessories

- Advertising is prohibited on all other accessories such as sweatbands, knee and elbow pads, etc.
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) is permitted, but it must not be larger than 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.



## **H4 WHEELCHAIRS**

### **H4.1 Frame and Frame Protectors**

- The frame must be in accordance with the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules (Art. 4.6.).
- Advertising is prohibited on the wheelchair frame, frame protectors and side guards.
- The manufacturer's logo may appear in a maximum of two places on the frame tubing or frame protectors and may not exceed 2 cm in height and 20 cm in length.

### **H4.2 Cushion**

- The cushion must be in accordance with the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules (Art. 4.6.),
- Advertising is prohibited on the cushion,
- The manufacturer's logo may appear on the side or both sides of the cushion but must not exceed 30 cm<sup>2</sup> in each instance.

### **H4.3 Back Upholstery**

- Advertising is prohibited on the back upholstery,
- The manufacturer's logo may appear on the back upholstery but must not exceed 30 cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Player Number Attached to Back Upholstery
- Advertising is permitted on the player numbers attached to the back upholstery provided that:
  - the player number is clearly visible,
  - the writing or the sponsor's logo is a maximum of 25% of the surface area,
  - it is identical to the one on the front of the shirt, unless it is provided by IWBF or, with approval of IWBF, by the LOC.

### **H4.4 Wheels**

- The wheels must be in accordance with the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules (Art. 4.6.),
- Advertising is prohibited on the wheels,
- The manufacturer's logo may appear on the wheels but must not exceed 12 cm<sup>2</sup>.

### **H4.5 Spoke Protectors**

- Players may choose whether to use spoke protectors or not. Colourless, transparent spoke protectors where no printing appears are considered, for advertising purposes, to be in the same category as wheels that do not possess spoke protectors.
- When spoke protectors are used, other than the colourless, transparent type, they must be of identical design and colour for all players on a team that decide to use them.
- Advertising is permitted on spoke protectors and is the only location on the player's uniform/wheelchair where a second sponsor may be positioned in addition to the first sponsor that is permitted in other locations detailed in these regulations. Need to add size limit for ad and clean up how this is said. Figure out size based on 25% ratio



- The manufacturer's logo of the specific wheelchair in question may appear on both spoke protectors but must not exceed 12 cm<sup>2</sup> in either instance.

#### **H5 Other provisions**

- Advertising on uniforms, tracksuits, and warm-up T-shirts must be the same for all players of a team.
- The manufacturer's trademark (logo) on uniforms, tracksuits, and warm-up T-shirts must be the same for all players of a team.
- Advertising for hard alcohol, tobacco and the pharmaceutical products indicated on the current list of banned substances is prohibited.
- Advertising for a brand of beer or wine is permitted.
- Players of the national teams participating in main official competitions of IWBF may wear only that advertising approved by IWBF before the competition begins.

During the Paralympic Games, the participating teams must respect the International Paralympic Committee's regulations and provisions regarding advertising.

#### **H6 PENALTIES**

- H6.1 The Tournament Technical Committee or the Technical Delegate shall supervise the implementation of these regulations at each competition of IWBF.
- H6.2 The Secretary General or the person responsible, according to the regulations of a competition, after receiving a report from the Tournament Technical Committee or the commissioner in cases where these regulations were not complied with, will decide on possible penalties in the first instance.
- H6.3 Penalties and sanctions are to be imposed in accordance with the Regulations on Disciplinary Sanctions and Penalties (P.2).



## **Section I – Regulations Governing the Property Rights of IWBF**

### **I1 Ownership of commercial rights**

In accordance with the Statutes (article 8.10) IWBF is the sole holder of all marks and media (e.g. television, radio, video, internet, mobile, etc.), commercial and marketing rights and other rights associated with the game yet to be developed for any official IWBF Owned Events (as defined in E4).

- I1.1 IWBF has the right to sell its broadcast, commercial and marketing rights for any official IWBF Owned Events (as defined in E4) for a fee as long as the limits established by the Executive Council are respected.
- I1.2 IWBF may decide to assign part of these rights to the Zone or Local Organizing Committee of an official competition either for a fee or none at all. In such instances, IWBF will agree on the terms of such an agreement.
- I1.3 IWBF produces appropriate marketing, broadcast and event manuals, which shall be approved by the Executive Council and shall guide Zones and Local Organising Committee with the requirements for exploitation of rights and the organisation of events.
- I1.4 The division of income from the sale of these rights will be decided by the IWBF Executive Council.

### **I2 The Different Rights**

#### **I2.1 Broadcasting and other media rights**

- I2.1.1 Rights include but are not limited to the transmission (live, delayed, or highlights) of visual images (together with any sound transmission for reception in conjunction with those images) to conventional domestic or home television receivers or such yet to be invented devices through which the images will be broadcasted or distributed. Such media includes also, but not limited to, radio, highlight programmes, on-line and internet rights, archive, and news access as well as transmission to mobile devices.
- I2.1.2 In terms of transmission, as the rights holder, IWBF is responsible for the negotiation and conclusion of all contracts relating to the worldwide transmission for any official IWBF Owned Events (as defined in E4).
- I2.1.3 IWBF alone can authorise broadcasts of for any official IWBF Owned Events for all live and delayed broadcasts (highlights, news or otherwise) into all countries.
- I2.1.4 In addition, the provision to monitor and control photographic stills and/or computer digital recorded/transmitted stills rests solely with IWBF.
- I2.1.5 In the event that broadcast rights are assigned to a Zone or a Local Organising Committee (LOC), they are responsible to ensure the host broadcast meet IWBF's technical requirements as stated in the Host Broadcast Guidelines as agreed to in the Host Broadcast Agreement.

I2.1.6 The Zone or Local Organising Committee must agree to a Host Broadcast Agreement

## I2.2 Online and Communications

I2.2.1 IWBF will make active use of modern technology for the promotion of the sport of wheelchair basketball and the IWBF name, for example by means of a website on the Internet or through other digital media. To that end, IWBF has the right to use any basketball-related information produced by or available from NOWBs, Zones, clubs or Local Organising Committees including, but not limited to, results, photographs, films and other information on the basketball activities in the respective country/Zone/competition in printed form or by other electronic means (e.g. a member federation's web site).

I2.2.2 IWBF has created its own website and will exploit commercial and communication opportunities through this and other electronic devices, including those yet to be developed or invented.

I2.2.3 IWBF shall have the right to link up to any website produced by an NOWB, Zone, club or LOC and with their permission reproduce content from any such site on its own website. NOWBs, Zones, clubs and LOCs are permitted to make use of such information for non-commercial purposes and/or to create a link to IWBF's website but prior approval from IWBF is required.

## I2.3 Property Rights for IWBF owned events

I2.3.1 IWBF categorises its recognised events into three types of competitions, as stated in the Competition Regulations section E.4.1 these are IWBF Owned, Sanctioned and Endorsed.

### I2.3.2 Event Branding

I2.3.2.1 Any event branding such as the Event logo, Event wording/tag lines, name, and the Event Mascot are owned by IWBF. It is the responsibility of the Local Organising Committee of the Owned event to create the branding, however all are subject to prior approval from IWBF.

### I2.3.3 Event Website

I2.3.3.1 The url of the event website will be defined by IWBF.

I2.3.3.2 The creation of an event website for an Owned IWBF event is subject to prior approval from IWBF. IWBF may elect to host such a site but, if it does not, the site must exist in English language at least and conform with other guidelines set by IWBF.

### I2.3.4 Social Media

I2.3.4.1 The promotion of the Event through social media, for instance Facebook, Twitter or any other official social media channel is decided by IWBF solely. The Host is not entitled to set up any Event-related page on any social networks without prior approval from IWBF.

I2.3.4.2 An official Event hashtag will be defined and should be used as much as possible. It should help fans to easily find relevant social shares and take part in the discussion about the Event on social networks.

I2.3.4.3 IWBF may choose not to create separate social media accounts for events and elect to publish all content through their own already existing social media accounts.

I2.3.4.4 IWBF will determine if separate social media accounts are required due to host language requirements, if permission is granted for separate pages IWBF requires access to the accounts and posts to be published in English language as well as host country official language.

I2.3.4.5 All social media accounts must conform to the social media guidelines set by IWBF.

I2.3.5 If an electronic signal involving any content information, online scoring or photographs is produced during an IWBF competition (content-feeding of website, etc.), IWBF will receive signal simultaneously in an appropriate format.

I2.3.6 Marketing and Advertising Rights

I2.3.6.1 IWBF holds **the rights for all marketing and advertising** at any official IWBF Owned Events (see E4) and is responsible for determining all sponsorship rights related to the Owned Event (including official Events such as ceremonies, public viewing areas, etc.) and defining sponsorship packages and the division of them. The marketing rights for IWBF events are defined in further details in the Marketing Regulations (Section R).

### I3 Advertising Rules

I3.1 Marketing rights include all marketing, sponsorship, licensing and/or merchandising rights available or yet to be invented for any official IWBF Owned Events. The exploitation of such rights is organised by the appropriate department of IWBF and in accordance with the Marketing Regulations (section R). The sale of these rights includes advertising and other appropriate benefits.

I3.2 All advertising is subject to the same restrictions set out in the Advertising Regulations (section H).

#### I3.3 Technical equipment and the playing court

I3.3.1 Baskets, backboards, backboard supports, backboard padding and backboard support padding:

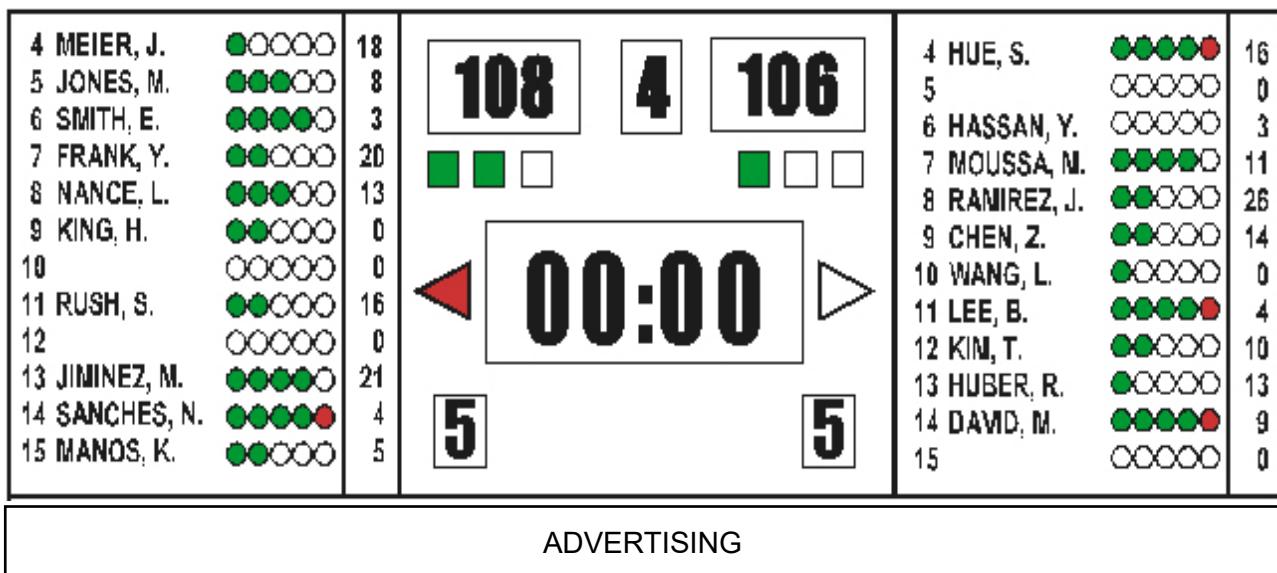
- Advertising is prohibited on baskets, backboards, backboard supports, backboard padding and backboard support padding, which may be used exclusively for the promotion of the IWBF brand unless exception is granted by IWBF.
- The manufacturer's name, trademark or logo solely is permitted on the metallic structure of the backboard supports (once only on each side of the structure and with a maximum size of 250 cm<sup>2</sup>) and on the side

padding of the backboard supports (once only on each side of the supports and with a maximum size of 250 cm<sup>2</sup>).

- The IWBF logo may appear on the lower right corner of each backboard.

### 13.3.2 Game information boards (Scoreboards)

- Advertising is permitted on scoreboards as indicated in the diagram provided it does not obstruct or interfere with the functioning of the scoreboards as long as it is approved by IWBF.



- Digital scoreboards if video screens are acting on scoreboards (see Marketing Regulation section R 6.1.16 and R6.1.17).

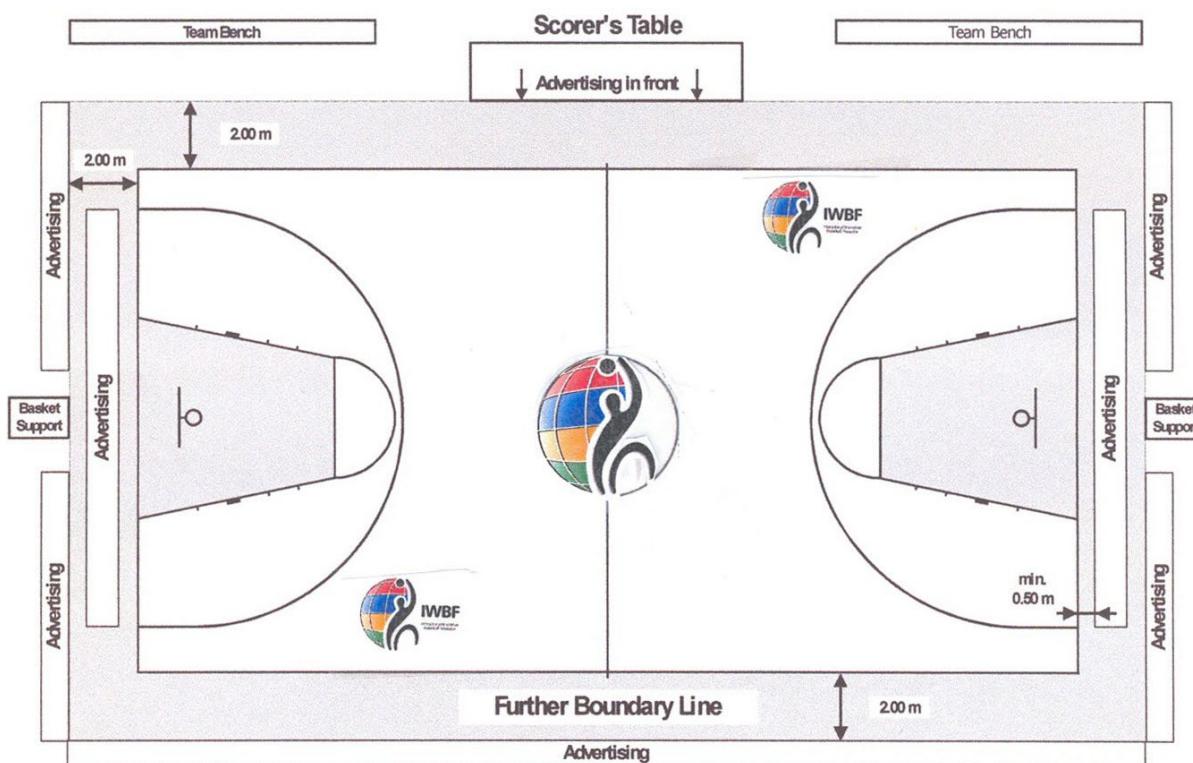
### 13.3.3 Centre circle and free-throw semicircles

- Advertising is prohibited inside the centre circle which is used exclusively by IWBF for its own brand (See diagram under 13.3.4 (f)).
- Advertising may be permitted, with the express approval of the appropriate IWBF body, inside the free throw circles provided that:
  - (i) The advertising is the same in both circles.
  - (ii) There is only one identical company name or logo in both circles.
  - (iii) The free throw lines are clearly visible.

### 13.3.4 Playing court area

- Apart from that approved in 13.3.5.1, advertising is otherwise prohibited inside the boundaries (end lines and side lines) of the playing court.
- Advertising is permitted outside the boundaries provided that it is located at a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the said boundaries (this includes advertising on the floor/parquet).
- Advertising which is free-standing around the court must be padded around the top for the protection of the players.

- The name of the arena, city or municipality, etc., can be displayed in white lettering at least 50 cm outside the end lines (inside the further boundary line). At the request of the organisers, other conditions may be accepted by IWBF.
- Any advertising next to the scorers' table must be located:
  - (i) At a minimum distance of two (2) metres from the scorers' table, and
  - (ii) In a single line with it.
- Advertising is permitted in front of the scorers' table provided that it is placed directly in front of and flushes with the table.



**I3.3.5 Rights to Official Balls and Technical Equipment (including referees' uniforms).**

**I3.3.5.1** Only IWBF is entitled to issue approval and compliance statements in return for royalties and/or licence fees, if applicable, to the manufacturers of balls or other technical equipment, to give them official certifications duly signed by the Secretary General of IWBF.

**I3.3.5.2** For any IWBF Owned Event (with the exception of the Paralympic Games) the games shall be played only with a ball approved by IWBF.

**I3.3.5.3** IWBF reserves the right – against royalties and/or licence fees if applicable – to designate the make and type of ball and of all other technical equipment to be used at any official competitions of IWBF.



13.3.5.4 If IWBF does not designate the make and type of such equipment for Zone competitions, excluding the Zonal Qualification Tournament for World Championships and Paralympic Games, the Zones, in collaboration with the competition organisers, are authorised to designate the ball and technical equipment to be used.  
However, the ball and any such technical equipment must have been approved by IWBF.

13.3.5.5 Referees', table officials' and volunteers' uniforms.

13.3.5.6 IWBF reserves the right – against royalties and/or licence fees if applicable – to designate the official provider of referees, table officials and volunteers uniforms.

13.3.5.7 Subject to the Advertising Regulations (section H), Advertising is prohibited on referees' clothing during main and other official competitions of IWBF, except where sold as rights by IWBF for all IWBF referees to be similarly attired.

13.3.5.8 The manufacturer's trademark (logo) may appear on referees' clothing. The size will be determined by IWBF. (See Section H2.2)

13.3.5.9 Advertising is allowed on table officials' and volunteers clothing during main official competitions of IWBF, if such clothing is supplied and/or sponsored by a commercial partner of IWBF.

13.4 Rights to images and names (individually or collectively) of players, coaches, and teams (clubs and national teams), and stadia.

13.4.1 For communication marketing, media, and other licensing activities, IWBF has the right to use photographs, names and/or film material of players, referees, venues etc taken during official IWBF competitions. In the event that for legal reasons such use requires the consent of the individual concerned, the NOWB or the club involved must ensure that such consent is obtained from the player. IWBF may request a specific form to be signed by the player to this effect.

13.4.2 IWBF has the right to use the names, logos, and emblems of the teams (clubs and national teams) or of their countries and to use photographs or film material of teams taken during official IWBF competitions for any commercial purposes.

### 13.5 Use of IWBF logos

13.5.1 The IWBF logo, as depicted in the IWBF Style Guide, is a registered trademark and is the sole property of IWBF. Its use requires prior approval by IWBF.

13.5.2 The IWBF Zones and the NOWBs are encouraged to use the IWBF logo on branded marketing materials such as letterheads and signatures etc. Any other use requires prior IWBF approval. The logo may be used only in the exact format shown in the Appendix.



I3.5.3 IWBF is the sole owner of further registered trademarks and logos (e.g. event logos, old IWBF logos) the use of which is permitted only on the basis of a separate agreement.

I3.5.4 IWBF has developed logos for all four IWBF Zones. They are registered trademarks and the sole property of IWBF. These logos are set out in (Appendix 1). Their use is regulated by IWBF and the IWBF Zones in accordance with the branding guidelines. IWBF has licensed the IWBF Zones the use of the IWBF logos and their own IWBF Zone logo for internal use. IWBF approval is required for external use.

### I3.6 Copyright for written material

I3.6.1 IWBF reserves the copyright for all IWBF rules and regulations and other texts issued under IWBF's control. Any reprints or translations require prior approval from IWBF.

I3.6.2 NOWBs which are members of IWBF are permitted to reprint the IWBF Statutes, Internal Regulations, the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules and the Classification Manual and distribute them in their own country for non-commercial purposes, provided that:

I3.6.2.1 No advertising is permitted on the reprint except for the penultimate page which is reserved for sponsors not in competition with the official sponsors of IWBF.

I3.6.2.2 The IWBF logo is shown on the cover.

I3.6.2.3 An IWBF copyright notice is made on the reprint.

I3.6.2.4 IWBF receives an electronic version of the reprint for approval prior to production.

I3.6.2.5 IWBF receives complimentary copies, the number of which will be determined on an individual basis.

I3.6.3 NOWBs which are members of IWBF are permitted to translate the IWBF General Statutes, Internal Regulations and Official Basketball Rules for non-commercial purposes into the language of their respective country, unless this language has not already been provided that:

I3.6.3.1 No advertising is permitted except on the penultimate page of the translation which is reserved for sponsors not in competition with the official sponsors of IWBF.

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I3.6.3.5 Ten (10) copies are sent to IWBF, free of charge.

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## Section J – Regulations Governing Players, Coaches and Support Officials

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### **J1 Eligibility of Players**

J1.1 To be entitled to participate in IWBF competitions, a player must observe the Statutes and Internal Regulations of IWBF.

J1.2 The NOWB is responsible for the eligibility of its players at all times and will bear the consequences of any infractions of the Regulations governing Classification, Eligibility, National Status, International Transfer, and Age of Players.

J1.3 All players who participate in competitions of IWBF and/or those of its NOWBs must:

- J1.3.1 Comply with the Code of Ethics, as contained in these Internal Regulations, and in particular:
- J1.3.2 Respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and act accordingly at all times on the court.
- J1.3.3 Refrain from using products and from practices prohibited by the Regulations of IWBF and those of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- J1.3.4 Agree to submit at any time to medical tests and controls, particularly doping controls, carried out in compliance with the regulations of IWBF, the International Paralympic Committee, and WADA.

J1.4 The NOWB or IWBF is authorised to deny participation in competitions under its jurisdiction to players who do not respect the provisions provided for in point J1.3 above.

Permission to play may be refused also to any player who does not provide the declaration, as required for main official competitions of IWBF, in which he agrees to accept:

- J1.4.1 The IWBF Regulations/ Statutes in force for doping control.
- J1.4.2 The decisions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Lausanne, to the exclusion of any recourse to ordinary courts, in the event of a dispute with IWBF which cannot be settled within IWBF.
- J1.4.3 The release of the use of images (see I2.1.4)

J1.5 Players sanctioned in accordance with the principles set out in J1.3.1, J1.3.2, J1.3.3 and J1.3.4 may not be eligible – refer to L4.

J1.6 Players may enter into a written contract with a club. This contract may state the player will receive payment.

J1.7 It is within the spirit of all IWBF regulations that players make themselves available for competitions of both their club and their national team. The NOWBs are encouraged to enact regulations securing the participation of all players under their jurisdiction in their respective national teams.

## J2 National Status of Players

### J2.1 General Principles

J2.1.1 These regulations apply to all competitions of IWBF. They apply at national team level and at international club level.

J2.1.2 The Zones are authorised to draw up specific regulations applicable to club competitions within the Zone in question. Such regulations are subject to the prior approval of the Executive Council of IWBF prior to being implemented.

### J2.2 Proof of Legal Nationality

J2.2.1 IWBF may require that proof be provided to verify the legal nationality (or nationalities) of any player by presenting any documents it deems appropriate.

J2.2.2 Proof of legal nationality of a country by itself does not constitute sufficient evidence to guarantee a player's right to play for the national team of that country – see J2.3.1).

### J2.3 National teams

J2.3.1 In order to play for the national team of a country, a player must hold the legal nationality of that country, and have fulfilled also the terms of eligibility according to the applicable Internal Regulations.

J2.3.2 A player with two or more nationalities

J2.3.2.1 Any player with two legal nationalities or more, by birth or by naturalisation, may choose at any age the national team for which he wishes to play. Any such choice must be made in a written declaration to IWBF, which may be transferred electronically.

J2.3.2.2 The provision of J2.3.2.1 applies also to any player having acquired legal nationality by birth, or by having the right to acquire a second legal nationality at birth, but who does not lay claim to this right until a given time in the future.

#### Exception:

- a) If a player having two or more nationalities is summoned by an NOWB after reaching the age of eighteen (18), he is obliged to choose for which national team he wishes to play.
- b) If he declines the summons, the player may only choose the nationality (nationalities) of the other country (countries) unless he declares in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receiving the summons, having chosen the country that summoned him first.

J2.3.2.3 Any player having played in a main official competition of IWBF for a national team for which he is eligible is considered as having chosen the national team of that country, with the exception of cases provided for under J2.3.5 and J2.3.7.

J2.3.2.4 Choices made under J2.3.2.1, J2.3.2.2, and J2.3.2.3 are considered to be the first choice by the player. The player is eligible to apply for a change of nationality under J2.3.4

J2.3.3 A national team participating in an international competition may have any number of players on its team who have acquired the legal nationality of that country by naturalisation or by any other means.

J2.3.4 A player who has played for a national team of a country in a main official competition of IWBF may apply to be allowed to play for a national team of a different NOWB. A player applying for this right must fulfil all of the provisions contained in J2.3.4.1 through J2.3.4.6. He must

- J2.3.4.1 Obtain the citizenship of the country for which he wishes to play;
- J2.3.4.2 Not have played on the national team of his original NOWB for a minimum of four (4) years;
- J2.3.4.3 Provide IWBF with proof that he has legally acquired his new nationality by submitting the official documents issued by the appropriate authority of the country, translated into English, duly authenticated in accordance with the law of that country. A passport is not a sufficient document for this purpose;
- J2.3.4.4 Submit a statement signed by the player requesting that he be registered with the wheelchair basketball nationality of the new country;
- J2.3.4.5 Pay a non-refundable processing fee to IWBF (P4.5)

Should the application be received before the provisions are met, IWBF shall not approve the right to play for the different NOWB until such time that all conditions have been fulfilled.

Once the change is granted by IWBF, the player may never apply again under the provision of J2.3.4 and the player gives up the right to ever play for his original NOWB again.

J2.3.5 For any player who has two or more legal nationalities by birth or by naturalisation, the NOWB for whom the player wishes to play must obtain written certification from the NOWB of the country(-ies) corresponding to the player's other nationality(-ies), in which it is stated that he has not taken part in a main official competition of IWBF as a member of its national team.

If the request for this certification remains unanswered, IWBF may issue provisional authorisation to the NOWB making the request. After a period of one year, this authorisation shall be considered final.

The NOWB must pay a non-refundable processing fee to IWBF (P4.5).

J2.3.6 Special provision concerning the eligibility of players from dependent territories

J2.3.6.1 In order to represent a dependant territory during a Competition of IWBF, a player must have the legal nationality of the main territory and additionally fall within one of the following categories:

- a) Have been born in the dependant territory; or
- b) Regardless of the place of birth of the player, have
  - One parent who was born in the dependant territory; or
  - One grandparent who was born in the dependant territory.

J2.3.7 In the event that a player's waiting period as specified in J2.3.4 expires during a championship played according to the tournament system, this player will not be eligible to play in the championship in question.

#### J2.4 Club teams

For the international club competitions of IWBF, the composition of the teams is not subject to any limitation concerning the legal nationality of the players. However, each NOWB and IWBF Zone may establish more restrictive regulations.

#### J2.5 Decisions

All decisions regarding the application of these regulations are taken by the IWBF Commission on Legal Matters and Eligibility.

#### J2.6 Sanctions

J2.6.1.1 Where there are violations of the provisions contained in these regulations, administrative and disciplinary penalties shall be imposed in the first instance by the Secretary General of IWBF or his delegate, or by the Secretary General of the competent Zone or his delegate.

J2.6.1.2 These penalties shall have immediate effect and be in accordance with the applicable Regulations..

J2.6.1.3 Appeals are governed according to Section M of the Regulations

#### J2.7 Marginal cases

J2.7.1 Marginal cases, i.e. cases not covered by these regulations, are the responsibility of the IWBF Commission on Legal Matters and Eligibility, which shall make decisions in the spirit of the provisions contained in these Regulations.

J2.7.2 The same shall apply with respect to refugees enjoying asylum rights and displaced persons (UN Conventions).

J2.7.3 In certain cases, an IWBF nationality may be granted to a player.

J2.7.4 Should an urgent decision be necessary, marginal cases shall be subject to the decision of the Chairperson of the Commission on Legal Matters and Eligibility, following consultation with the President of IWBF, in accordance with the applicable Regulations.

#### J2.8 Appeals

An appeal against decisions as in the above sections shall be submitted to IWBF's Appeals Committee in accordance with Section M of the Regulations.

#### J2.9 Costs

If and when a hearing is organised under these Regulations involving NOWBs, clubs or players, IWBF shall be authorised to make the organisation of such hearing dependent upon the parties paying to IWBF reasonable administrative costs.

### **J3 International Transfer of Players**

### J3.1 Application of these Regulations

- J3.1.1 Unless indicated otherwise, for purposes of these Regulations, any decision related to an international transfer within a Zone shall be made in the first instance by the competent body of the IWBF Zone and, in this case, any reference in these Regulations to "IWBF", "IWBF Secretary General" or "IWBF Secretariat" shall be a reference also to the respective body of the IWBF Zone. Any such decision by an IWBF Zone shall be communicated immediately to IWBF.
- J3.1.2 Transfers between two IWBF Zones shall continue to be dealt with by the IWBF Secretariat.
- J3.1.3 Appeals against decisions of either the IWBF Zone or the IWBF Secretariat shall be lodged exclusively with the IWBF Appeals Committee.
- J3.1.4 Any decision related to a special agreement according to J3.2.2 below shall be the exclusive competence of the Secretary General in consultation with the CLME.

### J3.2 General Principles

- J3.2.1 Any wheelchair basketball player shall have the right to play wheelchair basketball in any country in the world, within the limits established by the Statutes and Regulations of IWBF and the eligibility regulations of the respective NOWB.
- J3.2.2 These regulations governing international transfer apply in their entirety to all NOWBs. However, in exceptional circumstances, IWBF may reach a special agreement with an NOWB.
- J3.2.3 For national transfers, NOWBs are invited to draw on these Regulations and to establish their own regulations governing the transfer of players in the spirit of the Regulations.

### J3.3 The Player

#### J3.3.1 Letter of clearance

- J3.3.1.1 A letter of clearance must be obtained from the NOWB where a player was last licensed before he can be licensed by another NOWB. This document certifies that the player concerned is free to be licensed by another NOWB.
- J3.3.1.2 A letter of clearance may not be issued to more than one NOWB at any one time. Sanctions may be imposed on an NOWB in the event of misleading procedures.
- J3.3.1.3 The letter of clearance may not be limiting or conditional. If applicable, it should mention any sanctions that may be in force against the player. Such sanctions may include the unexpired period of suspension from playing, the unpaid amount of a monetary fine, or the unexpired portion of any other sanction.
- J3.3.1.4 The NOWB may charge a maximum administrative fee as stipulated in (P4.5) for the transfer of a player under its jurisdiction to another NOWB.

J3.3.1.5 All the provisions of this article apply to any player licensed by an NOWB who wishes to apply for an international transfer, irrespective of whether the player has the wheelchair basketball nationality of that country or is a foreign player.

J3.3.1.6 NOWBs obtaining an international letter of clearance for a player must register this with the IWBF each year.

#### J3.4 Age limit

J3.4.1 An international transfer is not permitted before a player's 18th birthday, except in special cases as decided by the Secretary General in consultation with the Chairperson of the CLME after examination of the matter with the NOWBs and, if necessary, with the clubs and the player concerned.

J3.4.2 At or after the player's 18th birthday, the club of origin, i.e. the club or other organisation for which he is licensed at his 18th birthday (the "Club of Origin"), has the right to sign the first contract with the young player.

J3.4.3 Such contract shall be in written form and respect the law of the country and of the NOWB of origin. It shall have a minimum duration of 1 year and a maximum duration of 4 years.

J3.4.4 Should the player refuse to sign such contract and move to a new club in another country, the two clubs shall agree on a compensation sum to be paid to the club of origin and inform their respective NOWBs and IWBF. The compensation shall be based primarily on the investments made by the club(s) of formation but shall take into consideration other factors if the circumstances so require.

J3.4.5 In the event that the clubs are unable to agree on the compensation within eight (8) weeks of the date on which a letter of clearance for the player in question was first requested by the new club's NOWB, either club has the right to request that the compensation be determined by IWBF. Such request has to be made in writing within twelve (12) weeks of the date on which a letter of clearance for the player in question was first requested by the new club's federation.

J3.4.6 The decision as per article J3.4.5 shall be taken by an IWBF Committee (the Committee) comprising the Secretary General of IWBF (or his delegate) acting as Chairperson and one member each of the CLME and the Competitions Commission as designated by the Secretary General. The Committee may hear the two clubs and/or federations involved and/or the player if it deems it appropriate. Decisions can be taken electronically, by telephone or through consultation in written form. No quorum is required for meetings of the Committee. Appeals may be lodged in accordance with article J3.9.

J3.4.7 The player shall not be allowed to play for his new club until the compensation agreed upon by the two clubs (J3.4.4) or determined by IWBF (J3.4.6) has been paid as per J3.4.8. In the event that an appeal is filed against the decision of the IWBF Committee, the player shall be allowed to play for his new club as soon as the sum of compensation determined by the IWBF

Committee has been paid into an account of IWBF or the IWBF Zone where it will be held in escrow until the decision on the compensation is final.

- J3.4.8 The compensation sum determined as per article J3.4.6 shall be paid to the NOWB of origin which will decide on how to re-distribute the compensation sum among the clubs that have contributed to the formation of the player according to specific provisions that the NOWB has officially adopted. Such provisions shall be drafted in a way to respect the principle of protection of clubs forming young players.
- J3.4.9 Upon expiration of the contract as per J3.4.3 above, the player is free to move where he wishes without any compensation being due.
- J3.4.10 NOWBs are invited to prepare similar regulations for their internal, i.e. national, transfer systems.

### J3.5 Licence restrictions

- J3.5.1 Where a Zone requires it, a player may not be licensed by more than one NOWB in that Zone at the same time.
- J3.5.2 Where a Zone requires a letter of clearance, all licenses held by the player become automatically null and void when a letter of clearance is issued by the NOWB in question or when the issuing authority revokes the license.
- J3.5.3 Where the Zone regulations require it, for national championships, clubs are not authorized to include on their team players who have already played in another country of the same Zone during the same season after a deadline set by the relevant Zone organization of IWBF. However, they may continue to do so after this deadline if the players come from countries that do not belong to the same IWBF Zone, as long as this is in accordance with the regulations of the NOWB concerned.
- J3.5.4 For their own purposes, IWBF Zones may set a deadline to apply during the club competition season after which time a licence will no longer be authorised.
- J3.5.5 No transfer will be permitted for a player who is still under sanction adopted by IWBF or an anti-doping rule violation or L4 for other sanctions. In these cases, the letter of clearance must be filed with IWBF for the whole of the period of disqualification and must mention the sanction, its duration, the reasons and the possibilities to appeal provided for in the national regulations in force.

### J3.6 NOWBs

#### J3.6.1 Transfer procedure

- J3.6.1.1 Whenever an NOWB receives a request for a licence for any player who was previously licensed by another NOWB, before granting such a licence in accordance with its own regulations, it must obtain a letter of clearance on behalf of the player.
- J3.6.1.2 The NOWB may not grant the licence until it has obtained the letter of clearance from the NOWB of the country where the player was last licensed or from IWBF as per the terms of J3.6.2.5.

**J3.6.2 Deadline for response**

J3.6.2.1 A request for a letter of clearance shall be sent by one of the following methods:

- a) Registered mail with recorded delivery,
- b) Email with confirmation of receipt,
- c) Fax (with confirmation of receipt),
- d) Express courier with recorded delivery,
- e) Delivery by hand (with confirmation of receipt).

J3.6.2.2 The NOWB receiving a request for a letter of clearance must reply within seven (7) days following receipt of the request. It shall either grant or refuse the letter of clearance, and shall indicate whether the player in question was in fact licensed in the NOWB receiving the request for the letter of clearance

J3.6.2.3 The only reason for which an NOWB may refuse to grant the request for a letter of clearance is if the player is under contract to play for his club beyond the scheduled transfer date.

J3.6.2.4 If the request for the letter of clearance is opposed by an NOWB (see J3.6.2.3 above), this NOWB shall notify the party requesting clearance and the IWBF Secretariat immediately, giving the reason for refusal. This refusal shall be accompanied by a copy of the valid contract in question duly dated and signed by the parties involved. A certified English translation of this contract shall be attached also.

J3.6.2.5 If there is no response within the seven (7) day period, the requesting NOWB will immediately notify IWBF, after which IWBF will authorise the granting of the licence without a letter of clearance, unless there are exceptional circumstances as approved by the Secretary General in consultation with the Chairperson of the CLME (however, see J3.4 Age Limit regarding players under 18 years of age).

**J3.6.3 Players' availability to play for a national team****J3.6.3.1 General principles (see also J1.7).**

- f) Any club which signs a contract with a player is obliged to release that player when he is summoned by an NOWB to play for its national team in any age category in a main official competition of IWBF.
- a) Any player registered with a club is obliged to reply in the affirmative when summoned to play for his national team.
- b) Upon an international transfer, each NOWB must guarantee to IWBF its responsibility in ensuring that this provision is applied by the clubs.
- c) Any special agreement reached by IWBF in accordance with article J3.2.2 of the Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players shall remain unaffected.

**J3.6.3.2 Procedure**

- a) A player's availability must be requested by the NOWB concerned in a communication to the NOWB or club with whom the player is registered at least thirty (30) days before the day of the game(s). The request must be sent by one of those methods listed in J3.6.2.1.

- b) The player should be available at least for the duration of the competition or for each individual competition day, as well as for a preparation time of:
  - Seventy-two (72) hours for qualifying games;
  - Fourteen (14) days for a tournament in a main official competition.
- c) The NOWBs concerned may agree on a shorter period of preparation. However, the player must under all circumstances arrive forty-eight (48) hours before the beginning of the first game and be released to return to his club within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the game(s).
- d) If the national team competition is outside the club competition season, the above deadlines do not apply and shall be determined by the requesting NOWB in a reasonable way.
- e) A player who claims when summoned that he has an injury or illness, and that he is unable to play must, if the requesting NOWB so wishes, undergo a medical examination by a doctor chosen by the requesting NOWB.

#### J3.6.3.3 Financial Considerations

- a) A club having entered into an agreement with a player is obliged to release the player to the requesting NOWB, without any financial indemnity for the period provided for in J3.6.3.2 bullet 2 above.
- b) The requesting NOWB must assume the player's travel expenses.
- c) The club to which the player is under contract is responsible for covering the player's insurance costs in the case of injury or illness whilst on release from the club and, particularly in case of injury, during the game(s) to which he is summoned.

#### J3.6.3.4 Sanctions

- a) If a player licensed with a club is called to play on his national team for one of the main official competitions of IWBF and this player refuses to play for his national team for whatever reason (including injury or illness), he may not play for the club with which he is licensed for the entire duration of the training period and the competition. Restriction from playing for his club will be increased by thirty (30) days if the player's refusal to play is not manifestly due to illness or injury.
- b) If the period of application of the thirty (30) day sanction falls outside the national championship season, it is carried over to the following season.
- c) If a club refuses to release a player, the club is liable to:
  - A fine as stipulated in P2
  - Suspension.
- d) If a club allows a player to play during the period provided for in J3.6.3.4(a), this club is liable to:
  - i. A fine as stipulated in P2
  - ii. Suspension.
  - iii. A default of zero: twenty (0:20) for all games played with the player during the said period, unless the club loses by more than twenty (20), in which case the result stands.
- e) Should an NOWB act against the spirit and/or the letter of this provision, this NOWB is liable to:

- iv. A fine as stipulated in P2
- v. A suspension.
- f) The decisions as per (c), (d) or (e) above shall be taken by the IWBF President (or his delegate). The decisions shall be subject to appeal.
- g) Should a club be penalised in accordance with J3.6.3.4 (c), (d) or (e), the NOWB of this club is responsible for carrying out the sanctions mentioned in J3.6.3.4(c) and J3.6.3.4(d) above.
- h) In the event that a club fails to settle its debts with the IWBF Zone, that Zone shall be authorised to collect these debts from the NOWB to which the club is affiliated.

#### J3.6.4 Disputes

For international transfers between two IWBF Zones, any dispute arising from a refusal to issue a letter of clearance shall be decided by the Chairperson of the CLME or his delegate with the possibility of appeal (see J3.9). When the proposed transfer is within an IWBF Zone, such disputes shall be decided by the President of the respective IWBF Zone (or his delegate), also with the possibility of appeal (see J3.9).

#### J3.6.5 Bilateral agreements

NOWBs may establish bilateral agreements regarding the transfer of players between clubs of the two countries involved, with provisions to regulate such transfers to the satisfaction of all concerned.

#### J3.6.6 Illegal transfers

J3.6.6.1 Any international transfer having taken place without a letter of clearance is invalid and, in this case, an NOWB issuing a licence will be liable to a fine.

J3.6.6.2 Any international transfer carried out in accordance with the procedures set out in these regulations, but having taken place after an illegal transfer, is null and void, other than in exceptional cases upon the decision of the President of IWBF.

#### J3.7 Disputes

All disputes and cases arising from these Regulations remain under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Chairperson of the CLME or his delegate.

#### J3.8 Costs

If and when a hearing is organised in connection with a dispute under these Regulations involving NOWBs, clubs and/or players, IWBF may make the organisation of such hearing dependent upon the parties paying to IWBF reasonable administrative costs.

#### J3.9 Appeal

Any appeal against decisions relating to these Regulations, no matter whether these decisions have been made by the IWBF or an IWBF Zone, shall be submitted to the IWBF Appeals Committee according to the Regulations governing Appeals (Section M).

### J4 Age of Players

#### J4.1 Procedure to establish age limit

J4.1.1 To establish the date of birth corresponding to the age limit for an age group, the following procedure is used:

1. The age of the tournament is deducted from the year following the year in which the tournament takes place with the understanding that in all instances the year begins on 1st January. As an example, the age limit for U-23 in a competition in 2017 shall be: 2018 - 23 = 1995. Any player born on 1st January 1995 or after this date will be entitled to participate in a competition for U-23 in 2017.
2. The player may not reach their 23 birthday in the year the competition is held..

The age limit in 2017 for the U-23 age group is therefore: born on January 1st, 1995 or after this date.

The table below illustrates this:

To be eligible for the <b>U23</b> Championship held in:	The player must be born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January of the year:				
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
2017					
2018					
2019					
2020					
2021					

\* The player may not reach their 23 birthday in the year of the competition.

3. U25 - the player may not reach their 25 birthday in the year the competition is held.

The age limit in 2015 for the U-25 age group is therefore: born on January 1st, 1991 or after this date.

The table below illustrates this:

To be eligible for the <b>U25</b> Championship held in:	The player must be born on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January of the year:				
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
2015					
2016					
2017					
2018					
2019					

\* The player may not reach their 25 birthday in the year of the competition.

#### J4.2

#### J4.3 IWBF Identity Card

J4.3.1 The personal IWBF Identity Card must be presented at all IWBF competitions for the given age group.

J4.3.2 The Identity Card is valid indefinitely, but one colour passport size digital photographs no more than three (3) months old must be supplied at a competition when the photograph on the Identity Card no longer bears a likeness to the holder.

#### J4.4 List of Players

J4.4.1 A blank list is sent to the NOWBs about three (3) months before the beginning of the competition. The list has space for twenty names.

In selecting a team for an IWBF competition in one of the age groups mentioned above, NOWBs shall fill in the List of Players.

J4.4.2 The list must be returned to the IWBF Secretariat thirty (30) days before the competition is due to start, together with the necessary documents required to prove eligibility for all the players on the list (see J4.4.3 for exceptions).

J4.4.3 This list is considered final as of the given deadline, except that:

- Changes may be made to the list before the given deadline provided that they are accompanied by any documents which may be required to prove eligibility;
- Changes may be made after the deadline in exceptional circumstances only and the NOWB involved may be liable to a fine as stipulated in P2.

J4.4.4 No registration can be accepted later than seventy-two (72) hours before the start date of the competition.

J4.4.5 Documents required to prove eligibility:

J4.4.5.1 The List of Players must be accompanied by any documents which may be necessary to prove eligibility for each player;

- A certified copy of the original of the birth certificate,
- A certified copy of passport, and
- One (1) colour passport-size photographs no more than three (3) months old.

Exception:

If the player is already in possession of an IWBF Identity Card, the card number should be indicated on the list.

#### J4.5 Responsibility of NOWBs

J4.5.1 The NOWB is responsible at all times for the eligibility of its players noted on the List of Players.

J4.5.2 Upon discovery that a player has played in an official IWBF competition without being eligible, IWBF will initiate an inquiry to establish the player's eligibility according to these Regulations.

J4.5.3 The NOWB will bear the administrative costs of the inquiry provided for in J4.5.2 and may be liable to a fine as stipulated in P1 in accordance with the procedure established in L5.

J4.5.4 In exceptional cases, the IWBF Secretary General may authorise a player, subject to the ratification of the CLME, to play under the status he had before the irregularity was discovered.

**J4.6 Identity and age verification**

J4.6.1 Before the beginning of a competition, players will be subject to identity and age verification under the supervision of the IWBF delegate for that competition.

J4.6.2 Each player, accompanied by the person responsible for his team, shall present his currently valid individual passport or national identity card and IWBF Identity Card. After this verification, the IWBF Technical Delegate shall return the IWBF Identity Cards to the person responsible for the team.

**J4.7 General provisions**

These provisions shall be valid also for any tournaments or games that are held prior to the competition proper.

## **J5 IWBF Approved Coaches**

### **J5.1 Duties and Obligations of Member federations**

- J5.1.1** Each NOWB is obliged to have a licensing system for its coaches.
- J5.1.2** Each NOWB is obliged to have an accreditation system in place which grades its coaches according to national standards prescribed by the NOWBs.
- J5.1.3** The NOWB shall inform IWBF of the names of Coaches who have been graded at the highest level, and shall inform IWBF of any changes to the list at the end of each year.

### **J5.2 Qualifying as IWBF Approved Coaches**

- J5.2.1** Coaches in possession of the highest grading as determined by their national member federation are entitled to the designation "IWBF Approved Coach".
- J5.2.2** To achieve designation of IWBF Approved Coach, a coach must first be included in the list of coaches holding the highest grading by his NOWB.
- J5.2.3** A Coach may be included only in the national list of the country of which he is a legal citizen. This does not affect his ability to perform the duties of a Coach in another country according to the applicable regulations of that country.
- J5.2.4** Each NOWB may have an unlimited number of IWBF Approved Coaches.
- J5.2.5** Once approved, the title of IWBF Approved Coach is valid as long as the coach remains on the list submitted to IWBF in terms of J5.2.2, unless IWBF adopts additional requirements, which would require the renewed qualification of the IWBF Approved Coach.
- J5.2.6** A coach must be designated IWBF Approved Coach in order to be a Head Coach of a national team competing in the Main Official Competitions of IWBF.

### **J5.3 Process Arrangements**

- J5.3.1** Those persons designated IWBF Approved Coach shall submit to IWBF personal information in an Individual Coach's Information Form, one passport-sized colour photograph, and a photocopy of passport showing family name, first name, date of birth, and legal nationality.
- J5.3.2** An administrative fee as stipulated in P3 is to be forwarded to IWBF with the Individual Coach's Information Form.
- J5.3.3** Once the documentation required according to J5.3.1 and J5.3.2 has been received, IWBF shall issue an IWBF Approved Coach licence to the person involved.



# **IWBF**

## **Internal Regulations**

### **Governing**

### **Anti-Doping**

These Internal Regulations have been approved by the IWBF Executive Council on 19 December 2020 and enter into force on 1 January 2021.

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## INTRODUCTION

### Preface

These IWBF Internal Regulations governing anti-doping (the “Anti-Doping Rules”) are adopted and implemented in accordance with IWBF’s responsibilities under the revised World Anti-Doping Code, ed. 2021 (the “Code”), and in furtherance of IWBF’s continuing efforts to eradicate doping in sport.

These Anti-Doping Rules, like *Competition* rules, are sport rules governing the conditions under which wheelchair basketball (in all its disciplines) is played. *Athletes* and other *Persons* accept these rules as a condition of participation and shall be bound by them. Aimed at enforcing anti-doping rules in a global and harmonized manner, these rules are distinct in nature from criminal and civil laws. They are not intended to be subject to or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal or civil proceedings, although they are intended to be applied in a manner which respects the principles of proportionality and human rights. When reviewing the facts and the law of a given case, all courts, arbitral tribunals and other adjudicating bodies should be aware of and respect the distinct nature of these Anti-Doping Rules, which implement the Code, and the fact that these rules represent the consensus of a broad spectrum of stakeholders around the world as to what is necessary to protect and ensure fair sport.

As provided in the Code, IWBF shall be responsible for conducting all aspects of *Doping Control*. Any aspect of *Doping Control* or anti-doping *Education* may be delegated by IWBF to a *Delegated Third Party*), however, IWBF shall require the *Delegated Third Party* to perform such aspects in compliance with the Code, International Standards, and these Anti-Doping Rules.

When IWBF has delegated its responsibilities to implement part or all of *Doping Control* to a *Delegated Third Party*, any reference to IWBF in these Rules should be intended as a reference to that *Delegated Third Party*, where applicable and within the context of the aforementioned delegation. IWBF shall always remain fully responsible for ensuring that any delegated aspects are performed in compliance with the Code.

Italicised terms in these Anti-Doping Rules are defined terms in Appendix 1.

Unless otherwise specified, references to Articles are references to Articles of these Anti-Doping Rules.

All cross-references in these Anti-Doping Rules shall be understood as referring to articles of this Section L of the IWBF Internal Regulations, unless a different Book is expressly mentioned.

### Fundamental Rationale for the Code and these Anti-Doping Rules

Anti-doping programs are founded on the intrinsic value of sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as “the spirit of sport”: the ethical pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each *Athlete*’s natural talents.

Anti-doping programs seek to protect the health of *Athletes* and to provide the opportunity for *Athletes* to pursue human excellence without the *Use of Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

Anti-doping programs seek to maintain the integrity of sport in terms of respect for rules, other competitors, fair competition, a level playing field, and the value of clean sport to the world.

The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body and mind. It is the essence of Paralympism and is reflected in the values we find in and through sport, including:

- Health
- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- *Athletes' rights as set forth in the Code*
- Excellence in performance
- Character and *Education*
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for self and other *Participants*
- Courage
- Community and solidarity

The spirit of sport is expressed in how we play true.

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport.

### **Scope of these Anti-Doping Rules**

These Anti-Doping Rules shall apply to:

- (a) IWBF including its board members, directors, officers and specified employees and its *Delegated Third Parties* and the *Delegated Third Parties'* employees who are involved in any aspect of *Doping Control*;
- (b) each of the *National Federations*, including their board members, directors, officers and specified employees and their *Delegated Third Parties* and the *Delegated Third Parties'* employees who are involved in any aspect of *Doping Control*; and
- (c) the following *Athletes*, *Athlete Support Personnel* and other *Persons*:
  - (i) all *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* that have registered at least once with IWBF (e.g. *Athletes* entered in IWBF's player database), or with a *National Federation*, or with any member or affiliate organisation of IWBF or *National Federation* (including without limitation any clubs, teams, associations, or leagues) or any other national and/or international leagues;
  - (ii) all *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* that participate in such capacity in *Events*, *Competitions* and other activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by IWBF, or any *National Federation*, or by any member or affiliate organisation of any *National Federation* (including without limitation, whether recognised by IWBF or its *Zone Office* or not, any clubs, teams, associations, or leagues), or any other national and/or international leagues;
  - (iii) any other *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Personnel* or other *Person* that, by virtue of an accreditation, a license or other contractual arrangement, or otherwise, is

subject to the authority of IWBF, any *National Federation*, or of any member or affiliate organisation of any *National Federation* (including without limitation, whether recognised by IWBF or not, any clubs, teams, associations), or any other national and/or international leagues for purposes of anti-doping; and

(iv) *Athletes* who are not regular members of IWBF or of a *National Federation* but who want to be eligible to compete in a particular *International Event*. IWBF may include such *Athletes* in its *Registered Testing Pool* or *Testing Pool(s)* so that they are required to provide information about their whereabouts for purposes of Testing under these *Anti-Doping Rules* for at least one month prior to the *International Event* in question.

Each of the abovementioned *Persons* is deemed, as a condition of participation or involvement in the sport, to have agreed to and be bound by these *Anti-Doping Rules*, and to have submitted to the authority of IWBF to enforce these *Anti-Doping Rules*, including any *Consequences* for the breach thereof, and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels specified in Article 8 and Article 13 to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under these *Anti-Doping Rules*.

Within the overall pool of *Athletes* set out above who are bound by and required to comply with these *Anti-Doping Rules*, the following *Athletes* shall be considered to be *International-Level Athletes* for the purposes of these *Anti-Doping Rules*, and, therefore, the specific provisions in these *Anti-Doping Rules* applicable to *International-Level Athletes* (e.g., *Testing*, *TUEs*, whereabouts, and *Results Management*) shall apply to these *Athletes*:

- a. *Athletes* competing in an *IWBF Event*; and
- b. *Athletes* included by IWBF in a *Registered Testing Pool* or other *Testing Pool(s)* (when such *Testing Pool* is established by IWBF).

## ARTICLE 1 DEFINITION OF DOPING

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Article 2.1 through Article 2.11 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

## ARTICLE 2 ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS

The purpose of Article 2 is to specify the circumstances and conduct which constitute anti-doping rule violations. Hearings in doping cases will proceed based on the assertion that one or more of these specific rules have been violated.

Athletes or other Persons shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods that have been included on the Prohibited List.

The following constitute anti-doping rule violations:

### **2.1 Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an Athlete's Sample**

- 2.1.1** It is the *Athletes'* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters their bodies. *Athletes* are responsible for any *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found to be present in their *Samples*. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, *Negligence* or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete's* part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1.
- 2.1.2** Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 is established by any of the following: presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in the *Athlete's A Sample* where the *Athlete* waives analysis of the *B Sample* and the *B Sample* is not analysed; or, where the *Athlete's B Sample* is analysed and the analysis of the *Athlete's B Sample* confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the *Athlete's A Sample*; or where the *Athlete's A or B Sample* is split into two (2) parts and the analysis of the confirmation part of the split *Sample* confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the first part of the split *Sample* or the *Athlete* waives analysis of the confirmation part of the split *Sample*.
- 2.1.3** Excepting those substances for which a *Decision Limit* is specifically identified in the *Prohibited List* or a *Technical Document*, the presence of any reported quantity of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an *Athlete's Sample* shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.
- 2.1.4** As an exception to the general rule of Article 2.1, the *Prohibited List*, *International Standards* or *Technical Documents* may establish special criteria for reporting or the evaluation of certain *Prohibited Substances*.

**2.2 Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method**

**2.2.1** It is the *Athletes'* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters their bodies and that no *Prohibited Method* is *Used*. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, *Negligence* or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete*'s part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method*.

**2.2.2** The success or failure of the *Use* or *Attempted Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is not material. It is sufficient that the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* was *Used* or *Attempted* to be *Used* for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.

**2.3 Evading, Refusing or Failing to Submit to Sample Collection by an Athlete**

Evading *Sample* collection; or refusing or failing to submit to *Sample* collection without compelling justification after notification by a duly authorised *Person*.

**2.4 Whereabouts Failures by an Athlete**

Any combination of three (3) missed tests and/or filing failures, as defined in the *International Standard for Results Management*, within a twelve (12) -month period by an *Athlete* in a *Registered Testing Pool*.

**2.5 Tampering or Attempted Tampering with any Part of Doping Control by an Athlete or Other Person**

**2.6 Possession of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method by an Athlete or Athlete Support Person**

**2.6.1** Possession by an *Athlete* *In-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method*, or Possession by an *Athlete* *Out-of-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method* that is prohibited *Out-of-Competition* unless the *Athlete* establishes that the *Possession* is consistent with a *Therapeutic Use Exemption* ("TUE") granted in accordance with Article 4.4 or other acceptable justification.

**2.6.2** Possession by an *Athlete Support Person* *In-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method*, or Possession by an *Athlete Support Person* *Out-of-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method* that is prohibited *Out-of-Competition* in connection with an *Athlete*, *Competition* or training, unless the *Athlete Support Person* establishes that the *Possession* is consistent with a *TUE* granted to an *Athlete* in accordance with Article 4.4 or other acceptable justification.

**2.7 Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method by an Athlete or Other Person**

**2.8 Administration or Attempted Administration by an Athlete or Other Person to any Athlete In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited**

***Method, or Administration or Attempted Administration to any Athlete Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method that is Prohibited Out-of-Competition***

**2.9 Complicity or Attempted Complicity by an Athlete or Other Person**

Assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity or *Attempted* complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation, *Attempted* anti-doping rule violation or violation of Article 10.14.1 by another *Person*.

**2.10 Prohibited Association by an Athlete or Other Person**

**2.10.1** Association by an *Athlete* or other *Person* subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organisation* in a professional or sport-related capacity with any *Athlete Support Person* who:

**2.10.1.1** If subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organisation*, is serving a period of *Ineligibility*; or

**2.10.1.2** If not subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organisation* and where *Ineligibility* has not been addressed in a *Results Management* process pursuant to the *Code*, has been convicted or found in a criminal, disciplinary or professional proceeding to have engaged in conduct which would have constituted a violation of anti-doping rules if *Code*-compliant rules had been applicable to such *Person*. The disqualifying status of such *Person* shall be in force for the longer of six (6) years from the criminal, professional or disciplinary decision or the duration of the criminal, disciplinary or professional sanction imposed; or

**2.10.1.3** Is serving as a front or intermediary for an individual described in Article 2.10.1.1 or 2.10.1.2.

**2.10.2** To establish a violation of Article 2.10, an *Anti-Doping Organisation* must establish that the *Athlete* or other *Person* knew of the *Athlete Support Person*'s disqualifying status.

The burden shall be on the *Athlete* or other *Person* to establish that any association with an *Athlete Support Person* described in Article 2.10.1.1 or 2.10.1.2 is not in a professional or sport-related capacity and/or that such association could not have been reasonably avoided.

*Anti-Doping Organisations* that are aware of *Athlete Support Personnel* who meet the criteria described in Article 2.10.1.1, 2.10.1.2, or 2.10.1.3 shall submit that information to *WADA*.

**2.11 Acts by an Athlete or Other Person to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting to Authorities**

Where such conduct does not otherwise constitute a violation of Article 2.5:

**2.11.1** Any act that threatens or seeks to intimidate another *Person* with the intent of discouraging the *Person* from the good-faith reporting of information that relates to an alleged anti-doping rule violation or alleged non-compliance with the *Code* to *WADA*, an *Anti-Doping Organisation*, law enforcement, regulatory or professional disciplinary body, hearing body or *Person* conducting an investigation for *WADA* or an *Anti-Doping Organisation*.

**2.11.2** Retaliation against a *Person* who, in good faith, has provided evidence or information that relates to an alleged anti-doping rule violation or alleged non-compliance with the *Code* to *WADA*, an *Anti-Doping Organisation*, law enforcement, regulatory or professional disciplinary body, hearing body or *Person* conducting an investigation for *WADA* or an *Anti-Doping Organisation*.

For purposes of Article 2.11, retaliation, threatening and intimidation include an act taken against such *Person* either because the act lacks a good faith basis or is a disproportionate response.

## ARTICLE 3 PROOF OF DOPING

### 3.1 Burdens and Standards of Proof

IWBF shall have the burden of establishing that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. The standard of proof shall be whether IWBF has established an anti-doping rule violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation which is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Where these Anti-Doping Rules place the burden of proof upon the *Athlete* or other *Person* alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, except as provided in Articles 3.2.2 and 3.2.3, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability.

### 3.2 Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions

Facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means, including admissions. The following rules of proof shall be applicable in doping cases:

**3.2.1** Analytical methods or *Decision Limits* approved by *WADA* after consultation within the relevant scientific community or which have been the subject of peer review are presumed to be scientifically valid. Any *Athlete* or other *Person* seeking to challenge whether the conditions for such presumption have been met or to rebut this presumption of scientific validity shall, as a condition precedent to any such challenge, first notify *WADA* of the challenge and the basis of the challenge. The initial hearing body, appellate body or *CAS*, on its own initiative, may also inform *WADA* of any such challenge. Within ten (10) days of *WADA*'s receipt of such notice and the case file related to such challenge, *WADA* shall also have

the right to intervene as a party, appear as *amicus curiae* or otherwise provide evidence in such proceeding. In cases before CAS, at WADA's request, the CAS panel shall appoint an appropriate scientific expert to assist the panel in its evaluation of the challenge.

**3.2.2** WADA-accredited laboratories, and other laboratories approved by WADA, are presumed to have conducted *Sample* analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with the *International Standard* for Laboratories. The *Athlete* or other *Person* may rebut this presumption by establishing that a departure from the *International Standard* for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

If the *Athlete* or other *Person* rebuts the preceding presumption by showing that a departure from the *International Standard* for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, then IWBF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

**3.2.3** Departures from any other *International Standard* or other anti-doping rule or policy set forth in the *Code* or these Anti-Doping Rules shall not invalidate analytical results or other evidence of an anti-doping rule violation, and shall not constitute a defence to an anti-doping rule violation; provided, however, if the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes that a departure from one of the specific *International Standard* provisions listed below could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or whereabouts failure, then IWBF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding* or the whereabouts failure:

- (i) a departure from the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations* related to *Sample* collection or *Sample* handling which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, in which case IWBF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*;
- (ii) a departure from the *International Standard* for *Results Management* or *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations* related to an *Adverse Passport Finding* which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation, in which case IWBF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the anti-doping rule violation;
- (iii) a departure from the *International Standard* for *Results Management* related to the requirement to provide notice to the *Athlete* of the *B Sample* opening which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, in which case IWBF shall have the burden

to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*;

- (iv) a departure from the *International Standard for Results Management* related to *Athlete* notification which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on a whereabouts failure, in which case IWBF shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the whereabouts failure.

**3.2.4** The facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal shall be irrebuttable evidence against the *Athlete* or other *Person* to whom the decision pertained of those facts unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes that the decision violated principles of natural justice.

**3.2.5** The hearing panel in a hearing on an anti-doping rule violation may draw an inference adverse to the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation based on the *Athlete*'s or other *Person*'s refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as directed by the hearing panel) and to answer questions from the hearing panel or IWBF.

## ARTICLE 4 THE PROHIBITED LIST

### 4.1 Incorporation of the *Prohibited List*

These Anti-Doping Rules incorporate the *Prohibited List*, which is published and revised by WADA as described in Article 4.1 of the *Code*. For information, the Prohibited List is available on IWBF's official website ([www.IWBF.org](http://www.IWBF.org)) and on WADA's website ([www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)).

Unless provided otherwise in the *Prohibited List* or a revision, the *Prohibited List* and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti-Doping Rules three (3) months after publication by WADA, without requiring any further action by IWBF or its *National Federations*. All *Athletes* and other *Persons* shall be bound by the *Prohibited List*, and any revisions thereto, from the date they go into effect, without further formality. It is the responsibility of all *Athletes* and other *Persons* to familiarise themselves with the most up-to-date version of the *Prohibited List* and all revisions thereto.

### 4.2 *Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods Identified on the Prohibited List*

#### 4.2.1 *Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods*

The *Prohibited List* shall identify those *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* which are prohibited as doping at all times (both *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition*) because of their potential to

enhance performance in future *Competitions* or their masking potential, and those substances and methods which are prohibited *In-Competition* only. The *Prohibited List* may be expanded by *WADA* for a particular sport. *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* may be included in the *Prohibited List* by general category (e.g., anabolic agents) or by specific reference to a particular substance or method. *IWBF* may request that *WADA* expand the *Prohibited List* for the sport of wheelchair basketball in general or for any of its disciplines. *IWBF* may also request that *WADA* include additional substances or methods in its Monitoring Program that have the potential for abuse in the sport of wheelchair basketball. *WADA* shall make the final decision on such requests by *IWBF*.

#### **4.2.2 Specified Substances and Specified Methods**

For purposes of the application of Article 10, all *Prohibited Substances* shall be *Specified Substances* except as identified on the *Prohibited List*. No *Prohibited Method* shall be a *Specified Method* unless it is specifically identified as a *Specified Method* on the *Prohibited List*.

#### **4.2.3 Substances of Abuse**

For purposes of applying Article 10, *Substances of Abuse* shall include those *Prohibited Substances* which are specifically identified as *Substances of Abuse* on the *Prohibited List* because they are frequently abused in society outside of the context of sport.

### **4.3 WADA's Determination of the Prohibited List**

*WADA*'s determination of the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* that will be included on the *Prohibited List*, the classification of substances into categories on the *Prohibited List*, the classification of a substance as prohibited at all times or *In-Competition* only, the classification of a substance or method as a *Specified Substance*, *Specified Method* or *Substance of Abuse* is final and shall not be subject to any challenge by an *Athlete* or other *Person* including, but not limited to, any challenge based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk or violate the spirit of sport.

### **4.4 Therapeutic Use Exemptions (“TUEs”)**

**4.4.1** The presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers*, and/or the *Use* or *Attempted Use*, *Possession* or *Administration* or *Attempted Administration* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*, shall not be considered an anti-doping rule violation if it is consistent with the provisions of a *TUE* granted in accordance with the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

#### **4.4.2 TUE Applications**

**4.4.2.1** *Athletes* who are not *International-Level Athletes* shall apply to their *National Anti-Doping Organisation* for a *TUE*. If the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* denies the application, the

*Athlete* may appeal exclusively to the appellate body described in Article 13.2.2.

**4.4.2.2** *Athletes* who are *International-Level Athletes* shall apply to IWBF.

**4.4.3** *TUE* Recognition

**4.4.3.1** Where the *Athlete* already has a *TUE* granted by their *National Anti-Doping Organisation* pursuant to Article 4.4 of the *Code* for the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* in question, and if that *TUE* meets the criteria set out in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, IWBF must recognise it for purposes of international-level *Competition*. If IWBF considers that the *TUE* does not meet those criteria and so refuses to recognise it, IWBF must notify the *Athlete* and the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organisation* promptly, with reasons. The *Athlete* or the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* shall have twenty-one (21) days from such notification to refer the matter to *WADA* for review in accordance with Article 4.4.7.

If the matter is referred to *WADA* for review, the *TUE* granted by the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* remains valid for national-level *Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* (but is not valid for international-level *Competition*) pending *WADA*'s decision. If the matter is not referred to *WADA* for review within the twenty-one (21) day deadline, the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organisation* must determine whether the original *TUE* granted by that *National Anti-Doping Organisation* should nevertheless remain valid for national-level *Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* (provided that the *Athlete* ceases to be an *International-Level Athlete* and does not participate in international-level *Competition*). Pending the *National Anti-Doping Organisation*'s decision, the *TUE* remains valid for national-level *Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* (but is not valid for international-level *Competition*).

**4.4.3.2** If IWBF chooses to test an *Athlete* who is not an *International-Level Athlete*, IWBF must recognise a *TUE* granted to that *Athlete* by their *National Anti-Doping Organisation* unless the *Athlete* is required to apply for recognition of the *TUE* pursuant to Articles 5.8 and 7.0 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

**4.4.4** *TUE* Application Process

**4.4.4.1** If the *Athlete* does not already have a *TUE* granted by their *National Anti-Doping Organisation* for the substance or method in question, the *Athlete* must apply directly to IWBF;

**4.4.4.2** An application to IWBF for grant or recognition of a *TUE* must be made as soon as possible, save where Articles 4.1 or 4.3 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* apply. The application shall be made in accordance with Article 6 of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, using the form posted on IWBF's website at [www.IWBF.org](http://www.IWBF.org).

- (a) IWBF shall appoint a panel of physicians to consider applications for the grant or recognition of *TUEs* in accordance with Article 4.4.4.3(a) below (the "TUE Committee");
- (b) The TUEC shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members with experience in the care and treatment of Athletes and sound knowledge of clinical, sports and exercise medicine. The TUE Committee will include, *ex officio*, the Chairperson of the Medical Commission;
- (c) The TUE Committee shall promptly evaluate and decide upon the application in accordance with IWBF's protocols, if any, posted on its website ([www.IWBF.org](http://www.IWBF.org)) and the relevant provisions of the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* and usually (i.e., unless exceptional circumstances apply) within no more than twenty-one (21) days of receipt of a complete application. Where the application is made in a reasonable time prior to an *Event*, the TUE Committee must use its best endeavours to issue its decision before the start of the *Event*; and
- (d) The TUE Committee is entitled to the benefit of legal counsel, if needed.

**4.4.4.5** Subject to Article 4.4.4.6, the TUE Committee decision shall be the final decision of IWBF and may be appealed in accordance with Article 4.4.7. IWBF TUE Committee decision shall be notified in writing to the *Athlete*, and to *WADA* and other *Anti-Doping Organisations* in accordance with the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*. It shall also promptly be reported into *ADAMS*.

**4.4.4.6** If IWBF (or the *National Anti-Doping Organisation*, where it has agreed to consider the application on behalf of IWBF) denies the *Athlete*'s application, it must notify the *Athlete* promptly, with reasons. If IWBF grants the *Athlete*'s application, it must notify not only the *Athlete* but also their *National Anti-Doping Organisation*. If the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* considers that the *TUE* granted by IWBF does not meet the criteria set out in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, it has twenty-one (21) days from such notification

to refer the matter to *WADA* for review in accordance with Article 4.4.7.

If the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* refers the matter to *WADA* for review, the *TUE* granted by IWBF remains valid for international-level *Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* (but is not valid for national-level *Competition*) pending *WADA*'s decision. If the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* does not refer the matter to *WADA* for review, the *TUE* granted by IWBF becomes valid for national-level *Competition* as well when the twenty-one (21) day review deadline expires.

#### **4.4.5 Retroactive *TUE* Applications**

If IWBF chooses to collect a *Sample* from an *Athlete* who is not an *International-Level Athlete* or a *National-Level Athlete*, and that *Athlete* is *Using a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method* for therapeutic reasons, IWBF must permit that *Athlete* to apply for a retroactive *TUE*.

#### **4.4.6 Expiration, Withdrawal or Reversal of a *TUE***

**4.4.6.1** A *TUE* granted pursuant to these Anti-Doping Rules: (a) shall expire automatically at the end of any term for which it was granted, without the need for any further notice or other formality; (b) will be withdrawn if the *Athlete* does not promptly comply with any requirements or conditions imposed by the *TUE Committee* upon grant of the *TUE*; (c) may be withdrawn by the *TUE Committee* if it is subsequently determined that the criteria for grant of a *TUE* are not in fact met; or (d) may be reversed on review by *WADA* or on appeal.

**4.4.6.2** *Athletes* shall not be subject to any *Consequences* based on their *Use or Possession or Administration* of the *Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method* in question in accordance with the *TUE* prior to the effective date of expiry, withdrawal, or reversal of the *TUE*. The review pursuant to Article 5.1.1.1 of the *International Standard for Results Management* of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, reported shortly after the *TUE* expiry, withdrawal or reversal, shall include consideration of whether such finding is consistent with *Use of the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method* prior to that date, in which event no anti-doping rule violation shall be asserted.

#### **4.4.7 Reviews and Appeals of *TUE* Decisions**

**4.4.7.1** *WADA* must review IWBF's decision not to recognise a *TUE* granted by the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* that is referred to *WADA* by the *Athlete* or the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organisation*. In addition, *WADA* must review IWBF's decision to grant a *TUE* that is referred to *WADA* by the

*Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organisation.* WADA may review any other *TUE* decisions at any time, whether upon request by those affected or on its own initiative. If the *TUE* decision being reviewed meets the criteria set out in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*, WADA will not interfere with it. If the *TUE* decision does not meet those criteria, WADA will reverse it.

- 4.4.7.2** Any *TUE* decision by IWBF (or by a *National Anti-Doping Organisation* where it has agreed to consider the application on behalf of IWBF) that is not reviewed by WADA, or that is reviewed by WADA but is not reversed upon review, may be appealed by the *Athlete* and/or the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organisation*, exclusively to CAS.
- 4.4.7.3** A decision by WADA to reverse a *TUE* decision may be appealed by the *Athlete*, the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* and/or IWBF, exclusively to CAS.
- 4.4.7.4** A failure to render a decision within a reasonable time on a properly submitted application for grant/recognition of a *TUE* or for review of a *TUE* decision shall be considered a denial of the application thus triggering the applicable rights of review/appeal.

## ARTICLE 5 *TESTING AND INVESTIGATIONS*

### 5.1 Purpose of *Testing* and *Investigations*

- 5.1.1** *Testing* and *investigations* may be undertaken for any anti-doping purpose. They shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* and the specific protocols of IWBF supplementing that International Standard, if any.
- 5.1.2** *Testing* shall be undertaken to obtain analytical evidence as to whether the *Athlete* has violated Article 2.1 (Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an *Athlete's Sample*) or Article 2.2 (*Use* or *Attempted Use* by an *Athlete* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method*).

### 5.2 Authority to Test

- 5.2.1** Subject to the limitations for *Event Testing* set out in Article 5.3, IWBF shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority over all *Athletes* specified in the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Rules (Section "Scope of these Anti-Doping Rules").

**5.2.2** IWBF may require any *Athlete* over whom it has *Testing* authority (including any *Athlete* serving a period of *Ineligibility*) to provide a *Sample* at any time and at any place.

**5.2.3** WADA shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority as set out in Article 20.7.10 of the *Code*.

**5.2.4** Except for *Testing* during an *Event Period*, for which Article 5.3 applies, if IWBF delegates or contracts any part of *Testing* to a *National Anti-Doping Organisation* directly or through a *National Federation*, that *National Anti-Doping Organisation* may collect additional *Samples* or direct the laboratory to perform additional types of analysis at the *National Anti-Doping Organisation's* expense. If additional *Samples* are collected or additional types of analysis are performed, IWBF shall be notified at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of each additional *Sample* collection or additional type of analysis.

### **5.3** *Event Testing*

**5.3.1** Except as provided in Article 5.3.2, only a single organisation shall have authority to conduct *Testing* at *Event Venues* during an *Event Period*, as follows:

- For all *IWBF Events*, IWBF except those mentioned in IWBF Regulations Section E, Article E4.1.3. IWBF may delegate its authority to another *Anti-Doping Organisation*; and
- At other *International Events*, the ruling body of the Event.

At *National Events*, the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* of that country shall have authority to conduct *Testing*. At the request of IWBF (or other international organisation that is the ruling body for an *Event*), any *Testing* during the *Event Period* outside of the *Event Venues* shall be coordinated with IWBF (or the relevant ruling body of the *Event*).

**5.3.2** If an *Anti-Doping Organisation* that would otherwise have *Testing* authority but is not responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* at an *Event* desires to conduct *Testing* at *Event Venues* during the *Event Period*, the *Anti-Doping Organisation* shall first confer with IWBF (or other international organisation that is the ruling body of the *Event*) to obtain permission to conduct and coordinate such *Testing*. If the *Anti-Doping Organisation* is not satisfied with the response from IWBF (or other international organisation that is the ruling body of the *Event*), the *Anti-Doping Organisation* may, in accordance with the procedures described in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*, ask WADA for permission to conduct *Testing* and to determine how to coordinate such *Testing*. WADA shall not grant approval for such *Testing* before consulting with and informing IWBF (or other international organisation which is the ruling body for the *Event*). WADA's decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Unless otherwise provided in the authorization to conduct *Testing*, such tests shall be considered *Out-of-Competition*

tests. *Results Management* for any such test shall be the responsibility of the *Anti-Doping Organisation* initiating the test unless provided otherwise in the rules of the ruling body of the *Event*.

#### **5.4 Testing Requirements**

**5.4.1** IWBF shall conduct test distribution planning as required by the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

**5.4.2** Where reasonably feasible, *Testing* shall be coordinated through *ADAMS* in order to maximise the effectiveness of the combined *Testing* effort and to avoid unnecessary repetitive *Testing*.

**5.4.3** *Testing* should be conducted in connection with the following IWBF *Events*.

- Paralympic Qualifying Tournaments for Men and Women;
- IWBF Wheelchair Basketball World Championship (Men and Women);
- IWBF U-23 World Championship for Men and U25 for Women;
- IWBF 3x3 World Championships (Men and Women); and
- Continental Championships for Men and Women (including all qualifying games and tournaments for these championships, as appropriate and if the Zone Offices have the facilities to carry out such tests);
- Official IWBF cups and tournaments for club teams, if appropriate the relevant body of IWBF has the facilities to carry out such tests

**5.4.4** *Testing* shall be performed according to the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* and Appendix 2 to these Anti-Doping Rules.

#### **5.5 Athlete Whereabouts Information**

**5.5.1** IWBF may establish a *Registered Testing Pool* of those *Athletes* who are required to provide whereabouts information in the manner specified in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* and who shall be subject to *Consequences* for Article 2.4 violations as provided in Article 10.3.2. IWBF shall coordinate with *National Anti-Doping Organisations* to identify such *Athletes* and to collect their whereabouts information.

**5.5.2** IWBF shall make available through *ADAMS* a list that identifies those *Athletes* included in its *Registered Testing Pool* by name. IWBF shall regularly review and update as necessary its criteria for including *Athletes* in its *Registered Testing Pool*, and shall periodically (but not less than quarterly) review the list of *Athletes* in its *Registered Testing Pool* to ensure that each listed *Athlete* continues to meet the relevant criteria. *Athletes* shall be notified before they are included in the *Registered Testing Pool* and when they are removed from that pool. The notification shall contain the information set out in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

**5.5.3** Where an *Athlete* is included in an international *Registered Testing Pool* by IWBF and in a national *Registered Testing Pool* by their *National Anti-Doping Organisation*, the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* and IWBF shall agree between themselves which of them shall accept that *Athlete*'s whereabouts filings; in no case shall an *Athlete* be required to make whereabouts filings to more than one of them.

**5.5.4** In accordance with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*, each *Athlete* in the *Registered Testing Pool* shall do the following: (a) advise IWBF of his/her whereabouts on a quarterly basis; (b) update that information as necessary so that it remains accurate and complete at all times; and (c) make himself or herself available for *Testing* at such whereabouts.

**5.5.5** For purposes of Article 2.4, an *Athlete*'s failure to comply with the requirements of the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* shall be deemed a filing failure or a missed test, as defined in Annex B of the *International Standard for Results Management*, where the conditions set forth in Annex B are met.

**5.5.6** An *Athlete* in IWBF's *Registered Testing Pool* shall continue to be subject to the obligation to comply with the whereabouts requirements set in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* unless and until (a) the *Athlete* gives written notice to IWBF that he or she has retired or (b) IWBF has informed him or her that he or she no longer satisfies the criteria for inclusion in IWBF's *Registered Testing Pool*.

**5.5.7** Whereabouts information provided by an *Athlete* while in the *Registered Testing Pool* will be accessible through *ADAMS* to *WADA* and to other *Anti-Doping Organisations* having authority to test that *Athlete* as provided in Article 5.2. Whereabouts information shall be maintained in strict confidence at all times; it shall be used exclusively for purposes of planning, coordinating or conducting *Doping Control*, providing information relevant to the *Athlete Biological Passport* or other analytical results, to support an investigation into a potential anti-doping rule violation, or to support proceedings alleging an anti-doping rule violation; and shall be destroyed after it is no longer relevant for these purposes in accordance with the *International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information*.

**5.5.8** In accordance with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*, IWBF may establish a *Testing Pool*, for *Athletes* not included in the *Registered Testing Pool* and require such *Athletes* to provide and update, either directly or through their club or *National Federation*, specific whereabouts information requested by IWBF.

**5.5.9** IWBF shall notify *Athletes* before they are included in the *Testing Pool* and when they are removed. Such notification shall include the

whereabouts requirements and the consequences that apply in case of non-compliance, as indicated in Articles 5.5.10 and 5.5.11.

**5.5.10** *Athletes* included in the *Testing Pool* shall provide IWBF with the whereabouts information requested by IWBF from time to time, so that they may be located and subjected to *Testing*.

**5.5.11** Failure to comply with IWBF's whereabouts requirements for its *Testing Pools*, may lead to (a) a sanction in accordance with Section L1.3; (b) the Athlete's inclusion in the Registered Testing Pool.

**5.5.12** IWBF may, in accordance with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*, collect whereabouts information from *Athletes* who are not included within a *Registered Testing Pool* or *Testing Pool*. If it chooses to do so, an *Athlete*'s failure to provide requested whereabouts information on or before the date required by IWBF or the *Athlete*'s failure to provide accurate whereabouts information may result in IWBF elevating the *Athlete* to IWBF's *Registered Testing Pool*.

## **5.6 Team Whereabouts Information**

**5.6.1** IWBF may establish a Testing Pool of teams required to comply with whereabouts requirements set out by IWBF from time to time. Teams shall be notified of their inclusion in the Testing Pool and shall furnish IWBF with any whereabouts information requested so that they may be located and subjected to Testing. This may include:

- Training dates;
- Start and finish times of training;
- Venue of training sessions;
- Dates of travel;
- Accommodation;
- Home address or address of regular overnight stay of each Athlete of the team.

**5.6.2** The following shall constitute team whereabouts violations:

- The failure to provide IWBF with whereabouts information within the deadline communicated to the team;
- Incomplete or inaccurate whereabouts information;
- The absence of one or more Athletes from a test conducted on the team.

Team whereabouts violations may incur a monetary fine in accordance with Section P of the IWBF Internal Regulations.

**5.6.3** All *Athletes* belonging to teams in the *Testing Pool* are deemed to be aware of the whereabouts information provided by their team and must be present and available for Testing in accordance with that information. In addition to

potential Consequences for an anti-doping rule violation, any *Athlete* not present for Testing in accordance with the whereabouts information provided by the team may be included in the Registered Testing Pool and required to submit whereabouts information to IWBF in accordance with Article 5.6.

### **5.7 Retired Athletes Returning to Competition**

**5.7.1** If an *International-Level Athlete* or *National-Level Athlete* in IWBF's *Registered Testing Pool* retires and then wishes to return to active participation in sport, the *Athlete* shall not compete in *International Events* or *National Events* until the *Athlete* has made himself or herself available for *Testing*, by giving six-months prior written notice to IWBF and their *National Anti-Doping Organisation*.

WADA, in consultation with IWBF and the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organisation*, may grant an exemption to the six-month written notice rule where the strict application of that rule would be unfair to the *Athlete*. This decision may be appealed under Article 13.

Any individual competitive results obtained in violation of this Article 5.7.1 shall be *Disqualified* unless the *Athlete* can establish that he or she could not have reasonably known that this was an *International Event* or a *National Event*.

**5.7.2** If an *Athlete* retires from sport while subject to a period of *Ineligibility*, the *Athlete* must notify the *Anti-Doping Organisation* that imposed the period of *Ineligibility* in writing of such retirement. If the *Athlete* then wishes to return to active competition in sport, the *Athlete* shall not compete in *International Events* or *National Events* until the *Athlete* has made himself or herself available for *Testing* by giving six-months prior written notice (or notice equivalent to the period of *Ineligibility* remaining as of the date the *Athlete* retired, if that period was longer than six (6) months) to IWBF and to their *National Anti-Doping Organisation*, including (if requested) complying with the whereabouts requirements of Annex I to the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

### **5.8 Independent Observer Program**

IWBF and the organising committees for IWBF's *Events*, as well as the *National Federations* and the organising committees for *National Events*, shall authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program* at such *Events*.

## **ARTICLE 6 ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES**

*Samples* shall be analysed in accordance with the following principles:

#### **6.1 Use of Accredited, Approved Laboratories and Other Laboratories**

- 6.1.1** For purposes of directly establishing an *Adverse Analytical Finding* under Article 2.1, *Samples* shall be analysed only in *WADA*-accredited laboratories or laboratories otherwise approved by *WADA*. The choice of the *WADA*-accredited or *WADA*-approved laboratory used for the *Sample* analysis shall be determined exclusively by IWBF.
- 6.1.2** As provided in Article 3.2, facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means. This would include, for example, reliable laboratory or other forensic testing conducted outside of *WADA*-accredited or approved laboratories.

#### **6.2 Purpose of Analysis of *Samples* and Data**

*Samples* and related analytical data or *Doping Control* information shall be analysed to detect *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* identified on the *Prohibited List* and other substances as may be directed by *WADA* pursuant to the monitoring program described in Article 4.5 of the *Code*, or to assist IWBF in profiling relevant parameters in an *Athlete*'s urine, blood or other matrix, including for DNA or genomic profiling, for further analysis, or for any other legitimate anti-doping purpose.

#### **6.3 Research on Samples and Data**

*Samples*, related analytical data and *Doping Control* information may be used for anti-doping research purposes, although no *Sample* may be used for research without the *Athlete*'s written consent. *Samples* and related analytical data or *Doping Control* information used for research purposes shall first be processed in such a manner as to prevent *Samples* and related analytical data or *Doping Control* information being traced back to a particular *Athlete*. Any research involving *Samples* and related analytical data or *Doping Control* information shall adhere to the principles set out in Article 19 of the *Code*.

#### **6.4 Standards for *Sample* Analysis and Reporting**

Laboratories shall analyse *Samples* and report results in conformity with the *International Standard* for Laboratories.

Laboratories at their own initiative and expense may analyse *Samples* for *Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* not included on the standard *Sample* analysis menu, or as requested by IWBF. Results from any such analysis shall be reported to IWBF and have the same validity and *Consequences* as any other analytical result.

#### **6.5 Further Analysis of a *Sample* Prior to or During *Results Management***

There shall be no limitation on the authority of a Laboratory to conduct repeat or additional analysis on a *Sample* prior to the time IWBF notifies an *Athlete* that the *Sample* is the basis for an Article 2.1 anti-doping rule violation charge. If after such notification IWBF

wishes to conduct additional analysis on that *Sample*, it may do so with the consent of the *Athlete* or approval from a hearing body.

#### **6.6 Further Analysis of a *Sample* After it has been Reported as Negative or has Otherwise not Resulted in an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Charge**

After a laboratory has reported a *Sample* as negative, or the *Sample* has not otherwise resulted in an anti-doping rule violation charge, it may be stored and subjected to further analyses for the purpose of Article 6.2 at any time exclusively at the direction of either the *Anti-Doping Organisation* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection or *WADA*. Any other *Anti-Doping Organisation* with authority to test the *Athlete* that wishes to conduct further analysis on a stored *Sample* may do so only with the written permission of the *Anti-Doping Organisation* that initiated and directed *Sample* collection or *WADA*, and shall be responsible for any follow-up *Results Management*. Any *Sample* storage or further analysis initiated by *WADA* or another *Anti-Doping Organisation* shall be at *WADA*'s or that organisation's expense. Further analysis of *Samples* shall conform with the requirements of the *International Standard for Laboratories*.

#### **6.7 Split of A or B *Sample***

Where *WADA*, an *Anti-Doping Organisation* with *Results Management* authority, and/or a *WADA*-accredited laboratory (with approval from *WADA* or the *Anti-Doping Organisation* with *Results Management* authority) wishes to split an A or B *Sample* for the purpose of using the first part of the split *Sample* for an A *Sample* analysis and the second part of the split *Sample* for confirmation, then the procedures set forth in the *International Standard for Laboratories* shall be followed.

#### **6.8 *WADA*'s Right to Take Possession of *Samples* and Data**

*WADA* may, in its sole discretion at any time, with or without prior notice, take physical possession of any *Sample* and related analytical data or information in the possession of a laboratory or *Anti-Doping Organisation*. Upon request by *WADA*, the laboratory or *Anti-Doping Organisation* in possession of the *Sample* or data shall immediately grant access to and enable *WADA* to take physical possession of the *Sample* or data. If *WADA* has not provided prior notice to the laboratory or *Anti-Doping Organisation* before taking possession of a *Sample* or data, it shall provide such notice to the laboratory and each *Anti-Doping Organisation* whose *Samples* or data have been taken by *WADA* within a reasonable time after taking possession. After analysis and any investigation of a seized *Sample* or data, *WADA* may direct another *Anti-Doping Organisation* with authority to test the *Athlete* to assume *Results Management* responsibility for the *Sample* or data if a potential anti-doping rule violation is discovered.

### **ARTICLE 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT: RESPONSIBILITY, INITIAL REVIEW, NOTICE AND PROVISIONAL SUSPENSIONS**

*Results Management* under these Anti-Doping Rules establishes a process designed to resolve anti-doping rule violation matters in a fair, expeditious and efficient manner.

## 7.1 Responsibility for Conducting *Results Management*

7.1.1 Except as otherwise provided in Articles 6.6, 6.8 and Code Article 7.1, *Results Management* shall be the responsibility of, and shall be governed by, the procedural rules of the *Anti-Doping Organisation* that initiated and directed Sample collection (or, if no *Sample* collection is involved, the *Anti-Doping Organisation* which first provides notice to an *Athlete* or other *Person* of a potential anti-doping rule violation and then diligently pursues that anti-doping rule violation).

The foregoing paragraph notwithstanding, IWBF is the sole *Results Management* authority for all anti-doping rule violations arising from or in connection with:

- an *IWBF Event*, regardless of the authority that conducted *Testing*; and
- any *Out-of-Competition Testing* conducted by IWBF on any *Athlete*.

7.1.2 In circumstances where the rules of a *National Anti-Doping Organisation* do not give the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* authority over an *Athlete* or other *Person* who is not a national, resident, license holder, or member of a wheelchair basketball organisation of that country, or the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* declines to exercise such authority, *Results Management* for violations in the sport of wheelchair basketball shall be conducted by IWBF, provided that IWBF has authority over the *Athlete*, or by a third party with authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person* as directed by IWBF.

7.1.3 For the sport of wheelchair basketball, in the event the *Major Event Organisation* assumes only limited *Results Management* responsibility relating to a *Sample* initiated and taken during an *Event* conducted by a *Major Event Organisation*, or an anti-doping rule violation occurring during such *Event*, the case shall be referred by the *Major Event Organisation* to IWBF for completion of *Results Management*.

7.1.4 *Results Management* in relation to a potential whereabouts failure (a filing failure or a missed test) shall be administered by IWBF or the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* with whom the *Athlete* in question files whereabouts information, as provided in the *International Standard for Results Management*. If IWBF determines a filing failure or a missed test, it shall submit that information to WADA through *ADAMS*, where it will be made available to other relevant *Anti-Doping Organisations*.

7.1.5 IWBF shall conduct *Results Management* for *Adverse Passport Findings* or *Atypical Passport Findings* for all *Athletes* for whom their biological passport is under IWBF custody.

7.1.6 For potential anti-doping rule violations in the sport of wheelchair basketball and for which IWBF has authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person* in question, WADA may direct IWBF to conduct *Results Management* in particular circumstances in which a different *Anti-Doping Organisation* failed or refused to conduct *Results Management*. The

other *Anti-Doping Organisation* shall reimburse IWBF for the costs and attorney fees for conducting *Results Management* and a failure to reimburse these costs shall be considered an act of non-compliance. If IWBF refuses to conduct *Results Management* within a reasonable deadline set by *WADA*, *WADA* may direct another *Anti-Doping Organisation* with authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person*, that is willing to do so, to take *Results Management* responsibility in place of IWBF. In such case, IWBF shall reimburse the costs and attorney fees of conducting *Results Management* to the other *Anti-Doping Organisation* designated by *WADA*, and a failure to reimburse these costs and attorney fees shall be considered an act of non-compliance.

**7.1.7** If a dispute arises between *Anti-Doping Organisations* over which *Anti-Doping Organisation* has results management responsibility, *WADA* shall decide which organisation has such responsibility. *WADA*'s decision may be appealed to *CAS* within seven days of notification of the *WADA* decision by any of the *Anti-Doping Organizations* involved in the dispute. The appeal shall be dealt with by *CAS* in an expedited manner and shall be heard before a single arbitrator.

## **7.2 Review and Notification Regarding Potential Anti-Doping Rule Violations**

IWBF shall carry out the review and notification with respect to any potential anti-doping rule violation in accordance with the *International Standard for Results Management*.

## **7.3 Identification of Prior Anti-Doping Rule Violations**

Before giving an *Athlete* or other *Person* notice of a potential anti-doping rule violation as provided above, IWBF shall refer to *ADAMS* and may contact *WADA* and other relevant *Anti-Doping Organisations* to determine whether any prior anti-doping rule violation exists.

## **7.4 Provisional Suspensions**

### **7.4.1 Mandatory Provisional Suspension after an Adverse Analytical Finding or Adverse Passport Finding**

If IWBF receives an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or an *Adverse Passport Finding* (upon completion of the *Adverse Passport Finding* review process) for a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* that is not a *Specified Substance* or a *Specified Method*, it shall impose a *Provisional Suspension* on the *Athlete* promptly upon or after the review and notification required by Article 7.2.

A mandatory *Provisional Suspension* may be eliminated if: (i) the *Athlete* demonstrates to IWBF or the IWBF Disciplinary Panel that the violation is likely to have involved a *Contaminated Product*, or (ii) the violation involves a *Substance of Abuse* and the *Athlete* establishes entitlement to a reduced period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.2.4.1.

IWBF or the IWBF Disciplinary Panel's decision not to eliminate a mandatory *Provisional Suspension* on account of the *Athlete's* assertion regarding a *Contaminated Product* or to lift an optional *Provisional Suspension* imposed as per Article 7.4.2 shall not be appealable.

**7.4.2** Optional *Provisional Suspension* based on an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for *Specified Substances, Specified Methods, Contaminated Products*, or Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations

IWBF may impose a *Provisional Suspension* for anti-doping rule violations not covered by Article 7.4.1 prior to the analysis of the *Athlete's B Sample* or final hearing as described in Article 8.

An optional *Provisional Suspension* may be lifted at the discretion of IWBF at any time prior to IWBF Disciplinary Panel's decision under Article 8, unless provided otherwise in the *International Standard for Results Management*.

**7.4.3** Opportunity for Hearing or Appeal

Notwithstanding Articles 7.4.1 and 7.4.2, a *Provisional Suspension* may not be imposed unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* is given: (a) an opportunity for a *Provisional Hearing*, either before or on a timely basis after the imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*; or (b) an opportunity for an expedited hearing in accordance with Article 8 on a timely basis after the imposition of the *Provisional Suspension*.

The imposition of a *Provisional Suspension*, or the decision not to impose a *Provisional Suspension*, may be appealed in an expedited process in accordance with Article 13.2.

**7.4.4** Voluntary Acceptance of *Provisional Suspension*

*Athletes* on their own initiative may voluntarily accept a *Provisional Suspension* if done so prior to the later of: (i) the expiration of ten (10) days from the report of the *B Sample* (or waiver of the *B Sample*) or ten (10) days from the notice of any other anti-doping rule violation, or (ii) the date on which the *Athlete* first competes after such report or notice.

*Other Persons* on their own initiative may voluntarily accept a *Provisional Suspension* if done so within ten (10) days from the notice of the anti-doping rule violation.

Upon such voluntary acceptance, the *Provisional Suspension* shall have the full effect and be treated in the same manner as if the *Provisional Suspension* had been imposed under Article 7.4.1 or 7.4.2; provided, however, at any time after voluntarily accepting a *Provisional Suspension*, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may withdraw such acceptance, in which event the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall not receive any credit for time previously served during the *Provisional Suspension*.

**7.4.5** If a *Provisional Suspension* is imposed based on an *A Sample Adverse Analytical Finding* and a subsequent *B Sample* analysis (if requested by the *Athlete* or IWBF) does not confirm the *A Sample* analysis, then the *Athlete* shall not be subject to any further *Provisional Suspension* on account of a violation of Article 2.1. In circumstances where the *Athlete* (or the *Athlete's* team) has been removed from a *Competition* or *Event* based on a violation of Article 2.1 and the subsequent *B Sample* analysis does not confirm the *A Sample* finding, then, if it is still possible for the *Athlete* or team to be reinserted, without otherwise affecting the *Competition* or *Event*, the *Athlete* or team may continue to take part in the *Competition* or *Event*.

## **7.5 Results Management Decisions**

*Results Management* decisions or adjudications by IWBF must not purport to be limited to a particular geographic area or the sport of wheelchair basketball and shall address and determine without limitation the following issues: (i) whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed or a *Provisional Suspension* should be imposed, the factual basis for such determination, and the specific Articles that have been violated, and (ii) all *Consequences* flowing from the anti-doping rule violation(s), including applicable *Disqualifications* under Articles 9 and 10.10, any forfeiture of medals or prizes (including price money), any period of *Ineligibility* (and the date it begins to run) and any *Financial Consequences*.

## **7.6 Notification of Results Management Decisions**

IWBF shall notify *Athletes*, other *Persons*, *Signatories* and *WADA* of *Results Management* decisions as provided in Article 14 and in the *International Standard for Results Management*.

## **7.7 Retirement from Sport**

If an *Athlete* or other *Person* retires while the IWBF's *Results Management* process is underway, IWBF retains authority to complete its *Results Management* process. If an *Athlete* or other *Person* retires before any *Results Management* process has begun, and IWBF would have had *Results Management* authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person* at the time the *Athlete* or other *Person* committed an anti-doping rule violation, IWBF retains authority to conduct *Results Management*.

# **ARTICLE 8 RESULTS MANAGEMENT: RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING AND NOTICE OF HEARING DECISION**

For any *Person* who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, IWBF shall provide a fair hearing within a reasonable time by a fair, impartial and *Operationally Independent* hearing panel in compliance with the *Code* and the *International Standard for Results Management*.

## 8.1 Fair Hearings

### 8.1.1 Fair and Impartial Hearing Panel

IWBF has established the IWBF Disciplinary Panel, which has first instance jurisdiction to hear and determine whether an *Athlete* or other *Person*, subject to these Anti-Doping Rules, has committed an anti-doping rule violation and, if applicable, to impose relevant *Consequences* (see Section L1.3). Decisions made by the IWBF Disciplinary Panel are subject to appeal to the IWBF Appeals Panel. The IWBF Appeals Panel shall be in a position to conduct the hearing and decision-making process without interference from IWBF or any third party and conform with the requirements for an Operationally Independent hearing panel and as set forth in the Article 8 of the International Standard for Results Management.

### 8.1.2 Hearing Process

- 8.1.2.1 When IWBF sends a notice to an *Athlete* or other *Person* notifying them of a potential anti-doping rule violation, and the *Athlete* or other *Person* does not waive a hearing in accordance with Article 8.3.1 or Article 8.3.2, then the case shall be referred to the IWBF Disciplinary Panel for hearing and adjudication, which shall be conducted in accordance with the principles described in Articles 8 and 9 of the *International Standard for Results Management* and Book 1 of the IWBF Internal Regulations.
- 8.1.2.2 Upon appointment to the IWBF Disciplinary Panel, each member must also sign a declaration that there are no facts or circumstances known to him or her which might call into question their impartiality in the eyes of any of the parties, other than those circumstances disclosed in the declaration.
- 8.1.2.3 Hearings held in connection with *Events* in respect to *Athletes* and other *Persons* who are subject to these Anti-Doping Rules may be conducted by an expedited process where permitted by IWBF, having regard to the *Event* schedule and IWBF Calendar.
- 8.1.2.4 WADA, the *National Federation* of the *Athlete* (i.e. for which national team the *Athlete* is eligible to play) or other *Person* (i.e. the *National Federation* of his or her citizenship) and the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* of the *Athlete* or other *Person* (as per the above) may attend the hearing as observers. In any event, IWBF shall keep them fully apprised as to the status of pending cases and the result of all hearings.

## 8.2 Notice of Decisions

- 8.2.1** At the end of the hearing, or promptly thereafter, the IWBF Disciplinary Panel shall issue a written decision that conforms with Article 9 of the *International Standard for Results Management* and that includes the full reasons for the decision, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed, the *Disqualification* of results under Article 10.10.
- 8.2.2** IWBF shall notify that decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to other *Anti-Doping Organisations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3, and shall promptly report it into *ADAMS*. The decision may be appealed as provided in Article 13.

### **8.3 Resolution without a hearing**

- 8.3.1** An *Athlete* or other *Person* against whom an anti-doping rule violation is asserted may waive a hearing and agree with the *Consequences* that are mandated by these Anti-Doping Rules or (where some discretion as to *Consequences* exists under these Anti-Doping Rules) that have been proposed by IWBF.
- 8.3.2** Alternatively, if the *Athlete* or other *Person* against whom an anti-doping rule violation is asserted fails to dispute that assertion within the deadline specified in the notice sent by the IWBF asserting the violation, then shall be deemed to have waived a hearing, to have admitted the violation, and to have accepted the *Consequences* as set forth according to Article 8.3.1.
- 8.3.3** In cases where Article 8.3.1 or 8.3.2 applies, a hearing before the IWBF Disciplinary Panel shall not be required. Instead IWBF shall promptly issue a written decision that conforms with Article 9 of the *International Standard for Results Management* and that includes the full reasons for the decision, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed, the *Disqualification* of results under Article 10.10 and, if applicable, a justification for why the greatest potential *Consequences* were not imposed.
- 8.3.4** IWBF shall notify that decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to other *Anti-Doping Organisations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3, and shall promptly report it into *ADAMS*. IWBF shall *Publicly Disclose* that decision in accordance with Article 14.3.2.
- 8.3.5** IWBF may reopen the case if new facts, or facts that were not known to IWBF at the time of the resolution, are subsequently brought to its knowledge, the nature of which would have led IWBF not to conclude the agreement or to conclude the agreement with different terms. If an appeal is pending before CAS at this point, IWBF shall be entitled to raise these new facts or circumstances in the CAS proceedings.

### **8.5 Single Hearing Before CAS**

Anti-doping rule violations asserted against *International-Level Athletes*, *National-Level Athletes* or other *Persons* may, with the consent of the *Athlete* or other *Person*, IWBF

(where it has *Results Management* responsibility in accordance with Article 7) and *WADA*, be heard in a single hearing directly at *CAS*.

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## **ARTICLE 10 SANCTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS**

### **10.1 *Disqualification* of Results in the *Event* during which an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Occurs**

**10.1.1** An anti-doping rule violation occurring during or in connection with an *Event* may, upon the decision of the ruling body of the *Event*, lead to *Disqualification* of all of the *Athlete*'s individual results obtained in that *Event* (including without limitation: most valuable player, member of the All-Star five, ranking points in 3x3, winner of skill challenges etc.) with all *Consequences*, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes (including prize money), except as provided in Article 10.1.2.

Factors to be included in considering whether to *Disqualify* other results in an *Event* might include, for example, the seriousness of the *Athlete*'s anti-doping rule violation and whether the *Athlete* tested negative in the other *Competitions*.

**10.1.2** If the *Athlete* establishes that he or she bears *No Fault or Negligence* for the violation, the *Athlete*'s individual results in the other *Competitions* shall not be *Disqualified*, unless the *Athlete*'s results in *Competitions* other than the *Competition* in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the *Athlete*'s anti-doping rule violation.

For all other matters relating to *Disqualification*, refer to Article 11.

### **10.2 *Ineligibility* for Presence, Use or Attempted Use, or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method**

The period of *Ineligibility* for a violation of Article 2.1, 2.2 or 2.6 shall be as follows, subject to potential elimination, reduction or suspension pursuant to Article 10.5, 10.6 or 10.7:

**10.2.1** The period of *Ineligibility*, subject to Article 10.2.4, shall be four (4) years where:

**10.2.1.1** The anti-doping rule violation does not involve a *Specified Substance* or a *Specified Method*, unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional.

**10.2.1.2** The anti-doping rule violation involves a *Specified Substance* or a *Specified Method* and IWBF can establish that the anti-doping rule violation was intentional.

**10.2.2** If Article 10.2.1 does not apply, subject to Article 10.2.4.1, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years.

**10.2.3** As used in Article 10.2, the term “intentional” is meant to identify those *Athletes* or other *Persons* who engage in conduct which they knew constituted an anti-doping rule violation or knew that there was a significant risk that the conduct might constitute or result in an anti-doping rule violation and manifestly disregarded that risk. An anti-doping rule violation resulting from an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a substance which is only prohibited *In-Competition* shall be rebuttably presumed to be not “intentional” if the substance is a *Specified Substance* and the *Athlete* can establish that the *Prohibited Substance* was *Used Out-of-Competition*. An anti-doping rule violation resulting from an *Adverse Analytical Finding* for a substance which is only prohibited *In-Competition* shall not be considered “intentional” if the substance is not a *Specified Substance* and the *Athlete* can establish that the *Prohibited Substance* was *Used Out-of-Competition* in a context unrelated to sport performance.

**10.2.4** Notwithstanding any other provision in Article 10.2, where the anti-doping rule violation involves a *Substance of Abuse*:

**10.2.4.1** If the *Athlete* can establish that any ingestion or *Use* occurred *Out-of-Competition* and was unrelated to sport performance, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be three (3) months *Ineligibility*.

In addition, the period of *Ineligibility* calculated under this Article 10.2.4.1 may be reduced to one (1) month if the *Athlete* or other *Person* satisfactorily completes a *Substance of Abuse* treatment program approved by IWBF. The period of *Ineligibility* established in this Article 10.2.4.1 is not subject to any reduction based on any provision in Article 10.6.

**10.2.4.2** If the ingestion, *Use* or *Possession* occurred *In-Competition*, and the *Athlete* can establish that the context of the ingestion, *Use* or *Possession* was unrelated to sport performance, then the ingestion, *Use* or *Possession* shall not be considered intentional for purposes of Article 10.2.1 and shall not provide a basis for a finding of *Aggravating Circumstances* under Article 10.4.

### **10.3 *Ineligibility* for Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations**

The period of *Ineligibility* for anti-doping rule violations other than as provided in Article 10.2 shall be as follows, unless Article 10.6 or 10.7 are applicable:

- 10.3.1** For violations of Article 2.3 or 2.5, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be four (4) years except: (i) in the case of failing to submit to *Sample* collection, if the *Athlete* can establish that the commission of the anti-doping rule violation was not intentional, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years; (ii) in all other cases, if the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish exceptional circumstances that justify a reduction of the period of *Ineligibility*, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be in a range from two (2) years to four (4) years depending on the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault*; or (iii) in a case involving a *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be in a range between a maximum of two (2) years and, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*'s degree of *Fault*.
- 10.3.2** For violations of Article 2.4, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one (1) year, depending on the *Athlete*'s degree of *Fault*. The flexibility between two (2) years and one (1) year of *Ineligibility* in this Article is not available to *Athletes* where a pattern of last-minute whereabouts changes or other conduct raises a serious suspicion that the *Athlete* was trying to avoid being available for *Testing*.
- 10.3.3** For violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be a minimum of four (4) years up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation. An Article 2.7 or Article 2.8 violation involving a *Protected Person* shall be considered a particularly serious violation and, if committed by *Athlete Support Personnel* for violations other than for *Specified Substances*, shall result in lifetime *Ineligibility* for *Athlete Support Personnel*. In addition, significant violations of Article 2.7 or 2.8 which may also violate non-sporting laws and regulations, shall be reported to the competent administrative, professional or judicial authorities.
- 10.3.4** For violations of Article 2.9, the period of *Ineligibility* imposed shall be a minimum of two (2) years, up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation.
- 10.3.5** For violations of Article 2.10, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be two (2) years, subject to reduction down to a minimum of one (1) year, depending on the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault* and other circumstances of the case.

**10.3.6** For violations of Article 2.11, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be a minimum of two (2) years, up to lifetime *Ineligibility*, depending on the seriousness of the violation by the *Athlete* or other *Person*.

#### **10.4 *Aggravating Circumstances* which may Increase the Period of *Ineligibility***

If IWBF establishes in an individual case involving an anti-doping rule violation other than violations under Article 2.7 (*Trafficking* or *Attempted Trafficking*), 2.8 (*Administration* or *Attempted Administration*), 2.9 (*Complicity* or *Attempted Complicity*) or 2.11 (*Acts by an Athlete or Other Person to Discourage or Retaliate Against Reporting*) that *Aggravating Circumstances* are present which justify the imposition of a period of *Ineligibility* greater than the standard sanction, then the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable shall be increased by an additional period of *Ineligibility* of up to two (2) years depending on the seriousness of the violation and the nature of the *Aggravating Circumstances*, unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish that he or she did not knowingly commit the anti-doping rule violation.

#### **10.5 Elimination of the Period of *Ineligibility* where there is *No Fault or Negligence***

If an *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes in an individual case that he or she bears *No Fault or Negligence*, then the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be eliminated.

#### **10.6 Reduction of the Period of *Ineligibility* based on *No Significant Fault or Negligence***

##### **10.6.1 Reduction of Sanctions in Particular Circumstances for Violations of Article 2.1, 2.2 or 2.6.**

All reductions under Article 10.6.1 are mutually exclusive and not cumulative.

###### **10.6.1.1 *Specified Substances* or *Specified Methods***

Where the anti-doping rule violation involves a *Specified Substance* (other than a *Substance of Abuse*) or *Specified Method*, and the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish *No Significant Fault or Negligence*, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, and at a maximum, two (2) years of *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*.

###### **10.6.1.2 *Contaminated Products***

In cases where the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish both *No Significant Fault or Negligence* and that the detected *Prohibited Substance* (other than a *Substance of Abuse*) came from a *Contaminated Product*, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*,

and at a maximum, two (2) years *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault*.

#### **10.6.1.3 Protected Persons or Recreational Athletes**

Where the anti-doping rule violation not involving a *Substance of Abuse* is committed by a *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*, and the *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete* can establish *No Significant Fault or Negligence*, then the period of *Ineligibility* shall be, at a minimum, a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, and at a maximum, two (2) years *Ineligibility*, depending on the *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*'s degree of *Fault*.

#### **10.6.2 Application of *No Significant Fault or Negligence* beyond the Application of Article 10.6.1**

If an *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes in an individual case where Article 10.6.1 is not applicable that he or she bears *No Significant Fault or Negligence*, then, subject to further reduction or elimination as provided in Article 10.7, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced based on the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault*, but the reduced period of *Ineligibility* may not be less than one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the reduced period under this Article may be no less than eight (8) years.

### **10.7 Elimination, Reduction, or Suspension of Period of *Ineligibility* or Other Consequences for Reasons Other than *Fault***

#### **10.7.1 Substantial Assistance in Discovering or Establishing Code Violations**

**10.7.1.1** IWBF may, prior to an appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of the time to appeal, suspend a part of the *Consequences* (other than *Disqualification* and mandatory *Public Disclosure*) imposed in an individual case where the *Athlete* or other *Person* has provided *Substantial Assistance* to an *Anti-Doping Organisation*, criminal authority or professional disciplinary body which results in: (i) the *Anti-Doping Organisation* discovering or bringing forward an anti-doping rule violation by another *Person*; or (ii) which results in a criminal or disciplinary body discovering or bringing forward a criminal offense or the breach of professional rules committed by another *Person* and the information provided by the *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* is made available to IWBF or other *Anti-Doping Organisation* with *Results Management* responsibility; or (iii) which results in WADA initiating a proceeding against a *Signatory*, WADA-accredited laboratory, or *Athlete* passport management unit (as defined in the *International Standard* for Laboratories) for non-compliance with the *Code*, *International Standard* or *Technical Document*;

or (iv) with the approval by *WADA*, which results in a criminal or disciplinary body bringing forward a criminal offense or the breach of professional or sport rules arising out of a sport integrity violation other than doping. After an appellate decision under Article 13 or the expiration of time to appeal, IWBF may only suspend a part of the otherwise applicable *Consequences* with the approval of *WADA*.

The extent to which the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended shall be based on the seriousness of the anti-doping rule violation committed by the *Athlete* or other *Person* and the significance of the *Substantial Assistance* provided by the *Athlete* or other *Person* to the effort to eliminate doping in sport, non-compliance with the *Code* and/or sport integrity violations. No more than three-quarters of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* may be suspended. If the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* is a lifetime, the non-suspended period under this Article must be no less than eight (8) years. For purposes of this paragraph, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall not include any period of *Ineligibility* that could be added under Article 10.9.3.2 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

If so requested by an *Athlete* or other *Person* who seeks to provide *Substantial Assistance*, IWBF shall allow the *Athlete* or other *Person* to provide the information to it subject to a *Without Prejudice Agreement*.

If the *Athlete* or other *Person* fails to continue to cooperate and to provide the complete and credible *Substantial Assistance* upon which a suspension of *Consequences* was based, IWBF shall reinstate the original *Consequences*. If IWBF decides to reinstate suspended *Consequences* or decides not to reinstate suspended *Consequences*, that decision may be appealed by any *Person* entitled to appeal under Article 13.

**10.7.1.2** To further encourage *Athletes* and other *Persons* to provide *Substantial Assistance* to *Anti-Doping Organisations*, at the request of IWBF or at the request of the *Athlete* or other *Person* who has, or has been asserted to have, committed an anti-doping rule violation, or other violation of the *Code*, *WADA* may agree at any stage of the *Results Management* process, including after an appellate decision under Article 13, to what it considers to be an appropriate suspension of the otherwise-applicable period of *Ineligibility* and other *Consequences*. In exceptional circumstances, *WADA* may agree to suspensions of the period of *Ineligibility* and other *Consequences* for *Substantial Assistance* greater than those otherwise provided in this Article, or even no period of *Ineligibility*, no mandatory *Public Disclosure* and/or no return of prizes (including money)

or payment of fines or costs. *WADA*'s approval shall be subject to reinstatement of *Consequences*, as otherwise provided in this Article. Notwithstanding Article 13, *WADA*'s decisions in the context of this Article 10.7.1.2 may not be appealed.

**10.7.1.3** If IWBF suspends any part of an otherwise applicable sanction because of *Substantial Assistance*, then notice providing justification for the decision shall be provided to the other *Anti-Doping Organisations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided in Article 14. In unique circumstances where *WADA* determines that it would be in the best interest of anti-doping, *WADA* may authorize IWBF to enter into appropriate confidentiality agreements limiting or delaying the disclosure of the *Substantial Assistance* agreement or the nature of *Substantial Assistance* being provided.

**10.7.2** Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation in the Absence of Other Evidence

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* voluntarily admits the commission of an anti-doping rule violation before having received notice of a *Sample* collection which could establish an anti-doping rule violation (or, in the case of an anti-doping rule violation other than Article 2.1, before receiving first notice of the admitted violation pursuant to Article 7) and that admission is the only reliable evidence of the violation at the time of admission, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced, but not below one-half of the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable.

**10.7.3** Application of Multiple Grounds for Reduction of a Sanction

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to reduction in sanction under more than one provision of Article 10.5, 10.6 or 10.7, before applying any reduction or suspension under Article 10.7, the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility* shall be determined in accordance with Articles 10.2, 10.3, 10.5, and 10.6. If the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes entitlement to a reduction or suspension of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.7, then the period of *Ineligibility* may be reduced or suspended, but not below one-fourth of the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*.

**10.8 Results Management Agreements**

**10.8.1** One-Year Reduction for Certain Anti-Doping Rule Violations Based on Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person*, after being notified by IWBF of a potential anti-doping rule violation that carries an asserted period of *Ineligibility* of four (4) or more years (including any period of *Ineligibility* asserted under Article 10.4), admits the violation and accepts the asserted period of *Ineligibility* no later than twenty (20) days after

receiving notice of an anti-doping rule violation charge, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may receive a one (1) -year reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* asserted by IWBF. Where the *Athlete* or other *Person* receives the one (1) -year reduction in the asserted period of *Ineligibility* under this Article 10.8.1, no further reduction in the asserted period of *Ineligibility* shall be allowed under any other Article.

#### **10.8.2 Case Resolution Agreement**

Where the *Athlete* or other *Person* admits an anti-doping rule violation after being confronted with the anti-doping rule violation by IWBF and agrees to *Consequences* acceptable to IWBF and *WADA*, at their sole discretion, then: (a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* may receive a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* based on an assessment by IWBF and *WADA* of the application of Articles 10.1 through 10.7 to the asserted anti-doping rule violation, the seriousness of the violation, the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault* and how promptly the *Athlete* or other *Person* admitted the violation; and (b) the period of *Ineligibility* may start as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. In each case, however, where this Article is applied, the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall serve at least one-half of the agreed-upon period of *Ineligibility* going forward from the earlier of the date the *Athlete* or other *Person* accepted the imposition of a sanction or a *Provisional Suspension* that was subsequently respected by the *Athlete* or other *Person*. The decision by *WADA* and IWBF to enter or not enter into a case resolution agreement, and the amount of the reduction to, and the starting date of, the period of *Ineligibility* are not matters for determination or review by a hearing body and are not subject to appeal under Article 13.

If so requested by an *Athlete* or other *Person* who seeks to enter into a case resolution agreement under this Article, IWBF shall allow the *Athlete* or other *Person* to discuss an admission of the anti-doping rule violation with it subject to a *Without Prejudice Agreement*.

### **10.9 Multiple Violations**

#### **10.9.1 Second or Third Anti-Doping Rule Violation**

**10.9.1.1** For an *Athlete* or other *Person*'s second anti-doping rule violation, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be the greater of:

- (a) A six (6)-month period of *Ineligibility*; or
- (b) A period of *Ineligibility* in the range between:
  - (i) the sum of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed for the first anti-doping rule violation plus the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule

violation treated as if it were a first violation, and

- (ii) twice the period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable to the second anti-doping rule violation treated as if it were a first violation.

The period of *Ineligibility* within this range shall be determined based on the entirety of the circumstances and the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault* with respect to the second violation.

**10.9.1.2** A third anti-doping rule violation will always result in a lifetime period of *Ineligibility*, except if the third violation fulfils the condition for elimination or reduction of the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.5 or 10.6, or involves a violation of Article 2.4. In these particular cases, the period of *Ineligibility* shall be from eight (8) years to lifetime *Ineligibility*.

**10.9.1.3** The period of *Ineligibility* established in Articles 10.9.1.1 and 10.9.1.2 may then be further reduced by the application of Article 10.7.

**10.9.2** An anti-doping rule violation for which an *Athlete* or other *Person* has established *No Fault* or *Negligence* shall not be considered a violation for purposes of this Article 10.9. In addition, an anti-doping rule violation sanctioned under Article 10.2.4.1 shall not be considered a violation for purposes of Article 10.9.

**10.9.3** Additional Rules for Certain Potential Multiple Violations

**10.9.3.1** For purposes of imposing sanctions under Article 10.9, except as provided in Articles 10.9.3.2 and 10.9.3.3, an anti-doping rule violation will only be considered a second violation if IWBF can establish that the *Athlete* or other *Person* committed the additional anti-doping rule violation after the *Athlete* or other *Person* received notice pursuant to Article 7, or after IWBF made reasonable efforts to give notice of the first anti-doping rule violation. If IWBF cannot establish this, the violations shall be considered together as one single first violation, and the sanction imposed shall be based on the violation that carries the more severe sanction, including the application of *Aggravating Circumstances*. Results in all *Competitions* dating back to the earlier anti-doping rule violation will be *Disqualified* as provided in Article 10.10.

**10.9.3.2** If IWBF establishes that an *Athlete* or other *Person* committed an additional anti-doping rule violation prior to notification, and that the additional violation occurred twelve (12) months or more before or after the first-noticed violation, then the period of *Ineligibility* for the additional violation shall be calculated as if

the additional violation were a stand-alone first violation and this period of *Ineligibility* is served consecutively, rather than concurrently, with the period of *Ineligibility* imposed for the earlier-noticed violation. Where this Article 10.9.3.2 applies, the violations taken together shall constitute a single violation for purposes of Article 10.9.1.

**10.9.3.3** If IWBF establishes that an *Athlete* or other *Person* committed a violation of Article 2.5 in connection with the *Doping Control* process for an underlying asserted anti-doping rule violation, the violation of Article 2.5 shall be treated as a stand-alone first violation and the period of *Ineligibility* for such violation shall be served consecutively, rather than concurrently, with the period of *Ineligibility*, if any, imposed for the underlying anti-doping rule violation. Where this Article 10.9.3.3 is applied, the violations taken together shall constitute a single violation for purposes of Article 10.9.1.

**10.9.3.4** If IWBF establishes that an *Athlete* or other *Person* has committed a second or third anti-doping rule violation during a period of *Ineligibility*, the periods of *Ineligibility* for the multiple violations shall run consecutively, rather than concurrently.

#### **10.9.4** Multiple Anti-Doping Rule Violations during Ten (10)-Year Period

For purposes of Article 10.9, each anti-doping rule violation must take place within the same ten-year period in order to be considered multiple violations.

### **10.10 Disqualification of Results in Competitions Subsequent to Sample Collection or Commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation**

In addition to the automatic *Disqualification* of the individual results in the *Competition* which produced the positive *Sample* under Article 10.1, all other competitive results of the *Athlete* obtained from the date a positive *Sample* was collected (whether *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*), or other anti-doping rule violation occurred, through the commencement of any *Provisional Suspension* or *Ineligibility* period, shall, unless fairness requires otherwise, be *Disqualified* with all of the resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes (including prize money).

### **10.11 Forfeited Prizes**

If IWBF recovers prizes (including prize money) forfeited as a result of an anti-doping rule violation, it shall take reasonable measures to allocate and distribute these prizes (including prize money) to the *Athletes* who would have been entitled to it had the forfeiting *Athlete* not competed.

### **10.12 Financial Consequences**

- 10.12.1** Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* commits an anti-doping rule violation, IWBF may, in its discretion and subject to the principle of proportionality, elect to (a) recover from the *Athlete* or other *Person* costs incurred by IWBF or an *IWBF Event* organiser and that are associated with the anti-doping rule violation, regardless of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed and/or (b) fine the *Athlete* or other *Person* in an amount up to USD 50,000, only in cases where the maximum period of *Ineligibility* otherwise applicable has already been imposed.
- 10.12.2** The imposition of a financial sanction or the IWBF's recovery of costs shall not be considered a basis for reducing the *Ineligibility* or other sanction which would otherwise be applicable under these Anti-Doping Rules.

### **10.13 Commencement of *Ineligibility* Period**

Where an *Athlete* is already serving a period of *Ineligibility* for an anti-doping rule violation, any new period of *Ineligibility* shall commence on the first day after the current period of *Ineligibility* has been served. Otherwise, except as provided below, the period of *Ineligibility* shall start on the date of the final hearing decision providing for *Ineligibility* or, if the hearing is waived or there is no hearing, on the date *Ineligibility* is accepted or otherwise imposed.

#### **10.13.1 Delays Not Attributable to the *Athlete* or other *Person***

Where there have been substantial delays in the hearing process or other aspects of *Doping Control*, and the *Athlete* or other *Person* can establish that such delays are not attributable to the *Athlete* or other *Person*, IWBF or IWBF Disciplinary Panel, if applicable, may start the period of *Ineligibility* at an earlier date commencing as early as the date of *Sample* collection or the date on which another anti-doping rule violation last occurred. All competitive results achieved by the *Athlete* alone during the period of *Ineligibility*, including retroactive *Ineligibility*, shall be *Disqualified*.

#### **10.13.2 Credit for *Provisional Suspension* or Period of *Ineligibility* Served**

- 10.13.2.1** If a *Provisional Suspension* is respected by the *Athlete* or other *Person*, then the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall receive a credit for such period of *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed. If the *Athlete* or other *Person* does not respect a *Provisional Suspension*, then the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall receive no credit for any period of *Provisional Suspension* served. If a period of *Ineligibility* is served pursuant to a decision that is subsequently appealed, then the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall receive a credit for such period of *Ineligibility* served against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed on appeal.

**10.13.2.2** If an *Athlete* or other *Person* voluntarily accepts a *Provisional Suspension* in writing from IWBF and thereafter respects the *Provisional Suspension*, the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall receive a credit for such period of voluntary *Provisional Suspension* against any period of *Ineligibility* which may ultimately be imposed. A copy of the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s voluntary acceptance of a *Provisional Suspension* shall be provided promptly to each party entitled to receive notice of an asserted anti-doping rule violation under Article 14.1.

**10.13.2.3** No credit against a period of *Ineligibility* shall be given for any time period before the effective date of the *Provisional Suspension* or voluntary *Provisional Suspension* regardless of whether the *Athlete* elected not to compete or was suspended by a team.

**10.13.2.4** Where a period of *Ineligibility* is imposed upon a team, unless fairness requires otherwise, the period of *Ineligibility* shall start on the date of the final hearing decision providing for *Ineligibility* or, if the hearing is waived, on the date *Ineligibility* is accepted or otherwise imposed. Any period of team *Provisional Suspension* (whether imposed or voluntarily accepted) shall be credited against the total period of *Ineligibility* to be served.

#### **10.14 Status During *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension***

**10.14.1** Prohibition Against Participation During *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*

No *Athlete* or other *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* or is subject to a *Provisional Suspension* may, during a period of *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*, participate in any capacity in a *Competition* or activity (other than authorised anti-doping *Education* or rehabilitation programs) authorised, endorsed or organised by any *Signatory*, *Signatory*'s member organisation, or a club or other member organisation of a *Signatory*'s member organisation, or in *Competitions* authorised or organised by any professional league (whether recognised by IWBF or not etc.), an academic institution (e.g. NCAA) or any international- or national-level *Event* organisation (including without limitation the competitions mentioned in articles 2-2 and 2-3) or any elite or national-level sporting activity funded by a governmental agency.

An *Athlete* or other *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* longer than four (4) years may, after completing four (4) years of the period of *Ineligibility*, participate as an *Athlete* in local sport events not sanctioned or otherwise under the authority of a *Code Signatory* or member of a *Code Signatory*, but only so long as the local sport event is not at a level that could otherwise qualify such *Athlete* or other *Person* directly or

indirectly to compete in (or accumulate points toward) a national championship or *International Event*, and does not involve the *Athlete* or other *Person* working in any capacity with *Protected Persons*.

An *Athlete* or other *Person* subject to a period of *Ineligibility* shall remain subject to *Testing* and any requirement by IWBF to provide whereabouts information.

#### **10.14.2** Return to Training

As an exception to Article 10.14.1, an *Athlete* may return to train with a team or to use the facilities of a club or other member organisation of IWBF or of a National Federation or other *Signatory*'s member organisation during the shorter of: (1) the last two months of the *Athlete*'s period of *Ineligibility*, or (2) the last one-quarter of the period of *Ineligibility* imposed.

#### **10.14.3** Violation of the Prohibition of Participation During *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*

Where an *Athlete* or other *Person* who has been declared *Ineligible* violates the prohibition against participation during *Ineligibility* described in Article 10.14.1, the results of such participation shall be *Disqualified* and a new period of *Ineligibility* equal in length to the original period of *Ineligibility* shall be added to the end of the original period of *Ineligibility*. The new period of *Ineligibility*, including a reprimand and no period of *Ineligibility*, may be adjusted based on the *Athlete* or other *Person*'s degree of *Fault* and other circumstances of the case. The determination of whether an *Athlete* or other *Person* has violated the prohibition against participation, and whether an adjustment is appropriate, shall be made by the *Anti-Doping Organisation* whose *Results Management* led to the imposition of the initial period of *Ineligibility*. This decision may be appealed under Article 13.

An *Athlete* or other *Person* who violates the prohibition against participation during a *Provisional Suspension* described in Article 10.14.1 shall receive no credit for any period of *Provisional Suspension* served and the results of such participation shall be *Disqualified*.

Where an *Athlete Support Person* or other *Person* assists a *Person* in violating the prohibition against participation during *Ineligibility* or a *Provisional Suspension*, IWBF shall impose sanctions for a violation of Article 2.9 for such assistance, if IWBF has authority over such *Person*.

#### **10.14.4** Withholding of Financial Support during *Ineligibility*

In addition, for any anti-doping rule violation not involving a reduced sanction as described in Article 10.5 or 10.6, some or all sport-related financial support or other sport-related benefits received by such *Person* will be withheld by IWBF and its *National Federations*.

## **10.15 Automatic Publication of Sanction**

A mandatory part of each sanction shall include automatic publication, as provided in Article 14.3.

# **ARTICLE 11 CONSEQUENCES TO TEAMS**

## **11.1 *Target Testing***

Where more than one member of a team has been notified of a possible anti-doping rule violation under Article 7 in connection with an *Event*, the team shall be subject to *Target Testing* during the *Event Period*.

## **11.2 *Consequences***

If a member of a team is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation during an *Event Period*, the result of the game shall remain valid. Subject to Article 11.3, if more than one *Athlete* is found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation during an *Event Period*, the team may be subject to *Disqualification* or other disciplinary action, in addition to any *Consequences* imposed upon the individual *Athlete(s)* committing the anti-doping rule violation. Only the Secretary General of IWBF may take a decision based on this Article in relation to – and for the purposes of – a main official competition of IWBF (as defined in Article 2-2). In case of a *Disqualification*, the team shall not be allowed to finish the *Event* and shall lose the game by forfeit, as well as the games that have already been played.

## **11.3 *No Fault or Negligence***

If the *Athlete* establishes that he or she bears *No Fault or Negligence* for the violation, the *Athlete's* team shall not be *Disqualified* from the *Event*, unless a) the number of *Athletes* found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation during the *Event Period* and who do not fall under the provisions of this Article 11.3 is still more than one; or b) the team's results in the *Event* in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the *Athlete's* anti-doping rule violation.

# **ARTICLE 12 SANCTIONS BY IWBF AGAINST OTHER SPORTING BODIES**

**12.1** The IWBF Executive Council has the authority to withhold some or all funding or other non-financial support to *National Federations* that are not in compliance with these Anti-Doping Rules.

**12.2** A *National Federation* shall be obligated to reimburse IWBF, upon IWBF's request, for all costs (including but not limited to laboratory fees, hearing expenses and travel) related to a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules committed by an *Athlete* or other *Person* in connection with an *IWBF Event*.

**12.3** IWBF may elect to take additional disciplinary action against *National Federations* with respect to recognition, the eligibility of its officials and *Athletes* to participate in *International Events* and fines based on the following:

**12.3.1** If more than three but less than eight violations of these Anti-Doping Rules (other than violations involving Article 2.4) are committed by *Athletes* or other *Persons* affiliated with a *National Federation* within a 12-month period. In such event, IWBF may, in its discretion, elect to: (a) ban all officials from that *National Federation* for participation in any IWBF activities for a period of up to two years and/or (b) fine the *National Federation* in an amount of up to USD 200,000 (For purposes of this Rule, any fine paid pursuant to Rule 12.3.2 shall be credited against any fine assessed.)

12.3.1.1 If eight or more violations of these Anti-Doping Rules (other than violations involving Articles 2.4) are committed in addition to the violations described in Article 12.3.1 by *Athletes* or other *Persons* affiliated with a *National Federation* within a 12-month period, then IWBF may suspend that *National Federation's* membership and/or participation in *IWBF Events* for a period of up to 4 years.

**12.3.2** More than one *Athlete* or other *Person* from a *National Federation* commits an *Anti-Doping Rule* violation during an *International Event*. In such event, IWBF may fine that *National Federation* in an amount of up to USD 100,000.

**12.3.3** A *National Federation* has failed to make diligent efforts to keep IWBF informed about an *Athlete's* whereabouts after receiving a request for that information from IWBF. In such event, IWBF may fine the *National Federation* in an amount of up to USD 25,000 per *Athlete* in addition to all of IWBF's costs incurred in *Testing* that *National Federation's Athletes*.

## ARTICLE 13 APPEALS

### 13.1 Decisions Subject to Appeal

Decisions made under the *Code* or these Anti-Doping Rules may be appealed as set forth below in Articles 13.2 through 13.7 or as otherwise provided in these Anti-Doping Rules, the *Code* or the *International Standards*. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise.

#### 13.1.1 Scope of Review Not Limited

The scope of review on appeal includes all issues relevant to the matter and is expressly not limited to the issues or scope of review before the initial (or any subsequent) decision maker. Any party to the appeal may submit evidence, legal arguments and claims that were not raised in the first instance hearing so long as they arise from the same cause of action

or same general facts or circumstances raised or addressed in the first instance hearing.

**13.1.2 CAS Shall Not Defer to the Findings BeingAppealed**

In making its decision, *CAS* shall not give deference to the discretion exercised by the body whose decision is being appealed.

**13.1.3 WADA Not Required to Exhaust Internal Remedies**

Where *WADA* has a right to appeal under Article 13 and no other party has appealed a final decision before the IWBF Appeals' Panel, *WADA* may appeal such decision directly to *CAS* without having to exhaust other remedies in IWBF's process.

**13.2 Appeals from Decisions Regarding Anti-Doping Rule Violations, Consequences, Provisional Suspensions, Implementation of Decisions and Authority**

Subject to Article 13.1.3:

- a decision by IWBF that an anti-doping rule violation was committed;
- a decision by IWBF imposing *Consequences* or not imposing *Consequences* for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule violation was committed;
- a decision by IWBF that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription);
- a decision by *WADA* not to grant an exception to the six-months' notice requirement for a retired *Athlete* to return to competition under Article 5.6.1;
- a decision by *WADA* assigning *Results Management* under Article 7.1 of the *Code*;
- a decision by IWBF not to bring forward an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or an *Atypical Finding* as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation in accordance with the *International Standard for Results Management*;
- a decision to impose, or lift, a *Provisional Suspension* as a result of a *Provisional Hearing*;
- IWBF's failure to comply with Article 7.4;
- a decision by IWBF that IWBF lacks authority to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its *Consequences*;
- a decision by IWBF to suspend, or not suspend, *Consequences* or to reinstate, or not reinstate, *Consequences* under Article 10.7.1;
- failure by IWBF to comply with Articles 7.1.4 and 7.1.5 of the *Code*;
- failure by IWBF to comply with Article 10.8.1;

- a decision by IWBF under Article 10.14.3;
- a decision by IWBF not to implement another *Anti-Doping Organisation*'s decision under Article 15; and
- a decision under Article 27.3 of the *Code*

may be appealed exclusively before the IWBF Appeals' Panel.

### **13.2.2 Appeals against decisions of the IWBF Appeals' Panel**

Appeals against decisions of the IWBF Appeals' Panel may be lodged exclusively with CAS in accordance with the provisions applicable before such court. Recourse to a state court is not permitted.

### **13.2.3 Persons Entitled to Appeal**

The following parties shall have the right to appeal to a decision before the IWBF Appeals' Panel and then to appeal a decision of the IWBF Appeals' Panel to CAS:

- a. the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- b. the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered;
- c. IWBF;
- d. the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* of the *Person*'s country of residence or countries where the *Person* is a national or license holder;
- e. International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Paralympic Games; and
- f. WADA.

Any party filing an appeal shall be entitled to assistance from CAS to obtain all relevant information from the *Anti-Doping Organisation* whose decision is being appealed and the information shall be provided if CAS so directs.

### **13.2.3.3 Duty to Notify**

All parties to any CAS appeal must ensure that WADA and all other parties with a right to appeal have been given timely notice of the appeal.

### **13.2.3.4 Appeal from Imposition of *Provisional Suspension***

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the only *Person* who may appeal from the imposition of a *Provisional Suspension* is the *Athlete* or other *Person* upon whom the *Provisional Suspension* is imposed.

### **13.2.3.5 Appeal from Decisions under Article 12**

Decisions by IWBF pursuant to Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to CAS by the *National Federation* or other body.

#### **13.2.4 Cross Appeals and other Subsequent Appeals Allowed**

Cross appeals and other subsequent appeals by any respondent named in cases brought to CAS under the *Code* are specifically permitted. Any party with a right to appeal under this Article 13 must file a cross appeal or subsequent appeal at the latest with the party's answer.

### **13.3 Failure to Render a Timely Decision by IWBF**

Where, in a particular case, IWBF fails to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by *WADA*, *WADA* may elect to appeal directly to CAS as if IWBF had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the CAS hearing panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that *WADA* acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to CAS, then *WADA*'s costs and attorney fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to *WADA* by IWBF.

### **13.4 Appeals Relating to TUEs**

*TUE* decisions may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 4.4.

### **13.5 Notification of Appeal Decisions**

IWBF shall promptly provide the appeal decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to the other *Anti-Doping Organisations* that would have been entitled to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided under Article 14.

### **13.6 Appeal from Decisions Pursuant to Article 12**

Decisions by IWBF pursuant to Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to the IWBF Appeals' Panel by the *National Federation*.

### **13.6 Time for Filing Appeals**

#### **13.6.1 Appeals to the IWBF Appeals' Panel**

The appeal to the IWBF Appeals' Committee must be made in accordance with the IWBF regulations governing appeals as per the IWBF Official Handbook, Section M (Regulations Governing Appeals – Appeals Committee) and must be received by IWBF within fourteen (14) days following the day of receipt by the appealing party of the decision being appealed against.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by *WADA* before the IWBF Appeals Panel shall be the later of:

- a. Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed; or
- b. Twenty-one (21) days after *WADA*'s receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

### 13.6.2 Appeals to CAS

The time to file an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings that led to the decision being appealed:

- a. Within fifteen (15) days from the notice of the decision, such party/ies shall have the right to request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision from the *Anti-Doping Organisation* that had *Results Management* authority;
- b. If such a request is made within the fifteen (15) day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the file to file an appeal to CAS.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by *WADA* shall be the later of:

- a. Twenty-one (21) days after the last day on which any other party having a right to appeal could have appealed, or
- b. Twenty-one (21) days after *WADA*'s receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

## 13.8 Decisions made by *National Federations* (See Article 18.4) and the application of IWBF sanctions by *National Federations*

**13.8.1** *National Federations* shall immediately inform and shall cause organisations outside IWBF to immediately inform the Secretariat of IWBF and *WADA* of any sanction that is imposed within their country. This information must be accompanied by a copy of the complete file on the *Doping Control* test and/or the anti-doping rule violation. Failure to abide by this rule may be sanctioned by IWBF with a fine of up to USD 25,000.

**13.8.2** In order to ensure that decisions adopted by organisations other than IWBF are in line with the *Code* and the regulations of IWBF, the Secretary General of IWBF may, upon request or *ex officio*:

- a. either decide that a decision taken by a *National Federation* in accordance with Article 18.4 or by organisations outside IWBF and its *National Federations* (e.g. state bodies, the IPC, national anti-doping organisations or other national or international sports organisations inside or outside the Paralympic movement) be adopted for the

purposes of *IWBF Events*, if the following requirements are cumulatively met:

- i. the accused *Person* has been cited properly;
- ii. he has been given an opportunity to be heard;
- iii. the decision has been properly communicated;
- iv. the decision is not in conflict with the regulations of IWBF;
- v. extending the sanction does not conflict with *ordre public*.

In deciding whether the above-mentioned requirements are fulfilled, the Secretary General of IWBF, the IWBF Appeals' Panel or the CAS shall not review the merits of the decision in question.

Under exceptional circumstances, the Secretary General of IWBF may request the parties involved to state their position only as regards the fulfilment of the above-mentioned requirements. No *Person* shall be entitled to challenge the substance of the decision in question.

- b. or submit
  - i. an appeal in accordance with Article 13 of the *Code*, if the decision was taken by an *Anti-Doping Organization*.
  - ii. the case to the IWBF Disciplinary Panel mentioned in Article 8.1, if the decision was taken by an organisation other than an *Anti-Doping Organisation*.

**13.8.3** When a case is submitted to the IWBF Disciplinary Panel in accordance with Article 13.8.2.b.ii above, it shall decide whether and to what extent *Consequences* shall be imposed for the purposes of *IWBF Events* on an *Athlete* or other *Person*. The implicated *Athlete* or other *Person* has the right to be heard. He/she may be *Provisionally Suspended* in accordance with Article 7.9 of these Rules before the hearing.

**13.8.4** If any *Consequences* are imposed by IWBF under these Anti-Doping Rules or a decision is adopted for the purposes of *IWBF Events*, all *National Federations* and persons affiliated, licensed or recognised by them (clubs, leagues, players, coaches, agents, referees etc.) shall apply this decision, and shall take all necessary action to render such decision effective. To this end, IWBF shall publish such decision on its website. The *National Federations* shall access the IWBF website on a regular basis.

**13.8.5** In the event of what would be an anti-doping rule violation under the *Code* within the territory of a *National Federation* where the competent disciplinary authority is an organisation other than an *Anti-Doping Organisation*, the IWBF Disciplinary Panel is authorised to impose *Consequences* on an *Athlete* or other *Person* according to these Anti-Doping Regulations. The implicated *Athlete* or other *Person* has the right to be heard. He/she may be *Provisionally Suspended* in accordance with Article 7.4 of these Rules before the hearing.

## ARTICLE 14 CONFIDENTIALITY AND REPORTING

### 14.1 Information Concerning *Adverse Analytical Findings, Atypical Findings, and Other Asserted Anti-Doping Rule Violations*

#### 14.1.1 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violations to *Athletes* and other *Persons*

Notice to *Athletes* or other *Persons* of anti-doping rule violations asserted against them shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14.

If at any point during *Results Management* up until the anti-doping rule violation charge, IWBF decides not to move forward with a matter, it must notify the *Athlete* or other *Person*, (provided that the *Athlete* or other *Person* had been already informed of the ongoing *Results Management*).

#### 14.1.2 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violations to *National Anti-Doping Organisations* and *WADA*

Notice of the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation to *WADA* and the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* that has authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person* and shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14, simultaneously with the notice to the *Athlete* or other *Person*.

If at any point during *Results Management* up until the anti-doping rule violation charge, IWBF decides not to move forward with a matter, it must give notice (with reasons) to the *Anti-Doping Organisations* with a right of appeal under Article 13.2.3.

#### 14.1.3 Content of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation Notice

Notification of an anti-doping rule violation shall include: the *Athlete*'s or other *Person*'s name, country, sport and discipline within the sport, the *Athlete*'s competitive level, whether the test was *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*, the date of *Sample* collection, the analytical result reported by the laboratory, and other information as required by the *International Standard for Results Management*.

Notification of anti-doping rule violations other than under Article 2.1 shall also include the rule violated and the basis of the asserted violation.

#### 14.1.4 Status Reports

Except with respect to investigations which have not resulted in a notice of an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 14.1.1 *WADA* and the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* that has authority over the *Athlete* or other *Person* shall be regularly updated on the status and findings of any

review or proceedings conducted pursuant to Article 7, 8 or 13 and shall be provided with a prompt written reasoned explanation or decision explaining the resolution of the matter.

**14.1.5 Confidentiality**

The recipient organisations shall not disclose this information beyond those *Persons* with a need to know (which would include the appropriate personnel at the applicable *National Paralympic Committee*, *National Federation*, and team until IWBF has made *Public Disclosure* as permitted by Article 14.3.

**14.1.6 Protection of Confidential Information by an Employee or Agent of the IWBF**

IWBF shall take reasonable measures to ensure that information concerning *Adverse Analytical Findings*, *Atypical Findings*, and other asserted anti-doping rule violations remains confidential until such information is *Publicly Disclosed* in accordance with Article 14.3.

IWBF's specified employees (whether permanent or otherwise), contractors, agents, consultants, and *Delegated Third Parties* shall be subject to fully enforceable contractual duty of confidentiality and to fully enforceable procedures for the investigation and disciplining of improper and/or unauthorized disclosure of such confidential information.

**14.2 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violation or Violations of *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension* Decisions and Request for Files**

**14.2.1** Anti-doping rule violation decisions or decisions related to violations of *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension* rendered pursuant to Article 7.6, 8.2, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.14.3 or 13.5 shall include the full reasons for the decision, including, if applicable, a justification for why the maximum potential sanction was not imposed. Where the decision is not in English or French, IWBF shall provide an English or French summary of the decision and the supporting reasons.

**14.2.2** An *Anti-Doping Organisation* having a right to appeal a decision received pursuant to Article 14.2.1 may, within fifteen (15) days of receipt, request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision.

**14.3 *Public Disclosure***

**14.3.1** After notice has been provided to the *Athlete* or other *Person* in accordance with the *International Standard for Results Management*, and to the applicable *Anti-Doping Organisations* in accordance with Article 14.1.2, the identity of any *Athlete* or other *Person* who is notified of a potential anti-doping rule violation, the *Prohibited Substance* or

*Prohibited Method* and the nature of the violation involved, and whether the *Athlete* or other *Person* is subject to a *Provisional Suspension* may be *Publicly Disclosed* by IWBF.

**14.3.2** No later than twenty (20) days after it has been determined in an appellate decision under Article 13.2.1 or 13.2.2, or such appeal has been waived, or a hearing in accordance with Article 8 has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not otherwise been timely challenged, or the matter has been resolved under Article 10.8, or a new period of *Ineligibility*, or reprimand, has been imposed under Article 10.14.3, IWBF must *Publicly Disclose* the disposition of the anti-doping matter, including the sport, the anti-doping rule violated, the name of the *Athlete* or other *Person* committing the violation, the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* involved (if any) and the *Consequences* imposed. IWBF must also *Publicly Disclose* within twenty (20) days the results of appellate decisions concerning anti-doping rule violations, including the information described above.

**14.3.3** After an anti-doping rule violation has been determined to have been committed in an appellate decision under Article 13.2.1 or 13.2.2 or such appeal has been waived, or in a hearing in accordance with Article 8 or where such hearing has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not otherwise been timely challenged, or the matter has been resolved under Article 10.8, IWBF may make public such determination or decision and may comment publicly on the matter.

**14.3.4** In any case where it is determined, after a hearing or appeal, that the *Athlete* or other *Person* did not commit an anti-doping rule violation, the fact that the decision has been appealed may be *Publicly Disclosed*. However, the decision itself and the underlying facts may not be *Publicly Disclosed* except with the consent of the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision. IWBF shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent, and if consent is obtained, shall *Publicly Disclose* the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the *Athlete* or other *Person* may approve.

**14.3.5** Publication shall be accomplished at a minimum by placing the required information on the IWBF's website, [www.IWBF.org](http://www.IWBF.org), and leaving the information up for the longer of one (1) month or the duration of any period of *Ineligibility*.

**14.3.6** Except as provided in Articles 14.3.1 and 14.3.3, neither IWBF, nor any *Anti-Doping Organisation*, *National Federation*, or *WADA*-accredited laboratory, or any official of any such body, shall publicly comment on the specific facts of any pending case (as opposed to general description of process and science) except in response to public comments attributed to, or based on information provided by, the *Athlete*, other *Person* or their entourage or other representatives.

**14.3.7** The mandatory *Public Disclosure* required in Article 14.3.2 shall not be required where the *Athlete* or other *Person* who has been found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation is a *Minor, Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*. Any optional *Public Disclosure* in a case involving a *Minor, Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete* shall be proportionate to the facts and circumstances of the case.

#### **14.4 Statistical Reporting**

**14.4.1** *National Federations* shall report all results of all *Testing* (see Article 18.4) within their jurisdiction to IWBF at the end of every year sorted by *Athlete* and identifying each date on which the *Athlete* was tested, the entity conducting the test, and whether the test was *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*. Non-compliance with this rule may be sanctioned by IWBF in accordance with Section L1.3. IWBF may periodically publish *Testing* data received from the *National Federations* as well as comparable data from *Testing* under IWBF jurisdiction.

**14.4.2** IWBF shall, at least annually, publish publicly a general statistical report of its *Doping Control* activities, with a copy provided to WADA. IWBF may also publish reports showing the name of each *Athlete* tested and the date of each *Testing*.

#### **14.5 Doping Control Information Database and Monitoring of Compliance**

To enable WADA to perform its compliance monitoring role and to ensure the effective use of resources and sharing of applicable *Doping Control* information among *Anti-Doping Organisations*, IWBF shall report to WADA through *ADAMS Doping Control*-related information, including, in particular:

- a. *Athlete Biological Passport* data for *International-Level Athletes* and *National-Level Athletes*,
- b. Whereabouts information for *Athletes* including those in *Registered Testing Pools*,
- c. *TUE* decisions, and
- d. *Results Management* decisions,

as required under the applicable *International Standard(s)*.

**14.5.1** To facilitate coordinated test distribution planning, avoid unnecessary duplication in *Testing* by various *Anti-Doping Organisations*, and to ensure that *Athlete Biological Passport* profiles are updated, IWBF shall report all *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests to WADA by entering the *Doping Control* forms into *ADAMS* in accordance with the requirements and timelines contained in the *International Standard* for *Testing* and *Investigations*.

**14.5.2** To facilitate WADA's oversight and appeal rights for *TUEs*, IWBF shall report all *TUE* applications, decisions and supporting documentation

using *ADAMS* in accordance with the requirements and timelines contained in the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions*.

**14.5.3** To facilitate *WADA*'s oversight and appeal rights for *Results Management*, IWBF shall report the following information into *ADAMS* in accordance with the requirements and timelines outlined in the *International Standard for Results Management*: (a) notifications of anti-doping rule violations and related decisions for *Adverse Analytical Findings*; (b) notifications and related decisions for other anti-doping rule violations that are not *Adverse Analytical Findings*; (c) whereabouts failures; and (d) any decision imposing, lifting or reinstating a *Provisional Suspension*.

**14.5.4** The information described in this Article will be made accessible, where appropriate and in accordance with the applicable rules, to the *Athlete*, the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organisation*, and any other *Anti-Doping Organisations* with *Testing* authority over the *Athlete*.

**14.5.5** When a *National Federation* has received an *Adverse Analytical Finding* in relation to an *Athlete*, it shall report the following information to IWBF and *WADA* within fourteen (14) days of the process described in Articles 7.2.2 and 7.2.3: the *Athlete's name, country, sport and discipline within the sport, whether the test was In-Competition or Out-of-Competition, the date of Sample collection and the analytical result reported by the laboratory*. The *National Federation* shall also regularly update IWBF on the status and findings of any review or proceedings conducted pursuant to Article 7, Article 8 or Article 13 of the *Code*, and comparable information shall be provided to IWBF within fourteen (14) days of the notification described in Article 7, with respect to other violations of these Anti-Doping Rules. In any case in which the period of *Ineligibility* is eliminated or reduced under Article 10, IWBF shall be provided with a written reasoned decision explaining the basis for the elimination or reduction. Failure to abide by this rule may be sanctioned by IWBF with a fine of up to USD 25,000.

**14.5.2.1** IWBF shall not disclose this information beyond those persons within their organisations with a need to know until the *National Federation* has made *Public Disclosure* or has failed to make *Public Disclosure* as required in Article 14.3 above.

## **14.6 Data Privacy**

**14.6.1** IWBF may collect, store, process or disclose personal information relating to *Athletes* and other *Persons* where necessary and appropriate to conduct its *Anti-Doping Activities* under the *Code*, the *International Standards* (including specifically the *International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information*), these Anti-Doping Rules, and in compliance with applicable law.

**14.6.2** Without limiting the foregoing, IWBF shall:

- a. Only process personal information in accordance with a valid legal ground;
- b. Notify any *Participant* or *Person* subject to these Anti-Doping Rules, in a manner and form that complies with applicable laws and the *International Standard* for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information, that their personal information may be processed by IWBF and other *Persons* for the purpose of the implementation of these Anti-Doping Rules;
- c. Ensure that any third-party agents (including any *Delegated Third Party*) with whom IWBF shares the personal information of any *Participant* or *Person* is subject to appropriate technical and contractual controls to protect the confidentiality and privacy of such information.

#### **14.7 Delivery of Notice to Athletes or other Persons**

Notice to an *Athlete* or other *Person* who is a member of a *National Federation* may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the *National Federation*.

### **ARTICLE 15 IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS**

#### **15.1 Automatic Binding Effect of Decisions by Signatory Anti-Doping Organisations**

**15.1.1** Subject to Article 13, a decision of an anti-doping rule violation made by a *Signatory Anti-Doping Organisation*, an appellate body (Article 13.2.2 of the *Code*) or CAS shall, after the parties to the proceeding are notified, automatically be binding beyond the parties to the proceeding upon IWBF, as well as every *Signatory* in every sport with the effects described below:

**15.1.1.1** A decision by any of the above-described bodies imposing a *Provisional Suspension* (after a *Provisional Hearing* has occurred or the *Athlete* or other *Person* has either accepted the *Provisional Suspension* or has waived the right to a *Provisional Hearing*, expedited hearing or expedited appeal offered in accordance with Article 7.4.3) automatically prohibits the *Athlete* or other *Person* from participation (as described in Article 10.14.1) in all sports within the authority of any *Signatory* during the *Provisional Suspension*.

**15.1.1.2** A decision by any of the above-described bodies imposing a period of *Ineligibility* (after a hearing has occurred or been waived) automatically prohibits the *Athlete* or other *Person* from

participation (as described in Article 10.14.1) in all sports within the authority of any *Signatory* for the period of *Ineligibility*.

**15.1.1.3** A decision by any of the above-described bodies accepting an anti-doping rule violation automatically binds all *Signatories*.

**15.1.1.4** A decision by any of the above-described bodies to *Disqualify* results under Article 10.10 for a specified period automatically *Disqualifies* all results obtained within the authority of any *Signatory* during the specified period.

**15.1.2** IWBF shall recognise and implement a decision and its effects as required by Article 15.1.1, without any further action required, on the earlier of the date IWBF receives actual notice of the decision or the date the decision is placed into *ADAMS*.

**15.1.3** A decision by an *Anti-Doping Organisation*, a national appellate body or CAS to suspend, or lift, *Consequences* shall be binding upon IWBF without any further action required, on the earlier of the date IWBF receives actual notice of the decision or the date the decision is placed into *ADAMS*.

**15.1.4** Notwithstanding any provision in Article 15.1.1, however, a decision of an anti-doping rule violation by a *Major Event Organisation* made in an expedited process during an *Event* shall not be binding on IWBF unless the rules of the *Major Event Organisation* provide the *Athlete* or other *Person* with an opportunity to an appeal under non-expedited procedures.

## **ARTICLE 16 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

No anti-doping rule violation proceeding may be commenced against an *Athlete* or other *Person* unless he or she has been notified of the anti-doping rule violation as provided in Article 7, or notification has been reasonably attempted, within ten (10) years from the date the violation is asserted to have occurred.

## **ARTICLE 17 EDUCATION**

IWBF shall plan, implement, evaluate and promote *Education* in line with the requirements of Article 18.2 of the *Code* and the *International Standard for Education*.

## **ARTICLE 18 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**

- 18.1** All *National Federations* and their members shall comply with the *International Standards* and these Anti-Doping Rules. All *National Federations* and other members shall include in their policies, rules and programs the provisions necessary to ensure that IWBF may enforce these Anti-Doping Rules (including carrying out *Testing*) directly in respect of *Athletes* (including *National-Level Athletes*) and other *Persons* under their anti-doping authority as specified in the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Rules (Section “Scope of these Anti-Doping Rules”).
- 18.2** These Anti-Doping Rules shall also be deemed to be incorporated either directly or by reference into each National Federation’s governing documents, constitution and/or rules as part of the rules of sport that bind their members so that the *National Federation* may enforce them itself directly in respect of *Athletes* (including *National-Level Athletes*) and other *Persons* under its anti-doping authority. All *National Federations* shall include in their regulations the procedural rules necessary to effectively implement these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 18.3** By adopting these Anti-Doping Rules and incorporating them into their governing documents and rules of sport, *National Federations* shall cooperate with and support IWBF in that function. They shall also recognise, abide by and implement the decisions made pursuant to these Anti-Doping Rules, including the decisions imposing sanctions on *Persons* under their authority.
- 18.4** All *National Federations* shall take appropriate action to enforce compliance with the *Code*, *International Standards*, and these Anti-Doping Rules by *inter alia*:
  - a. conducting *Testing* only under the documented authority of IWBF and using their *National Anti-Doping Organisation* or other *Sample* collection authority to collect *Samples* in compliance with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*;
  - b. recognizing the authority of the *National Anti-Doping Organisation* in their country in accordance with Article 5.2.1 of the *Code* and assisting as appropriate with the *National Anti-Doping Organisation*’s implementation of the national *Testing* program for their sport;
  - c. analysing all *Samples* collected using a *WADA*-accredited or *WADA*-approved laboratory in accordance with Article 6.1; and
  - d. ensuring that any national level anti-doping rule violation cases discovered by *National Federations* are adjudicated by an *Operationally Independent* hearing panel in accordance with Article 8.1 and the *International Standard for Results Management*.
- 18.5** All *National Federations* shall establish rules requiring all *Athletes* preparing for or participating in a *Competition* or activity authorised or organized by a *National*

*Federation* or one of its member organisations, and all *Athlete Support Personnel* associated with such *Athletes*, to agree to be bound by these Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the *Results Management* authority of the *Anti-Doping Organisation* in conformity with the *Code* as a condition of such participation. Notwithstanding whether or not the required agreement has been signed, the Rules of each *National Federation* shall specifically provide that all *Athletes*, *Athlete Support Personnel* and other *Persons* under the jurisdiction of the *National Federation* shall be bound by these Anti-Doping Rules.

- 18.6** All *National Federations* shall report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation to IWBF and to their *National Anti-Doping Organisations* and shall cooperate with investigations conducted by any *Anti-Doping Organisation* with authority to conduct the investigation.
- 18.7** All *National Federations* shall have disciplinary rules in place to prevent *Athlete Support Personnel* who are *Using Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods* without valid justification from providing support to *Athletes* under the authority of IWBF or the *National Federation*.
- 18.8** All *National Federations* shall conduct anti-doping *Education* in coordination with their *National Anti-Doping Organisations*.

## **ARTICLE 19 ADDITIONAL Roles and responsibilities OF IWBF**

- 19.1** In addition to the roles and responsibilities described in Article 20.3 of the *Code* for International Federations, IWBF shall report to *WADA* on IWBF's compliance with the *Code* and the *International Standards* in accordance with Article 24.1.2 of the *Code*.

## **ARTICLE 20 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATHLETES**

- 20.1** To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 20.2** To be available for *Sample* collection at all times.
- 20.3** To take responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what they ingest and *Use*.
- 20.4** To inform medical personnel of their obligation not to *Use Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* and to take responsibility to make sure that any medical treatment received does not violate these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 20.5** To disclose to IWBF and their *National Anti-Doping Organisation* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that the *Athlete* committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten (10) years.
- 20.6** To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organisations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.

Failure by any *Athlete* to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organisations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may be sanctioned as a major offence in accordance with the IWBF Official Handbook, Section L (Regulations Governing Application of Penalties /Sanctions), unless the conduct amounts to a violation of Article 2 of this Section K of the IWBF Internal Regulations.

- 20.7** To disclose the identity of their *Athlete Support Personnel* upon request by IWBF or a *National Federation*, or any other *Anti-Doping Organisation* with authority over the *Athlete*.
- 20.8** Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* by an *Athlete*, may result in sanction in accordance with Section L1.3, unless the conduct amounts to a violation of Article 2 of this Section K of the IWBF Internal Regulations.

## **ARTICLE 21 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATHLETE SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

- 21.1** To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 21.2** To cooperate with the *Athlete Testing* program.
- 21.3** To use their influence on *Athlete* values and behaviour to foster anti-doping attitudes.
- 21.4** To disclose to IWBF and their *National Anti-Doping Organisation* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that they committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten (10) years.
- 21.5** To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organisations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.

Failure by any *Athlete Support Personnel* to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organisations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may be sanctioned as a major offence in accordance with the IWBF Disciplinary Regulations, unless the conduct amounts to a violation of Article 2 of this Section K of the IWBF Internal Regulations.

- 21.6** *Athlete Support Personnel* shall not *Use* or *Possess* any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* without valid justification.  
Any such *Use* or *Possession* may result in sanction in accordance with Section L1.3, unless the conduct amounts to a violation of Article 2 of this Section K of the IWBF Internal Regulations.
- 21.7** Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* by *Athlete Support Personnel*, which does not otherwise constitute *Tampering*, may result in sanction in accordance with Section L1.3, unless the conduct amounts to a violation of Article 2 of this Section K of the IWBF Internal Regulations.

## **ARTICLE 22 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER *PERSONS* SUBJECT TO THESE ANTI-DOPING RULES**

- 22.1** To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 22.2** To disclose to IWBF and their *National Anti-Doping Organisation* any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that they committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten (10) years.
- 22.3** To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organisations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.

Failure by any other *Person* subject to these Anti-Doping Rules to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organisations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in sanction in accordance with Section L1.3, unless the conduct amounts to a violation of Article 2 of this Section K of the IWBF Internal Regulations.
- 22.4** Not to *Use or Possess* any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* without valid justification.
- 22.5** Offensive conduct towards a *Doping Control* official or other *Person* involved in *Doping Control* by a *Person*, may result in sanction in accordance with Section L1.3, unless the conduct amounts to a violation of Article 2 of this Section K of the IWBF Internal Regulations.

## **ARTICLE 23 INTERPRETATION OF THE CODE**

- 23.1** The official text of the *Code* shall be maintained by *WADA* and shall be published in English and French. In the event of any conflict between the English and French versions, the English version shall prevail.
- 23.2** The comments annotating various provisions of the *Code* shall be used to interpret the *Code*.
- 23.3** The *Code* shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to the existing law or statutes of the *Signatories* or governments.
- 23.4** The headings used for the various Parts and Articles of the *Code* are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of the *Code* or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.
- 23.5** Where the term “days” is used in the *Code* or an *International Standard*, it shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified.

- 23.6** The *Code* shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the date the *Code* is accepted by a *Signatory* and implemented in its rules. However, pre-*Code* anti-doping rule violations would continue to count as "First violations" or "Second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for subsequent post-*Code* violations.
- 23.7** The Purpose, Scope and Organization of the World Anti-Doping Program and the *Code* and Appendix 1, Definitions, shall be considered integral parts of the *Code*.

## **ARTICLE 24 FINAL PROVISIONS**

- 24.1** Where the term "days" is used in these Anti-Doping Rules, it shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified.
- 24.2** Except as provided in Article 24.3 below, these Anti-Doping Rules shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes.
- 24.3** These Anti-Doping Rules have been adopted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the *Code* and the *International Standards* and shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with applicable provisions of the *Code* and the *International Standards*.
- 24.4** The Introduction and Appendix 1 shall be considered integral parts of these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 24.5** The comments annotating various provisions of the *Code* are incorporated by reference into these Anti-Doping Rules, shall be treated as if set out fully herein, and shall be used to interpret these Anti-Doping Rules.
- 24.6** These Anti-Doping Rules shall enter into force on 1 January 2021 (the "Effective Date"). They repeal any previous version of IWBF's Anti-Doping Rules.
- 24.7** These Anti-Doping Rules shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the Effective Date. However:
  - 24.7.1** Anti-doping rule violations taking place prior to the Effective Date count as "first violations" or "second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for violations taking place after the Effective Date.
  - 24.7.2** Any anti-doping rule violation case which is pending as of the Effective Date and any anti-doping rule violation case brought after the Effective Date based on an anti-doping rule violation which occurred prior to the Effective Date, shall be governed by the substantive anti-doping rules in effect at the time the alleged anti-doping rule violation occurred, and not by the substantive anti-doping rules set out in these Anti-Doping Rules, unless the panel hearing the case determines the principle of "lex mitior" appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case. For these

purposes, the retrospective periods in which prior violations can be considered for purposes of multiple violations under Article 10.9.4 and the statute of limitations set forth in Article 16 are procedural rules, not substantive rules, and should be applied retroactively along with all of the other procedural rules in these Anti-Doping Rules (provided, however, that Article 16 shall only be applied retroactively if the statute of limitations period has not already expired by the Effective Date).

**24.7.3** Any Article 2.4 whereabouts failure (whether a filing failure or a missed test, as those terms are defined in the *International Standard for Results Management*) prior to the Effective Date shall be carried forward and may be relied upon, prior to expiry, in accordance with the *International Standard for Results Management*, but it shall be deemed to have expired twelve (12) months after it occurred.

**24.7.4** With respect to cases where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Effective Date, but the *Athlete* or other *Person* is still serving the period of *Ineligibility* as of the Effective Date, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may apply to IWBF or other *Anti-Doping Organisation* which had *Results Management* responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* in light of these Anti-Doping Rules. Such application must be made before the period of *Ineligibility* has expired. The decision rendered may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2. These Anti-Doping Rules shall have no application to any case where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and the period of *Ineligibility* has expired.

**24.7.5** For purposes of assessing the period of *Ineligibility* for a second violation under Article 10.9.1, where the sanction for the first violation was determined based on rules in force prior to the Effective Date, the period of *Ineligibility* which would have been assessed for that first violation had these Anti-Doping Rules been applicable, shall be applied.

**24.7.6** Changes to the *Prohibited List* and *Technical Documents* relating to substances or methods on the *Prohibited List* shall not, unless they specifically provide otherwise, be applied retroactively. As an exception, however, when a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method* has been removed from the *Prohibited List*, an *Athlete* or other *Person* currently serving a period of *Ineligibility* on account of the formerly *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* may apply to IWBF or other *Anti-Doping Organisation* which had *Results Management* responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* in light of the removal of the substance or method from the *Prohibited List*.

## APPENDIX 1

### DEFINITIONS

The Definitions included in Regulations Section B of the IWBF Internal Regulations apply to this Regulations Section L (Anti-Doping) as well. In the event of discrepancy or conflict, the Definitions below shall prevail.

**ADAMS:** The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System is a Web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and WADA in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation.

**Administration:** Providing, supplying, supervising, facilitating, or otherwise participating in the *Use* or *Attempted Use* by another *Person* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*. However, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method Used* for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate that such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

**Adverse Analytical Finding:** A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory that, consistent with the *International Standard* for Laboratories, establishes in a *Sample* the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* or evidence of the *Use* of a *Prohibited Method*.

**Adverse Passport Finding:** A report identified as an *Adverse Passport Finding* as described in the applicable *International Standards*.

**Aggravating Circumstances:** Circumstances involving, or actions by, an *Athlete* or other *Person* which may justify the imposition of a period of *Ineligibility* greater than the standard sanction. Such circumstances and actions shall include, but are not limited to: the *Athlete* or other *Person Used* or *Possessed* multiple *Prohibited Substances* or *Prohibited Methods*, *Used* or *Possessed* a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* on multiple occasions or committed multiple other anti-doping rule violations; a normal individual would be likely to enjoy the performance-enhancing effects of the anti-doping rule violation(s) beyond the otherwise applicable period of *Ineligibility*; the *Athlete* or *Person* engaged in deceptive or obstructive conduct to avoid the detection or adjudication of an anti-doping rule violation; or the *Athlete* or other *Person* engaged in *Tampering* during *Results Management*. For the avoidance of doubt, the examples of circumstances and conduct described herein are not exclusive and other similar circumstances or conduct may also justify the imposition of a longer period of *Ineligibility*.

**Anti-Doping Activities:** Anti-doping *Education* and information, test distribution planning, maintenance of a *Registered Testing Pool*, managing *Athlete Biological Passports*, conducting *Testing*, organizing analysis of *Samples*, gathering of intelligence and conduct of investigations, processing of *TUE* applications, *Results Management*, monitoring and enforcing compliance with any *Consequences* imposed, and all other activities related to anti-

doping to be carried out by or on behalf of an *Anti-Doping Organisation*, as set out in the *Code* and/or the *International Standards*.

**Anti-Doping Organisation:** WADA or a *Signatory* that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the *Doping Control* process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other *Major Event Organisations* that conduct *Testing* at their *Events*, International Federations, and *National Anti-Doping Organisations*.

**Athlete:** Any *Person* who competes in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation) or the national level (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organisation*). An *Anti-Doping Organisation* has discretion to apply anti-doping rules to an *Athlete* who is neither an *International-Level Athlete* nor a *National-Level Athlete*, and thus to bring them within the definition of “*Athlete*”. In relation to *Athletes* who are neither *International-Level* nor *National-Level Athletes*, an *Anti-Doping Organisation* may elect to: conduct limited *Testing* or no *Testing* at all; analyse *Samples* for less than the full menu of *Prohibited Substances*; require limited or no whereabouts information; or not require advance *TUEs*. However, if an Article 2.1, 2.3 or 2.5 anti-doping rule violation is committed by any *Athlete* over whom an *Anti-Doping Organisation* has elected to exercise its authority to test and who competes below the international or national level, then the *Consequences* set forth in the *Code* must be applied. For purposes of Article 2.8 and Article 2.9 and for purposes of anti-doping information and *Education*, any *Person* who participates in sport under the authority of any *Signatory*, government, or other sports organisation accepting the *Code* is an *Athlete*.

**Athlete Biological Passport:** The program and methods of gathering and collating data as described in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations* and *International Standard for Laboratories*.

**Athlete Support Personnel:** Any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, official, medical, paramedical personnel, parent or any other *Person* working with, treating or assisting an *Athlete* participating in or preparing for sports *Competition*.

**Attempt:** Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an *Attempt* to commit a violation if the *Person* renounces the *Attempt* prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the *Attempt*.

**Atypical Finding:** A report from a WADA-accredited laboratory or other WADA-approved laboratory which requires further investigation as provided by the *International Standard for Laboratories* or related *Technical Documents* prior to the determination of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

**Atypical Passport Finding:** A report described as an *Atypical Passport Finding* as described in the applicable *International Standards*.

**CAS:** The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

**Code:** The World Anti-Doping *Code*.

*Competition*: A single game or singular sport contest. For example, a single game at the IWBF Wheelchair Basketball World Championship.

*Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* (“Consequences”): An *Athlete’s* or other *Person’s* violation of an anti-doping rule may result in one or more of the following: (a) *Disqualification* means the *Athlete’s* individual results in a particular *Competition* or *Event* are invalidated, with all resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes (including prize money); (b) *Ineligibility* means the *Athlete* or other *Person* is barred on account of an anti-doping rule violation for a specified period of time from participating in any *Competition* or other activity or funding as provided in Article 10.14; (c) *Provisional Suspension* means the *Athlete* or other *Person* is barred temporarily from participating in any *Competition* or activity prior to the final decision at a hearing conducted under Article 8; (d) *Financial Consequences* means a financial sanction imposed for an anti-doping rule violation or to recover costs associated with an anti-doping rule violation; and (e) *Public Disclosure* means the dissemination or distribution of information to the general public or *Persons* beyond those *Persons* entitled to earlier notification in accordance with Article 14. Teams may also be subject to *Consequences* as provided in Article 11.

*Contaminated Product*: A product that contains a *Prohibited Substance* that is not disclosed on the product label or in information available in a reasonable Internet search.

*Decision Limit*: The value of the result for a threshold substance in a *Sample*, above which an *Adverse Analytical Finding* shall be reported, as defined in the *International Standard* for Laboratories.

*Delegated Third Party*: Any *Person* to which IWBF delegates any aspect of *Doping Control* or anti-doping *Education* programs including, but not limited to, third parties or other *Anti-Doping Organisations* that conduct *Sample* collection or other *Doping Control* services or anti-doping *Educational* programs for IWBF, or individuals serving as independent contractors who perform *Doping Control* services for IWBF (e.g., non-employee *Doping Control* officers or chaperones). This definition does not include CAS.

*Disqualification*: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

*Doping Control*: All steps and processes from test distribution planning through to ultimate disposition of any appeal and the enforcement of *Consequences*, including all steps and processes in between, including but not limited to *Testing*, investigations, whereabouts, *TUEs*, *Sample* collection and handling, laboratory analysis, *Results Management* and investigations or proceedings relating to violations of Article 10.14 (Status During *Ineligibility* or *Provisional Suspension*).

*Education*: The process of learning to instill values and develop behaviours that foster and protect the spirit of sport, and to prevent intentional and unintentional doping.

*Event*: A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the Paralympic Games, IWBF U23 World Championship, or ParaPan American Games, etc.) including *IWBF Events*.

*Event Period:* The time between the beginning and end of an *Event*, as established by the ruling body of the *Event*. For *IWBF Events*: such period will be defined on an annual basis by the Secretary General of IWBF and published on IWBF's official website [www.IWBF.org](http://www.IWBF.org).

*Event Venues:* Those venues so designated by the ruling body for the *Event*. For *IWBF Events*: the official hotels, training venues and game venues.

*Fault:* *Fault* is any breach of duty or any lack of care appropriate to a particular situation. Factors to be taken into consideration in assessing an *Athlete's* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault* include, for example, the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* experience, whether the *Athlete* or other *Person* is a *Protected Person*, special considerations such as impairment, the degree of risk that should have been perceived by the *Athlete* and the level of care and investigation exercised by the *Athlete* in relation to what should have been the perceived level of risk. In assessing the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*, the circumstances considered must be specific and relevant to explain the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* departure from the expected standard of behaviour. Thus, for example, the fact that an *Athlete* would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of *Ineligibility*, or the fact that the *Athlete* only has a short time left in a career, or the timing of the sporting calendar, would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.6.1 or 10.6.2.

*IWBF: The International Wheelchair Basketball Federation, including its Zones (see Article 7.1 of the IWBF General Statutes)*

- *IWBF Events:* all Official Wheelchair Basketball Competitions of IWBF as defined in the IWBF Official Handbook, Section E (Official Wheelchair Basketball Competition Regulations) – in particular Article 4.1) applicable at the time of the relevant *Event*.

*Financial Consequences:* See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

*In-Competition:* The period commencing at 11:59 p.m. on the day before a *Competition* in which the *Athlete* is scheduled to participate through the end of such *Competition* and the *Sample* collection process related to such *Competition*.

*Independent Observer Program:* A team of observers and/or auditors, under the supervision of WADA, who observe and provide guidance on the *Doping Control* process prior to or during certain *Events* and report on their observations as part of WADA's compliance monitoring program.

*Individual Sport:* Any sport that is not a *Team Sport*.

*Ineligibility:* See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

*Institutional Independence:* Hearing panels on appeal shall be fully independent institutionally from the *Anti-Doping Organisation* responsible for *Results Management*. They must therefore not in any way be administered by, connected or subject to the *Anti-Doping Organisation* responsible for *Results Management*.

*International Event:* An *Event* or *Competition* where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a *Major Event Organisation*, or another international sport organisation is the ruling body for the *Event* or appoints the technical officials for the *Event*.

***International-Level Athlete:*** Athletes who compete in sport at the international level, as defined by each International Federation, consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*. For the sport of wheelchair basketball, *International-Level Athletes* are defined as set out in the Scope section of the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Rules.

***International Standard:*** A standard adopted by WADA in support of the *Code*. Compliance with an *International Standard* (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the *International Standard* were performed properly. *International Standards* shall include any *Technical Documents* issued pursuant to the *International Standard*.

***Major Event Organisations:*** The continental associations of *National Paralympic Committees* and other international multi-sport organisations that function as the ruling body for any continental, Zone or other *International Event*.

***Marker:*** A compound, group of compounds or biological variable(s) that indicates the *Use of a Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

***Metabolite:*** Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.

***Minimum Reporting Level:*** The estimated concentration of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolite(s)* or *Marker(s)* in a *Sample* below which WADA-accredited laboratories should not report that *Sample* as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

***Minor:*** A natural *Person* who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years.

***National Anti-Doping Organisation:*** The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of *Samples*, manage test results and conduct *Results Management* at the national level. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's *National Olympic or Paralympic Committee* or its designee.

***National Event:*** A sport *Event* or *Competition* involving *International-* or *National-Level Athletes* that is not an *International Event*.

***National Federation:*** A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognised by IWBF as the entity governing the sport of wheelchair basketball (in all its forms) IWBF's sport in that geographical region. Within the IWBF Official Handbook National Federations are referred to as National Organisations governing Wheelchair Basketball (NOWB).

***National-Level Athlete:*** Athletes who compete in sport at the national level, as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organisation*, consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

***National Paralympic Committee:*** The organisation recognised by the International Paralympic Committee. The term *National Paralympic Committee* shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical *National Paralympic Committee* responsibilities in the anti-doping area.

*No Fault or Negligence*: The *Athlete* or other *Person*'s establishing that he or she did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that he or she had *Used* or been administered the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or otherwise violated an anti-doping rule. Except in the case of a *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*, for any violation of Article 2.1, the *Athlete* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered the *Athlete*'s system.

*No Significant Fault or Negligence*: The *Athlete* or other *Person*'s establishing that any *Fault* or *Negligence*, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for *No Fault or Negligence*, was not significant in relationship to the anti-doping rule violation. Except in the case of a *Protected Person* or *Recreational Athlete*, for any violation of Article 2.1, the *Athlete* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered the *Athlete*'s system.

*Operational Independence*: This means that (1) board members, staff members, commission members, consultants and officials of the *Anti-Doping Organisation* with responsibility for *Results Management* or its affiliates (e.g., member federation or confederation), as well as any *Person* involved in the investigation and pre-adjudication of the matter cannot be appointed as members and/or clerks (to the extent that such clerk is involved in the deliberation process and/or drafting of any decision) of hearing panels of that *Anti-Doping Organisation* with responsibility for *Results Management* and (2) hearing panels shall be in a position to conduct the hearing and decision-making process without interference from the *Anti-Doping Organisation* or any third party. The objective is to ensure that members of the hearing panel or individuals otherwise involved in the decision of the hearing panel, are not involved in the investigation of, or decisions to proceed with, the case.

*Out-of-Competition*: Any period which is not *In-Competition*.

*Participant*: Any *Athlete* or *Athlete Support Person*.

*Person*: A natural *Person* or an organisation or other entity.

*Possession*: The actual, physical *Possession*, or the constructive *Possession* (which shall be found only if the *Person* has exclusive control or intends to exercise control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists); provided, however, that if the *Person* does not have exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists, constructive *Possession* shall only be found if the *Person* knew about the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on *Possession* if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the *Person* has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Person* has taken concrete action demonstrating that the *Person* never intended to have *Possession* and has renounced *Possession* by explicitly declaring it to an *Anti-Doping Organisation*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other means) of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* constitutes *Possession* by the *Person* who makes the purchase.

*Prohibited List*: The List identifying the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*.

*Prohibited Method*: Any method so described on the *Prohibited List*.

*Prohibited Substance*: Any substance, or class of substances, so described on the *Prohibited List*.

*Protected Person*: An *Athlete* or other natural *Person* who at the time of the anti-doping rule violation: (i) has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years; (ii) has not reached the age of eighteen (18) years and is not included in any *Registered Testing Pool* and has never competed in any *International Event* in an open category; or (iii) for reasons other than age has been determined to lack legal capacity under applicable national legislation.

*Provisional Hearing*: For purposes of Article 7.4.3, an expedited abbreviated hearing occurring prior to a hearing under Article 8 that provides the *Athlete* with notice and an opportunity to be heard in either written or oral form.

*Provisional Suspension*: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

*Publicly Disclose*: See *Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations* above.

*Recreational Athlete*: A natural *Person* who is so defined by the relevant *National Anti-Doping Organisation*; provided, however, the term shall not include any *Person* who, within the five (5) years prior to committing any anti-doping rule violation, has been an *International-Level Athlete* (as defined by each International Federation consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*) or *National-Level Athlete* (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organisation* consistent with the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*), has represented any country in an *International Event* in an open category or has been included within any *Registered Testing Pool* or other whereabouts information pool maintained by any International Federation or *National Anti-Doping Organisation*.

*Regional Anti-Doping Organisation*: A regional entity designated by member countries to coordinate and manage delegated areas of their national anti-doping programs, which may include the adoption and implementation of anti-doping rules, the planning and collection of *Samples*, the management of results, the review of *TUEs*, the conduct of hearings, and the conduct of *Educational* programs at a regional level.

*Registered Testing Pool*: The pool of highest-priority *Athletes* established separately at the international level by IWBF and at the national level by *National Anti-Doping Organisations*, who are subject to focused *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* as part of IWBF's or *National Anti-Doping Organisation*'s test distribution plan and therefore are required to provide whereabouts information as provided in Article 5.5 and the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

*Results Management*: The process encompassing the timeframe between notification as per Article 5 of the *International Standard for Results Management*, or in certain cases (e.g., *Atypical Finding*, *Athlete Biological Passport*, whereabouts failure), such pre-notification steps expressly provided for in Article 5 of the *International Standard for Results Management*, through the charge until the final resolution of the matter, including the end of the hearing process at first instance or on appeal (if an appeal was lodged).

*Sample or Specimen*: Any biological material collected for the purposes of *Doping Control*.

*Signatories*: Those entities accepting the *Code* and agreeing to implement the *Code*, as provided in Article 23 of the *Code*.

*Specified Method*: See Article 4.2.2.

*Specified Substance*: See Article 4.2.2.

*Strict Liability*: The rule which provides that under Article 2.1 and Article 2.2, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, *Negligence*, or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete*'s part be demonstrated by the *Anti-Doping Organisation* in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation.

*Substance of Abuse*: See Article 4.2.3.

*Substantial Assistance*: For purposes of Article 10.7.1, a *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* must: (1) fully disclose in a signed written statement or recorded interview all information he or she possesses in relation to anti-doping rule violations or other proceeding described in Article 10.7.1.1, and (2) fully cooperate with the investigation and adjudication of any case or matter related to that information, including, for example, presenting testimony at a hearing if requested to do so by an *Anti-Doping Organisation* or hearing panel. Further, the information provided must be credible and must comprise an important part of any case or proceeding which is initiated or, if no case or proceeding is initiated, must have provided a sufficient basis on which a case or proceeding could have been brought.

*Tampering*: Intentional conduct which subverts the *Doping Control* process but which would not otherwise be included in the definition of *Prohibited Methods*. *Tampering* shall include, without limitation, offering or accepting a bribe to perform or fail to perform an act, preventing the collection of a *Sample*, affecting or making impossible the analysis of a *Sample*, falsifying documents submitted to an *Anti-Doping Organisation* or *TUE* committee or hearing panel, procuring false testimony from witnesses, committing any other fraudulent act upon the *Anti-Doping Organisation* or hearing body to affect *Results Management* or the imposition of *Consequences*, and any other similar intentional interference or *Attempted* interference with any aspect of *Doping Control*.

*Target Testing*: Selection of specific *Athletes* for *Testing* based on criteria set forth in the *International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.

*Team Sport*: A sport in which the substitution of players is permitted during a *Competition*.

*Technical Document*: A document adopted and published by *WADA* from time to time containing mandatory technical requirements on specific anti-doping topics as set forth in an *International Standard*.

*Testing*: The parts of the *Doping Control* process involving test distribution planning, *Sample* collection, *Sample* handling, and *Sample* transport to the laboratory.

*Testing Pool*: A tier below the *Registered Testing Pool* which includes *Athletes* or *Teams* from which some whereabouts information is required in order to locate and *Test* the *Athlete* or *Team Out-of-Competition*.

*Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE):* A *Therapeutic Use Exemption* allows an *Athlete* with a medical condition to *Use a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method*, but only if the conditions set out in Article 4.4 and the *International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions* are met.

*Trafficking:* Selling, giving, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing (or *Possessing* for any such purpose) a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* (either physically or by any electronic or other means) by an *Athlete*, *Athlete Support Person* or any other *Person* subject to the authority of an *Anti-Doping Organisation* to any third party; provided, however, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance Used* for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

*Use:* The utilization, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

*WADA:* The World Anti-Doping Agency.

*Without Prejudice Agreement:* For purposes of Articles 10.7.1.1 and 10.8.2, a written agreement between an *Anti-Doping Organisation* and an *Athlete* or other *Person* that allows the *Athlete* or other *Person* to provide information to the *Anti-Doping Organisation* in a defined time-limited setting with the understanding that, if an agreement for *Substantial Assistance* or a case resolution agreement is not finalized, the information provided by the *Athlete* or other *Person* in this particular setting may not be used by the *Anti-Doping Organisation* against the *Athlete* or other *Person* in any *Results Management* proceeding under the *Code*, and that the information provided by the *Anti-Doping Organisation* in this particular setting may not be used by the *Athlete* or other *Person* against the *Anti-Doping Organisation* in any *Results Management* proceeding under the *Code*. Such an agreement shall not preclude the *Anti-Doping Organisation*, *Athlete* or other *Person* from using any information or evidence gathered from any source other than during the specific time-limited setting described in the agreement.

*Zones:* Non-profit making legal entities affiliated to IWBF, governing the sport of wheelchair basketball in their respective geographical area (i.e., IWBF Africa, IWBF Americas, IWBF Asia & Oceania, and IWBF Europe).

## APPENDIX 2: TESTING GUIDELINES

### 1. Procedure for Doping Controls

*Testing* shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure set out in this Appendix. In the event of discrepancy or conflict between this document and the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, the latter shall apply. IWBF may also conduct targeted or random controls as soon as the teams arrive at the site of the *Events*. IWBF has full discretion to modify the procedure set out below in accordance with the circumstances and/or create special procedures for certain Events, so long as the procedure as modified complies with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

#### 1.1 Selection of *Athletes*

- 1.1.1 During *Events*, each team shall be included in the *Doping Control* program.
- 1.1.2 The *Athletes* shall be selected either as a target for testing or by draw (in compliance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations). The number of *Athletes* to be tested is generally two (2) from each team, but may be increased or decreased. During *Events*, an *Athlete* may be selected for several *Doping Control* tests. For 3x3 competitions, the procedure described herein, to the extent applicable, will be implemented after the end of the game.
- 1.1.3 If needed, the draw shall be carried out at the site of the *Event*. The team doctors will be advised that a *Doping Control* is to take place by the IWBF supervisory doctor and/or *Doping Control* officer before the beginning of the game or, at the latest, at half-time. During the half-time period, the IWBF supervisory doctor or the *Doping Control* officer will present the team doctors of the respective teams (or team officials) with two sets of detachable tokens, each corresponding to an *Athlete* number, at the *Doping Control* station. The team doctors (or team officials) will draw a number of tokens (face down) equal to the number of *Athletes* to be tested from their respective teams, plus one additional reserve *Athlete* per team to replace each *Athlete* drawn in case of injury (see 1.1.4 of Appendix 2). The IWBF supervisory doctor or the *Doping Control* officer will then put the drawn tokens (face down) in two envelopes for each team and seal them. Only *Athletes* who appear on the official score sheet may be selected for *Sample* collection, except for those Athletes who were not in uniform at the beginning of the game.
- 1.1.4 If, during the game, an *Athlete* sustains a serious injury necessitating immediate hospitalization, his or her number shall not be taken into consideration in the draw. If such a situation occurs the reserve *Athlete* drawn according to 1.1.3 of Appendix 2 above shall replace the *Athlete* in question. If there are any doubts regarding the seriousness of the injury, the IWBF supervisory doctor shall rule on the matter.

- 1.1.5 Five minutes before the end of the game, the IWBF supervisory doctor or the *Doping Control* officer shall, if possible, open the sealed envelopes at the respective team benches in front of the team doctors (or team officials).
- 1.1.6 At the end of the game, the *Doping Control* officer (or a person delegated by him) shall notify the selected *Athlete(s)*, in accordance with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations, that they have been selected for *Sample Collection*.
- 1.1.7 The team doctors will be shown the way to the *Doping Control* station. The selected *Athletes* shall be accompanied by an escort directly to the *Doping Control* station.
- 1.1.8 The IWBF supervisory doctor or the *Doping Control* officer shall make a note of the names and numbers of the selected *Athletes* and inform the persons responsible for escorting them to the *Doping Control* station.
- 1.1.9 The *Athlete*'s notification shall be recorded on the relevant form, and shall at a minimum include:
  - a. The *Athlete*'s name, the date and time of the notification;
  - b. The *Athlete*'s acknowledgement of notification; and
  - c. The consequences of refusing to submit to the *Doping Control* test in a timely manner
- 1.1.10 The "Notification of a *Doping Control*" Form shall be signed at the time of the notification by:
  - a. The IWBF supervisory doctor (if present);
  - b. The *Doping Control* officer (or the person delegated by him to perform the notification); and
  - c. The *Athlete* confirming agreement with the test and to submit any appeal exclusively and to the exclusion of any state court to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which rules in the last instance after IWBF internal remedies have been exhausted.
- 1.1.11 As of the moment of notification and until arrival at the *Doping Control* station, the *Athlete* shall remain under the direct supervision of at least one chaperone (e.g. in the locker room, shower area, etc.). In principle, the *Athlete* shall arrive immediately at the *Doping Control* station. Exceptions to this rule (e.g. to attend an Awards ceremony, attend a coach post-game debriefing, shower or change) may be made with the approval of the IWBF supervisory doctor or Doping Control Officer.
- 1.1.12 IWBF may instruct the *Doping Control* officer to perform an additional *Doping Control* test or tests based on its risk assessment, intelligence received or direct observation of Athletes or Athlete Support Personnel.. IWBF shall announce this decision to the *Doping Control* officer and to the IWBF supervisory doctor. IWBF shall decide upon the criteria for the selection of *Athletes* (in the event of

suspected doping in Paralympic *Competitions*, the International Paralympic Committee equally reserves the right to select other *Athletes for Testing*).

- 1.1.13 Each *Athlete* summoned for a *Doping Control* test shall undergo any medical examination deemed to be necessary by the IWBF supervisory doctor, which shall be conducted by the IWBF supervisory doctor.
- 1.1.14 At the *Doping Control* station, the *Athlete* shall declare on the *Doping Control* form all medications and supplements taken within the past seven (7) days and all blood transfusions performed within the past three (3) months. Any medication administered by injection (e.g. corticosteroids and local anaesthetics) shall also be declared. Doctors prescribing medications shall be familiar with the list of *Prohibited Substances*.
- 1.1.15 The collection of urine *Samples* (or any other bodily fluids, e.g. blood, saliva, sweat) shall be obligatory in all cases and shall be fully completed.
- 1.1.16 If the *Athlete* does not appear at the *Doping Control* station immediately and directly after the end of the game (save for the exception under 1.1.11 of Appendix 2 above) or is not chaperoned at all times (see 1.1.11 above), the IWBF supervisory doctor or *Doping Control* officer shall record this and the relevant circumstances and append this report to the *Doping Control* form. Depending on the circumstances, the *Athlete* may be subject to sanctions by IWBF (see 2.3, above). If this occurs, so long as it is reasonably practicable, the reserve *Athlete* drawn according to 1.1.3 of Appendix 2 shall replace the *Athlete* in question.

## 1.2 Collection of urine *Samples*

- 1.2.1 The *Doping Control* officer takes full responsibility for carrying out the test, including by verifying the identity of the *Athlete*.
- 1.2.2 The selected *Athletes* shall remain in the waiting room of the *Doping Control* station until the *Samples* are taken, unless (i) permission is given by the IWBF Supervisory Doctor or *Doping Control* officer, and (ii) the selected *Athlete* remains under direct supervision of at least one chaperone at all times. The organisers shall provide a comfortable, well lit room with a table, chairs and armchairs for relaxation, cool drinks, a shower and closed toilets.
- 1.2.3 In addition to the *Athletes* and the accompanying team doctor (or team official), the following persons shall be admitted to the *Doping Control* station:
  - a. The IWBF supervisory doctor;
  - b. The *Doping Control* officer, if possible a doctor;
  - c. The chaperones;
  - d. One or two assistants to fill in the forms;
  - e. An interpreter (if necessary);
  - f. An independent Observer, accredited by IWBF; and/or
  - g. Authorised personnel of IWBF.

The *Doping Control* officer is in charge of taking the urine *Samples*. Taking photographs or collecting Athlete autographs for personal purposes inside the *Doping Control* station is strictly prohibited.

- 1.2.4 The containers used for collecting the *Samples* and the two bottles facilitating their transport shall be in sealed packages, in compliance with the *WADA International Standard for Testing and Investigations*.
- 1.2.5 Each *Athlete* shall choose a container for the collection of the urine and two (2) bottles bearing a code number which shall be used to identify the *Samples*. This code number shall be noted on the *Doping Control* form.
- 1.2.6 Each *Athlete* shall urinate into the container in a private room, under the supervision of the *Doping Control* officer or a properly accredited person delegated by him or her. The amount of urine to be collected will be 90 ml minimum.
- 1.2.7 During each attempt, the *Athlete* shall remain under the strict supervision of the *Doping Control* officer (or the person delegated by him) until the total amount of urine required has been collected. The *Athlete* shall be allowed to have cool, non-alcoholic drinks, carbonated or non- carbonated, that contain no *Prohibited Substances*. These drinks shall be available to the *Athletes* in unlimited amounts in the waiting room of the *Doping Control* station. They should be provided in sealed cans or glass bottles. The *Athlete* should not accept any drinks presented in open containers.
- 1.2.8 In front of the *Doping Control* officer, the *Athlete* shall pour the collected urine from the container into two (2) bottles chosen by the *Athlete*, 60 ml into the bottle A and 30 ml into the bottle B,
- 1.2.9 The *Doping Control* form shall include the minimum information provided for in Article 7.4.5 of the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.
- 1.2.10 Once the collected *Sample* has been divided between the two bottles, the *Athlete* shall close the bottles and seal them in a tamperproof and tamper-evident manner. The *Athlete* and the *Doping Control* officer shall then ensure that the code number on the bottles and the code number noted on the *Doping Control* form are identical.
- 1.2.11 The *Athlete* (and, upon his or her request, also the team doctor or team official) shall verify that the bottles are properly sealed and that the code number on the two bottles corresponds with the number noted on the *Doping Control* form. The *Athlete* shall confirm on the *Doping Control* form that the *Doping Control* has been properly carried out and shall be invited to note any comments.
- 1.2.12 The bottles shall be marked to distinguish between the *Samples* for analysis (A) and (B).
- 1.2.13 The *Doping Control* officer shall put all relevant forms and reports (in accordance with 1.2.16 below), in an envelope, which shall be sent to the IWBF

Secretariat within seven (7) days of the *Doping Control* or handed directly to the IWBF supervisory doctor. *The Doping Control* officer shall keep a duplicate in a sealed envelope.

- 1.2.14 The *Samples A* and *B* taken from each *Athlete* shall be duly kept until transportation to the laboratory.
- 1.2.15 In order to ensure the chain of custody of the transportation of the *Samples*, the *Doping Control* officer shall verify that the shipment packaging (e.g. box, bag, and case) to be sent to the laboratory has seals, codes or adhesive tapes for security purposes. *The Doping Control* officer shall complete the “Chain of Custody Form”, indicating the security method used on the packaging (code number of the seals or adhesive security tapes used). The *Doping Control* officer shall hand the shipment packaging to the person authorised to transport the *Sample* to the laboratory, or send it to the laboratory by transportation company, or take it to the laboratory personally. The shipment packaging shall include a copy of the “Chain of Custody Form” and the copy of the *Doping Control* form for the laboratory with all details concerning the *Samples* to be analysed. The *Samples* shall be identified by their code number only. The laboratory must confirm that the shipment packaging has not been opened upon receipt of the *Samples*. They must return the “Chain of Custody Form” to the IWBF Secretariat, stamped, dated and duly signed acknowledging receipt of the sample undamaged and intact, and noting if the packaging has been tampered with, should the case arise.

## **2. Supervisory Doctor for Doping Control**

### **2.1 General**

- 2.1.1. For the *Doping Control* tests foreseen in the present Regulations (*In-Competition Testing* and *Out-of-Competition Testing*), IWBF shall appoint a supervisory doctor, if reasonably possible. The IWBF supervisory doctor shall supervise the work of the *Doping Control* officer and assist him/her as necessary.
- 2.1.2. Doctors nominated by IWBF who will be delegated supervisory doctors for *Doping Controls* will receive an official assignment from IWBF for a given *Competition*.
- 2.1.3. Travel and staying expenses, as well as allowances due to the supervisory doctor, will be paid as provided in Appendices 2 and 4.
- 2.1.4. The role of the IWBF supervisory doctor is as follows:
  - a. observe the IWBF competition games to ensure player safety and optimal medical management is maintained;
  - b. oversee all anti-doping operations and ensure that IWBF Anti-Doping Regulations are followed, as set forth above; and

- c. liaise with and support Team Doctors in their role to ensure player safety, health and welfare.

## 2.2 *In-Competition Doping Controls*

### 2.2.1 Allowances

Allowances payable are stipulated in Appendix 4 and covered by:

- a. For main official *Competitions* - Organisers
- b. For other official *Competitions* - As per the regulations for the *Competition* in question

### 2.2.2 Travel expenses covered by:

- a. For main official *Competitions* - Organisers
- b. For other official *Competitions* - As per the regulations for the *Competition* in question

### 2.2.3 Accommodation (full board and lodging) expenses covered by:

- a. For main official *Competitions* - Organisers
- b. For other official *Competitions* - As per the regulations for the *Competition* in question

### 2.2.4 Medical Equipment, Shipment and Laboratory Costs

All costs covered by the organisers.

## 2.3 *Out-of-Competition Doping Controls* (initiated by IWBF)

### 2.3.1 Allowances:

See Appendix 4.

### 2.3.2 Travel and accommodation (full board and lodging) expenses are covered:

On presentation of receipts - Reimbursed

Meals and other per diem expenses - See Appendix 4.

Allowance, travel and staying expenses covered by: IWBF.

### 2.3.3 Medical Equipment, Shipment and Laboratory Costs are covered:

All costs covered by IWBF.

## APPENDIX 3: OBLIGATIONS FOR ORGANISERS IN DOPING CONTROL MATTERS

At *IWBF Events* during which *Doping Controls* are carried out, the following are necessary:

- Special “*Doping Control*” badges for general distribution to *Athletes*, doctors, staff and accompanying persons;
- Seats and tables on the field of play for the IWBF supervisory doctor and the *Doping Control* officer;
- Details of the procedure to follow for taking *Samples* which can be found in Appendix 2 of these Regulations. Should local *Doping Control* officers insist on using their own forms, they should be asked to complete both sets of forms;
- Transport to the hotel/guesthouse for the *Athletes* and doctors (team doctor and IWBF supervisory doctor) after the *Samples* have been taken. It can sometimes take hours to obtain the amount of urine necessary under the present Regulations;
- Transport of the *Samples* to the laboratory, in accordance with the statutory conditions (chain of custody);

The following staff must be available:

- A *Doping Control* officer (if possible, a doctor from the organisation or agency conducting the *Doping Control* in the host country) of the same sex as the *Athletes* selected for the *Testing*. The IWBF supervisory doctor (if present) will monitor the correct procedure;
- An assistant for administrative work (completing the forms), although the *Doping Control* officer can also do this;
- A sufficient number of chaperones, preferably of the same gender as the *Athletes*, to escort the *Athletes* to the *Doping Control* station;
- A security officer to screen the entrance to the *Doping Control* station.

### THE DOPING CONTROL STATION

The *Doping Control* station must be in the hall where the *Competition* is being held and should not be used for any other purpose (storage, sick room, office, toilets, etc.).

A “*Doping Control*” sign must be hung on the door.

“*Doping Control*” signs must be posted in the corridors leading to the *Doping Control* station.

The room must be able to accommodate at least ten (10) people (*Athletes*, team doctor, IWBF supervisory doctor, *Doping Control* staff, and, occasionally, an interpreter).

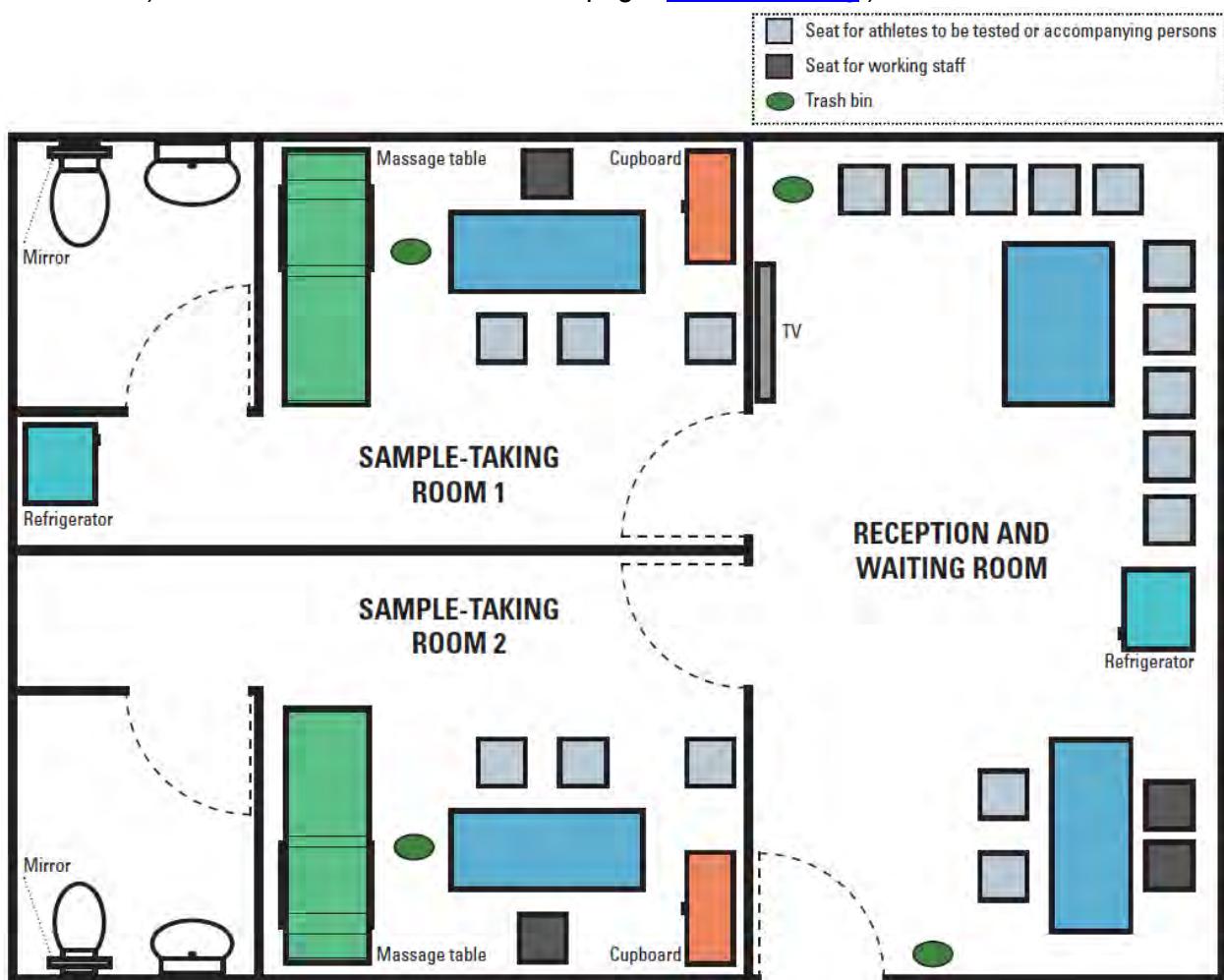
The *Doping Control* station must have:

- A waiting area with comfortable chairs, a refrigerator containing drinks in cans or sealed glass bottles (mineral water, fizzy drinks, fruit juice);
- One (or two) *Sample-taking* area(s) with a writing desk and seats for the *Doping Control* officer, the assistant, the selected *Athletes*, and their escorts;

- A cupboard and/or a refrigerator for the *Samples*, both preferably lockable;
- A table upon which to place the *Sample* containers and the bottles marked A and B;
- A large garbage bin;
- A sanitary area with a shower with hot and cold running water;
- Toilets with a front-facing mirror or a 3/4 reflection at seat-level; and
- Toilet paper and soap.

### Standard Doping Control Station

(More detailed information regarding the requirements for the Doping Control station (and first-aid facilities) is to be found on the IWBF homepage: [www.IWBF.org.](http://www.IWBF.org.))



## APPENDIX 4: ALLOWANCES / FEES PAYABLE

Article number	Item	Amount
Appendix 2	Single game	USD 150
	Allowances payable to IWBF Supervisory Doctor for doping controls	Competition with controls over more than three days
		Per diem for each additional day (for controls and travel)
Appendix 2	Allowances payable to Supervisory Doctor for out-of-competition testing	USD 150 (considered same as for single game)
Appendix 2	Allowances payable to Supervisory Doctor for meals and other per diem expenses	USD 100
Article 13	Non-reimbursable fee payable for an appeal lodged with the IWBF Appeals' Panel as per the IWBF Internal Regulations governing Anti-Doping	USD 6,000



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## **Section L – Regulations Governing Application of Penalties/Sanctions**

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### **L1 Basic Principles of Sanctions Imposed by IWBF**

L1.1 Violations of the Statutes and the Internal Regulations of IWBF, whether committed at an administrative or sports level, may be penalised.

L1.2 The penalties are applicable to:

- a) Zones;
- b) NOWBs;
- c) Clubs; and
- d) Players, coaches, officials, ITOs, agents and other persons.

L1.3 The severity of the penalties imposed depends on the nature of the violation.

Possible penalties may include but are not limited to:

- a) A written warning;
- b) An official reprimand;
- e) The repeal of a right conferred under the Statutes and Regulations of the IWBF;
- f) a suspension of a duty or right conferred under the Statutes of the IWBF;
- c) A monetary fine;
- g) A combination of these penalties listed in a) to e) above.

L1.4 Unless otherwise specified in the Internal Regulations of IWBF, any decision concerning penalties not covered under L2 below is made, in the first instance and with immediate effect, by the Chairperson of the CLME.

L1.5 The Chairperson of the CLME may decide also that the any penalty must be applied equally by all NOWBs for their national competitions. For this purpose, IWBF must advise all relevant NOWBs of the penalty imposed.

L1.6 An appeal of any disciplinary decision may be submitted to the IWBF Appeals Committee. This appeal shall be governed by the provisions in the Regulations governing Appeals (Section M).

L1.7 These disciplinary regulations are also valid for the Zone for their respective zonal competitions.

L1.8 In order to facilitate the decisions of the appropriate authorities, the IWBF Secretary General maintains a list of violations and penalties.

L1.9 If and when a hearing is organised under these regulations involving NOWBs, clubs or players, IWBF may be authorised to make the organisation of such hearing dependent upon the parties paying to IWBF reasonable administrative costs.

L1.10 Where a suspension is imposed under these regulations and the person concerned avoids the application of the relevant decisions for a period of time (e.g. by participating in activities of organizations outside IWBF) such period shall not be credited against the period of suspension unless the Secretary General decides differently.



**L2 Sanctions And Penalties Before And During The Main Official Competition Of IWBF**

L2.1 Violations of the IWBF Internal Regulation governing Anti-Doping (Section K) shall be sanctioned exclusively in accordance with said provision, unless otherwise provided therein.

**L3 Sanctions And Penalties During the Main Official Competitions Of IWBF**

L3.1 During main official competitions, cups and tournaments of IWBF, decisions concerning penalties are taken in the first instance by the Tournament Technical Committee (TTC) of the competition concerned.

L3.2 An immediate appeal against these decisions may be lodged with the Jury of Appeal of the specific competition. A decision of the Jury of Appeal cannot further be appealed.

L3.3 In the event of sanctions being imposed by IWBF on the occasion of IWBF competitions, the NOWBs shall apply these sanctions for the purposes of their national competitions. To this end, IWBF shall inform all affiliated NOWBs of such sanctions.

**L4 Sanctions and Suspensions Imposed by IWBF Zones and NOWBs**

L4.1 IWBF Zones and NOWBs may impose sanctions and/or suspensions on players, coaches, player support officials, and other officials closely involved in the staging of games (including referees and commissioners) in terms of their own regulations.

L4.2 Sanction regulations must provide for hearing by an independent party or panel, the right to be heard for the person implicated, and a right of appeal for that person. There is no right to be heard or appeal for suspensions of a temporary nature.

L4.3 A complete file on the sanction or suspension must be compiled in the English language and reported to IWBF as soon as practicable.

L4.4 In principle, a person suspended or sanctioned under the auspices of a NOWB is suspended and/or sanctioned throughout the world, unless or until the sanction is reduced by IWBF CLME.

L4.5 In the event of a violation of the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship by a player during competitions under the control of NOWBs, the IWBF Committee as described in L5.1 below is authorised to impose a sanction or suspension according to these Internal Regulations if the NOWB fails to do so.

L4.6 The IWBF CLME shall have discretion to adopt, increase, or reduce a sanction or suspension imposed by an NOWB. In the event of sanction, the implicated player has the right to be heard.

**L5 Player Under Sanction or Suspension By An NOWB Seeking To Play In IWBF Competitions, Or Seeking An International Transfer**

L5.1 For the purposes of IWBF competitions, an IWBF Committee consisting of the Chairperson of the CLME or his delegate and the IWBF Secretary General or his delegate ("the IWBF Committee") may review a sanction or suspension imposed by a NOWB.

L5.2 A player seeking a letter of clearance for an international transfer but who is under sanction or suspension by the NOWB where he is currently licensed may seek review of the sanction by the IWBF Committee constituted as in L5.1.

L5.3 If a sanction imposed by a NOWB is adopted by the IWBF Committee under L4.1 and L4.2, the IWBF Committee may decide also that the sanction or suspension shall be applied by all other NOWBs for the purposes of their national competitions. To this end, IWBF shall inform all affiliated national federations of the sanction or suspension thus adopted.

**L6 Sanctions or Suspensions Imposed By Bodies Outside IWBF**

L6.1 In the event that a player is sanctioned or suspended by an organisation outside IWBF and its affiliated NOWBs (e.g. state bodies, the IPC or other national or international sports organisations inside or outside the Paralympic movement), the IWBF Committee shall decide whether and to what extent a sanction or suspension shall be imposed on the player for the purposes of IWBF competitions.

L6.2 The implicated player has the right to be heard. If a sanction is imposed, IWBF shall inform all affiliated NOWBs of the sanction thus imposed which shall be applied by them for the purposes of their national competitions. Whatever the circumstances, a suspended Player may not use his licence (national or IWBF) for the duration of the sanction. There is no right to be heard or appeal for suspensions of a temporary nature.

**L7 Disciplinary Panel**

L7.1 The Disciplinary Panel is authorised to hear and adjudicate upon the following:

- Any matter referred to it in the IWBF Statutes and/or Internal Regulations.
- Any other matter referred to it by the Secretary General.

L7.2 General Principles attaching to the operations of the Disciplinary Panel

L7.2.1 Any entity/person who is the subject to proceedings before the Disciplinary Panel has the right to be heard, and may have one legal representative and one representative of its/his national member federation present to assist it/him in the hearing. Witnesses may be called at the discretion of the Chairman of the Panel.

L7.2.2 The Disciplinary Panel is entitled to the benefit of legal counsel at hearings.

L7.2.3 Any costs of witnesses, legal representation, etc of the parties is the responsibility of the respective party.



- L7.2.4 Members of the Discipline Panel for a particular hearing shall be of a neutral nationality.
- L7.2.5 Hearings may be conducted in person, by telephone, by video conference, or through consultation in the written form.
- L7.2.6 The Discipline Panel may develop administrative procedures to assist in the process of hearings.
- L7.2.7 Appeals against decisions of the Disciplinary Panel may be lodged in the IWBF Appeals' Committee (Section M of the Regulations)

**L7.3 Composition of the Disciplinary Panel**

- L7.3.1 The Chairperson of the IWBF Commission (or their delegate) for Legal Matters and Eligibility (CLME) shall act as Chair of the Disciplinary Panel. At their discretion, the CLME Chair may appoint a designate to act as Chair of the Disciplinary Panel.
- L7.3.2 Up to five other persons shall be appointed to a pool by the IWBF Executive Council, based on the recommendation of the CLME Chair.
- L7.3.3 The Chairperson of the Disciplinary Panel, in consultation with the IWBF Secretariat, shall decide a minimum of two members who will adjudicate on a particular case. In exceptional circumstances, the Chairperson may nominate an additional member with specific expertise.



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## **Section M – Regulations Governing Appeals – Appeals Committee**

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### **M1 Jurisdiction, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson**

- M1.1 The Appeals Committee (“Committee”) shall hear appeals filed by an affected party against decisions of IWBF including its Disciplinary Panel or other authorities, especially the Commission on Legal Matters and Eligibility, unless such an appeal is the competence of an Appeals Committee of an IWBF Zone or expressly excluded in the IWBF Statutes or Internal Regulations.
- M1.2 Decisions of the IWBF Congress and the IWBF Executive Council can be appealed only before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland.
- M1.3 In principle, appeals against decisions of referees or table officials made during or at the conclusion of games are dealt with in accordance with the Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, and are not subject to appeal to the IWBF Appeals Committee.
- M1.4 The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Appeals Committee are appointed by the Executive Council of IWBF. The Chairperson (or the Vice Chairperson) shall oversee the activities of the Appeals Committee and shall have the responsibilities assigned to them in these Regulations.

### **M2 Composition of Appeal Panel**

- M2.1 Ordinary appeals which do not fall under M2.2 below shall be heard by a Panel of three (3) members of the Committee acting as judges (“Judges” or “Judge”), (one of whom shall be the Chairperson of the Panel as per M3.1 below) unless the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee decides that a matter can be ruled upon by a single judge because it is of minor importance, not of a difficult nature, or requires an immediate decision.
- M2.2 Appeals against warnings, reprimands or financial penalties shall be heard by a single judge, unless the financial penalty is part of a sanction comprising financial and other aspects.

**M3 Judges**

M3.1 The IWBF Executive Council shall appoint at least six (6) members of the Appeals Committee as Judges for a four (4) year period between two IWBF World Congresses. A minimum of 50% of the Judges shall be lawyers; any non-lawyer Judge shall have adequate training and/ or relevant experience to serve the Appeals Committee. Chairperson

M3.2 In the event of resignation or other reason of inability to act as Judge, such Judge shall be replaced in the individual case or permanently by another Judge appointed according to M2.1 above by decision of the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee.

M3.3 The Judges cannot be employed by IWBF or hold an active position within IWBF or one of its Zones.

M3.4 In each case, the Judges must be independent of the parties and must disclose immediately to the Chairperson of the Committee any circumstance likely to affect their independence. A Judge holding the same nationality as the appealing party shall be disqualified from hearing the case in question. Where the Chairperson is aware of a conflict, the Chairperson may reassign the case to a new Judge at their own discretion.

**M4 Fair trial**

M4.1 The appealing party has the right:

- To have their appeal heard in a hearing.
- To be represented by legal counsel.
- To make written submissions.
- To present evidence at the hearing.

The appealing party shall not communicate directly or take up direct contact with the members of the Appeals Committee on matters relating to an appeal.

**M5 Time limit for appeals and payment of fees**

M5.1 Appeals must be made in writing and must be received by IWBF Secretariat within the time limit provided for in the applicable Statutes or Internal Regulations of IWBF. In the absence of such a time limit the statement of appeal (shall include at a minimum the objective of the appeal and prayers for relief) must be received by IWBF within fourteen (14) days following the day of receipt by the appealing party of the decision being appealed against. Failure to file a timely appeal in accordance with this paragraph is deemed to be waiver of the right to appeal.

M5.2 The substantive reasons for the appeal (as detailed submissions supplementing supporting the statement of appeal) must be received by the IWBF Secretariat within seven (7) days, and the responding submissions shall be received fourteen (14) days following receipt of the appellant's reasons. The Chairperson may grant an extension of either deadline at their discretion. Chairperson. The substantive reasons must be provided in the English language.

M5.3 Unless the Chairperson of the Appeals Panel orders otherwise, the parties shall not be authorized to supplement their argument, nor to produce new exhibits, nor to specify further evidence on which they intend to rely after submission of the reasons for the appeal and of the response to appeal.

M5.4 The Chairperson of the Appeals Panel may make procedural orders. In particular, he may fix a deadline by which the parties must submit the names of the witnesses they wish to call to testify at the hearing. The appeal proceedings are subject to the payment of the non-reimbursable fee set forth P4.5 in the Regulations.

M5.5 The fee must be received by IWBF within the time limit for the appeal provided for in M5.1.

**M6 Joinder**

If IWBF intends to cause a third party to participate in appeal proceedings (joinder) it shall so advise the Chairperson of the Appeals Panel in writing. The latter shall immediately inform the appealing party and the party to be joined and invite them to state their position within a time limit fixed by the Chairperson. Upon expiry of the time limit, the Chairperson shall decide whether the joinder is accepted. If he so decides, the joined party shall be bound by the outcome of the proceedings even if the joined party does not actively participate in them.

**M7 Hearing, Award**

M7.1 There shall be one (1) hearing with oral arguments unless the right to have such hearing is waived by the appealing party. The hearing shall be held in the English language. By default, hearings will be virtual unless demanded by a party and/or the Chairperson. The party demanding an in-person hearing will be responsible for the associated costs. In the event the Chairperson demands an in-person hearing, IWBF will be responsible for the associated costs. Hearings will be held at a location of the Chairperson's choosing.

The Chairperson of the Appeals Panel may decide that the hearing be held before only one Judge.

M7.2 In cases of ordinary appeals, hearings shall take place within eight (8) weeks following receipt by IWBF of the statement of appeal unless decided otherwise by the Chairperson of the Appeals Panel. The hearing may be scheduled to take place within a few days following receipt of the statement of appeal if the matter requires an immediate decision.

M7.4 A decision shall be rendered by majority decision within four (4) weeks following the date of the hearing. Brief reasons must be given.

Upon decision of the Chairperson of the Appeals Panel, a decision may be given in writing.

M7.5 Appeals to the Appeals Committee shall not have suspensory effect unless ordered otherwise by the Chairperson of the Appeals Panel.

The decision shall have immediate effect unless ordered otherwise by the Chairperson of the Appeals Panel. A further appeal (M9 below) shall not have suspensory effect.

**M8 Interim measures**

The Chairperson may, upon motion and with or without first hearing the parties, issue such orders for interim relief as they may deem necessary to safeguard the rights and interests of the parties.

**M9 Further appeal**

A further appeal against the decision by the Appeals Panel can only be lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, within thirty (30) days following receipt of the reasons of the decision. The Court of Arbitration for Sport shall act as an arbitration tribunal and there shall be no right to appeal to any other jurisdictional body.

**M10 Conflicting regulations**

In the event of conflicting regulations, the IWBF Statutes and Internal Regulations shall prevail over the Regulations governing Appeals.

**M11 Fees and costs**

- M11.1 Along with the filing of the appeal, the appealing party must pay a non-reimbursable fee (see M5 above, except for appeals in doping cases where Section K.8 applies.) The Appeals Panel will not proceed with the appeals proceedings until payment is received.
- M11.2 Upon receipt of the statement of appeal the Chairperson will fix, subject to later changes, the amount and the method of payment of an advance on costs of the proceedings. If the appealing party fails to pay the advance so fixed, no date for a hearing will be fixed or a hearing date already fixed will be cancelled and the time limit set forth in article M7.2 above shall be deemed waived.
- M11.3 The Chairperson shall fix a final date for the payment of the advance on costs following which the appeal will be deemed withdrawn unless payment has been received.
- M11.4 The parties and the joined parties shall be responsible for the costs of their own counsel, witnesses, experts and interpreters.
- M11.5 In its decision, the Appeals Panel shall determine whether and to what extent the appealing party is to be reimbursed for the costs advanced by it according to article M11.2 above, or whether and to what extent the appealing party is to pay an amount of costs in addition to the advance fixed in M11.2.

When making its determination under M11.5, the Appeals Panel shall in particular take into account the outcome of the proceedings and the conduct and the financial resources of the appealing party.



**M11.6 Remuneration and Judges' fees:**

There is no fee or remuneration for the Judges. Each Judge is entitled to request reimbursement of their travel (economy class) and staying expenses (IWBF rates) on presentation of receipts (P3).

**M12 Arbitration Panel**

Upon decision of the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee, a panel can act as an arbitration panel for disputes that have arisen within the world of wheelchair basketball

- a) If IWBF, one of the IWBF Zones or their respective divisions and disciplinary bodies are not directly involved in the dispute, and
- b) If the parties agree in writing to submit to and have their dispute decided definitively by a panel acting as arbitration panel.

Arbitration panels (M1.4 above) shall comprise three (3) Judges and shall be chaired by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Appeals Committee.



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## **Section N – Regulations Governing the Organisation of Meetings of the Executive Council and of the Forum and the Congress**

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### **N1      Organisation of meetings of the Executive Council**

N1.1    Generally, the Executive Council meets eight times in a four-year period. The President, after consulting with the Secretary General, decides where these meetings are being held.

N1.2    Prior to the Forum and Congress the Executive Council shall hold a preparatory meeting for the Forum and Congress, and this meeting normally takes place at least ninety (90) days before the meeting of Congress.

N1.3    In the year in which the Congress meets, there are two additional meetings of the Executive Council, one held the day before the Forum and Congress convenes, and the other on the day after the Congress concludes.

N1.4    Meetings of the Executive Council may be held at venues at the invitation of another body. In that event, the organisers of a session of the Executive Council will cover the costs of the following:

N1.4.1    General organisation as per IWBF's requirements of the following:

- Providing a conference room for twenty (20) people;
- Local transportation of participants from the airport or main railway station and return, local transport during their stay up to the point of departure;
- Providing free access to Internet.

N1.4.2    The accommodation for a maximum of twenty (20) persons for a period covering the duration of the meeting (number of days) plus two (2) nights local hotel.

N1.4.3    All meals for all participants, mainly buffet-style, but including one official dinner and/or reception.

### **N2      The Forum and the Congress**

N2.1    The Local Organising Committee of the IWBF World Championship for men will cover the costs of the organisation of the IWBF Forum and Congress. They are responsible for arranging and covering the expenses of:

N2.1.1    A meeting room seating one hundred (150) people where the Forum and the Congress will convene. The meeting room must be at least available for three (3) days (two (2) days Forum and one (1) day Congress).  
The meeting room must be equipped with a high-quality projector and an appropriate sized screen, both free of charge to use on all days of the Forum and the Congress.

N.2.1.2    Four (4) portable microphones should be placed in the meeting room to be usable for the attendees.



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- N2.1.3 Podium microphones, fixed on stands. Cordless microphones are preferred. Hand-held microphones (without stands) are not acceptable.
- N2.1.4 A meeting room seating twenty (20) people for the meetings of the Executive Council on the day preceding the Forum and on the day following the meeting of the Congress.
- N2.1.5 An office and the necessary equipment for the Secretariat of IWBF for a period beginning at least one (1) week prior to the beginning of the Forum and terminating two (2) days after the end of the IWBF World Championship.
- N2.1.6 A staffed reception room close to the IWBF Forum and Congress meeting room for a period beginning at least one (1) day before the start of the IWBF Forum where the Local Organising Committee can welcome the IWBF Congress delegates and distribute information to them.
- N2.1.7 A registration room/area close to the IWBF office for a period beginning at least one (1) day before the start of the IWBF Forum and ending after the closing of the Congress which will be staffed by personnel of IWBF and/or the Local Organising Committee and used for the registration of attending delegates.
- N2.1.8 The morning coffee breaks and lunch breaks on each day of the IWBF Forum and Congress may be provided/sponsored by one of the Commercial Partners. Space will then be required for the relevant Commercial Partner to display its products. This area should be in the vicinity as the refreshments will be served there.
- N2.1.9 All local transportation including transportation to and from the airport and hotel rooms for the Executive Council from one day before the opening of the Forum until one day after the Congress.
- N2.1.10 Transportation to and from the airport for the delegates, accommodation (bed and breakfast) for a maximum of four (4) nights, for two delegates per attending NOWB, at the expense of that NOWB.
- N2.1.11 The Local Organising Committee shall be responsible both for ensuring the free admission of the delegates to the World Championship and for providing transport from their hotels to the Congress and Championship venues at no expense.

**N3 Other meetings**

- N3.1 The Executive Council and any commission or committee can have a meeting by conference call or by email. These meetings have the same standing.



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## **Section O – Regulations Governing Awards of IWBF**

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### **O1 IWBF has created the following Awards:**

Gold Medal Triad

Award of Merit

*Note – Names of recipients of the award are set out in an appendix (Section Q).*

### **O2 Gold Medal Triad**

Policy

- O2.1.1 The Gold Medal Triad is the IWBF's highest award. Only Individuals may receive this award.
- O2.1.2 Any person having distinguished himself or herself in the field of wheelchair basketball and having rendered exceptional services to sport, either through personal accomplishment or through his/her contribution to the development of wheelchair basketball or sport in general may be awarded this Gold Medal Triad.
- O2.1.3 Active members of the Executive Council of IWBF may not be awarded the Gold Medal Triad.
- O2.1.4 The distinction of the Gold Medal Triad and a diploma will be presented to the recipient by the President, by a member of the Executive Council designated by the President or, failing this, by a person to be nominated by the President, on the occasion of an official ceremony.
- O2.1.5 Selection procedure for the IWBF Gold Medal Triad
- O2.1.6 Members of the Executive Council and authorized representatives of NOWBs may nominate persons for this award.
- O2.1.7 The final choice lies with the Executive Council of IWBF on the recommendation of the IWBF President and the Secretary General.

### **O3 Award of Merit**

Policy

- O3.1.1 Individuals only may receive the Award of Merit, IWBF's second highest award.
- O3.1.2 This award is presented to individuals who have performed exceptional service on behalf of IWBF at an International level. This will include International Technical Officials (ITO), members of the media, senior volunteers and professional sport administrators who have over their years of involvement with IWBF served at the International level for a period of at least 8 years.
- O3.1.3 A special designed pin and a diploma will be presented to the recipient



by the President, by a member of the Executive Council designated by him or, failing this, by a person to be nominated by the President, on the occasion of an official event.

- O3.1.4 Selection procedure for the Award of Merit
- O3.1.5 Members of the Executive Council and authorized representatives of NOWBs may nominate persons for this award.
- O3.1.6 The final choice lies with the Executive Council of IWBF on the recommendation of the IWBF President and the Secretary General.



**P1 Schedule of Administrative Fines, Allowances/Fees Payable, and Fees and Charges**

Notes to Section

**(i) Terms of payment**

In accordance with applicable tax regulations, invoices may be subject to taxation.

Any payments will be made after deduction of taxes.

Fees and dues, fines, rights, participation fees or any other amounts invoiced must be paid to IWBF in full, i.e. without any deductions (bank charges, etc.) and are due on receipt of invoice.

Payment in IWBF's favour must be made to the following bank account:

Beneficiary: IWBF

Bank: UBS Switzerland AG

Account Number: 0243-521311.60Y

IBAN account: CH220024324352131160Y

Bank Swift No: UBSWCHZH80A

Bank Address: Place Saint-Francois 16,  
1003 Lausanne, Switzerland

Account Name: International Wheelchair Basketball Federation

**(ii) Currency of reference**

In general (in terms of Article 33.7 of the General Statutes), the US Dollar is the currency of reference for all financial transactions carried out with IWBF.

**(iii) Fees and Fines not mentioned in P**

Notwithstanding the following IWBF retains the right to set such fees and fines as they deem necessary from time to time.

This section should be read in conjunction with the various Rules and Regulations quoted. Other non-monetary considerations/penalties/sanctions may apply.



## P2 Administrative Fines Payable to IWBF

Regulation #	Item	Amount (USD)
H3., H4, H5	Breach of advertising on uniforms and other apparel during main official competitions of IWBF	Up to 1,000.00
E18.5	Breaches of E18.5 (failure of participating team to co-operate with organisers and not fulfilling duties of participating teams).	Up to 25,000.00
E18.5.1.1.	Breaches of E18.5.1.1. (failing to appear at an international competition after sending Last Entry List	Up to 25,000.00
E14.2. to E14.8.	Failure by NOWB to meet deadlines for supply of documents to LOC	Up to 1,000.00
as above	NOWB making changes (of named player(s)) to its First Entry List after submission (such changes accepted in exceptional circumstances only and are subject for approval)	100.00 (per change)
E14.2.7.4. E14.3.1.7.4. E14.4.5; 5.5 E14.6.3.5 E14.7.3.5 E14.8.3.4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved change of player named on the Last Entry List</li> <li>Unauthorized delay of submitting First Entry List</li> <li>Unauthorized delay of submitting Last Entry List</li> </ul>	150.00 (per change) 200.00 (first entry List) 400.00 (last entry list)
J3.9	(ii) NOWB failing to observe regulations governing international transfers	Up to 250.00
J.6.3.4 (c)	Club refusing to release player for national team duty	Up to 1,500.00
J3.6.3.4 (d)	Club allowing player to play while under sanction for refusing to play for national team	Up to 1,500.00
J3.6.3.4 (e)	NOWB acting against the spirit and/or the letter of regulations J6.3.4 re players called for national team duty	Up to 1,500.00
J4.4.3	NOWB allowing an ineligible player to play in an official IWBF competition	Up to 1,500.00
D2.3 (c)	Fine charged for repeal of suspension	100.00

## P3 Allowances/Fees Payable

Item	Amount
Daily allowance payable to IWBF officials for meal and other expenses when not provided by Organisers (exclusive of travel)	100.00
Travel expenses for airfare, rail transportation, (economy class) as approved prior by IWBF	As approved
Reasonable ground transportation from home to airport/train station	As per claim form
ITO allowance/fee payable for tournaments or games (including travel days)	50.00 Daily allowance 25.00

## **P4 Fees and Dues Payable to IWBF (World)**

### **P4.1 Membership**

Regulation #	Item	Amount (USD)
D1.1	Application Fee for new NOWB	150.00
D4.2.1	Annual fee for Category "A" NOWBs	1000.00
D4.2.2	Annual fee for Category "B" NOWBs	750.00
D4.2.3	Annual fee for Category "C" NOWBs	400.00
D4.2.4	Annual fee for Category "D" NOWBs	250.00
D4.2.5	Annual fee for Category "E" NOWBs	150.00
F12.1, G11,	Annual fee for Referee, Classifier	25.00

### **P4.2 Competition**

Regulation #	Item	Amount (USD)
E4/E4.3.7	Registration fee for entering Qualification Tournament *	2,000.00
E14.2.2/ E14.3.1.2	<del>Administrative fee for application for approval of automatic qualification to World Championship or Paralympic Games *</del>	<del>4,500.00</del>
E14.5.1	<del>Administrative fee for application for approval of automatic qualification to World Championship or Paralympic Games *</del>	<del>15,000.00</del>
E14.5.1	<del>Administrative fee for application for approval of automatic qualification to U23/U25 World Championship *</del>	<del>10,000.00</del>
E14.2.7/ E14.3.1	Registration fee for IWBF World Championship (Men and Women)	7,500.00
	Basic fee *	7,500.00
	Per Day (including day of arrival and day of departure)	1,400.00
E14.6.3/ E14.7.3	Registration fee for IWBF Repechage Tournament (Men and Women)	7,500.00
	Basic fee *	7,500.00
	Per Day (including day of arrival and day of departure)	1,400.00
E14.4.3/ E14.5.3	Registration fee for IWBF World Championship U23 & U25	7,000.00
	Basic fee *	7,000.00
	Per Day (including day of arrival and day of departure)	1,400.00
E7	Fee to Bid for World Championship	7,500.00
E7	Fee to Bid for Repechage Tournament	7,500.00
E4/E4.3	World Championship Hosting Sanction fee (Men)	10,000.00
E4/E4.3	World Championship Hosting Sanction fee (Women)	5,000.00
E4/E4.3	World Championship Hosting Sanction fee (U23)/(U25)	5,000.00
E4/E4.3	Repechage Hosting Sanction fee (Men)	2,000.00
E4/E4.3	Repechage Hosting Sanction fee (Women)	2,000.00
E4/E4.3	Repechage Hosting Sanction fee (Men/Women)	3,000.00
E4/E4.3.7	Qualification Tournament Hosting Sanction fee (Men)	2,000.00
E4/E4.3.7	Qualification Tournament Hosting Sanction fee (Women)	2,000.00
E4/E4.3.7	Qualification Tournament Hosting Sanction fee (Men/Women)	3,000.00
E4/E4.3.7	Qualification Tournament Hosting Sanction fee (U23)/(U25)	1,500.00
E 4.1.3	Fee for endorsed event	300.00

\* USD 1.000,00 of Anti-Doping Contribution Fee included

#### P4.3 Classification

Regulation #	Item	Amount USD)
XXX	Player ID Card (administrative fee)	10.00
XXX	Replace lost ID Card (administrative fee)	50.00
Part 6 Protests Art. 21*	Protest fee for review of the classification by an NOWB of own player (non-refundable)	200.00
Part 8 Art 31.* Medical Review	Medical review	100.00
Appx Five - Assessments for Allocation of Sport Class*	Fees for Late Submission of Eligibility Assessment Stage 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the 3rd month before competition</li> <li>• Within the 2nd month before competition</li> <li>• Within the 4th and 3rd week before competition</li> <li>• In the last 2 weeks before competition</li> </ul>	50.00 (Per player) 100.00 (Per player) 150.00 (Per player) 200.00 (Per player)
XXX	Allocation of a Classification Panel for an independent event*  Additionally, all classifier-related costs must be covered by the organiser (flights, accommodation, meals, transport), including ITO fees as listed in the IWBF Handbook.  <small>*The allocation of a Classification Panel is not guaranteed. Payment is only required if a panel is allocated and attends the event, and this is dependent on availability, timing, and resources.</small>	500.00

\* Reference to IWBF Player Classification Rules

#### P4.4 Administrative Appeals and fines

Regulation #	Item	Amount (USD)
E18.1.3	Protest lodged during an official competition of IWBF to the TTC. *	250.00
E18.6	Appeal to the Jury of Appeal during an official competition of IWBF. *	500.00
J2.3.4.6	Fee payable for application for change of Basketball Nationality	200.00
J2.3.5	Fee payable for confirmation of Basketball Nationality of player with more than one Nationality by birth or by Naturalisation	200.00
J3.3.14	Fee chargeable by NOWB for a letter of Clearance	50.00
K8.3.3	Appeal to the IWBF Appeals Committee against a decision of the IWBF Disciplinary Panel for anti-doping violation *	1,500.00
L5.5	Appeal lodged with the Appeals Committee (except for appeals in doping cases) *	500.00
M	Appeal to IWBF against decisions taken by a commission of IWBF or IWBF *	500.00
M	Non-refundable fee for appeals to IWBF of decisions taken by NOWBs or Zones made by the affected party.	500.00
	* refundable if review is successful	



## **Q 1 Awardees of the Gold Medal Triad**

1993	Robert Perri	Coach	France
1994	Henk Makkenze	Player	the Netherlands
1994	André Raes	Administrator	Belgium
1995	Ed Owen	Player	USA
1996	Tim Nugent	Philosopher	USA
1996	Stan Labanowich	Administrator & Legislator	USA
1997	Baruch Hagai	Player	Israel
1998	Susan Hagel	Player	USA
1998	Horst Strohkendl	Pioneer, Innovator & Social Philosopher	Germany
1999	Federico Posse	Classifier	Argentina
1999	Bernard Courbariaux	Classifier & Administrator	France
2000	Chantal Benoit	Player	Canada
2000	George Swindlehurst	Player	Great Britain
2001	Katsuyuki Hamamoto	Administrator	Japan
2001	Eiji Yoshinaga	Administrator	Japan
2002	Phil Craven	Player & Administrator	Great Britain
2002	Borislav Stanković	Administrator	Yugoslavia
2002	Armand Thiboutot	Administrator, Writer	USA
2002	Kyoko Tsukamoto	Player	Japan
2002	Hans Tukker	Administrator	the Netherlands
2004	Rob Verheuel	Coach	the Netherlands
2006	Ben Klerks	Player & Coach	the Netherlands
2006	Sandy Blythe	Player	Australia
2009	Maurice Scheonacker	Player, Coach & Administrator	France
2011	Dinh Tan Trien	Classifier, Administrator	France
2011	Greg Love	Administrator	Australia
2014	Jan Berteling	Administrator	The Netherlands
2014	Ron Coppenrath	Player, administrator	The Netherlands
2014	Steve Spilka	Player, coach, administrator	Great Britain
2015	Ricardo Moreno	Referee, administrator	Spain
2018	Maureen Orchard	Administrator	Canada
2018	Norbert Kucera	Referee & Administrator	Germany
2018	Tony Sainsbury	Administrator	Great Britain
2018	Don Perriman	Coach, Classifier & Administrator	Australia
2018	Malcolm Tarkenter	Administrator	Great Britain
2023	Patrick Baumann	Administrator	Switzerland
2023	Toshihiko Tamagawa	Player, Coach & Administrator	Japan



## **Q2 Awardees of the Award of Merit**

<b>2015</b>	Bestilliero, Jorge	International Referee Instructor	Argentina
	Burford, Jonathen	International Referee Instructor	USA
	Campos, Sergio	International Referee Instructor	Spain
	Giordano, Sergio	International Referee	Canada
	Gomez-Ruf, Tònia	International Referee Instructor	Spain
	Jungmann, Ha-Di	International Referee Instructor	Germany
	Kucera, Norbert	Technical Commission 1998 – 2018	Germany
	Moreno, Ricardo	Technical Commission 1998 – 2014	Spain
	Saunders, Charles	International Referee Instructor	South Africa
	Steponchev, Butch	Technical Commission 2000 – 2014	Canada
	Tomsic, Zarko	International Referee Instructor	Slovenia
	Vlug, Theo	International Referee	the Netherlands
	Wallaart, Edwin	International Referee	the Netherlands
	Otto, Ulli	International Referee	Germany
<b>2017</b>	Rebollo, Julian	International Referee	Spain
	Wells, Matt	International Referee	Australia
<b>2019</b>	Rehling, Detlef	Referee, Technical Delegate	Germany
	McAleese, Allan	Commissioner, Technical Delegate	Great Britain
<b>2023</b>	Costa, Regina	Chairperson of Classification Commission, 2018 - Present	Portugal
	Ravestein, Francisca	Chairperson of the Commission for the Legal Matters and Eligibility, 2014 - 2023	the Netherlands



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## **Section R – Regulations Governing IWBF Marketing**

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### **R1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- R1.1 IWBF **holds the rights for all marketing and commercial activity** at any official IWBF Owned Events (as defined in Section E of the IWBF Statutes) and is responsible for determining all commercial and sponsorship rights related to the event and the division of them.
- R1.2 IWBF reserve all rights in relation to the appointment of the IWBF Partners.
- R1.3 For each IWBF Owned Event there is a sponsorship structure including a commercial inventory. All of these rights are owned by and originate with the IWBF.
- R1.4 Exclusivity is the basis of IWBF's commercial activities. The IWBF partners and event sponsors are the only commercial entities entitled to be associated with the events. The Local Organising Committee shall work together with IWBF to protect this exclusivity and prevent/counter any ambush marketing activities before, during and after the Owned Event.

### **R2. SPONSORSHIP STRUCTURE**

- R2.1 The sponsorship structure defines the Sponsorship Packages available for sale by the Local Organising Committee and IWBF and is exclusively defined by IWBF.
- R2.2 In terms of hierarchy, four (4) sponsorship levels can be identified:
  - R2.2.1 Presenting Sponsor - Sold exclusively by the Local Organising Committee
  - R2.2.2 IWBF Global & Premium Partners - Sold exclusively by IWBF
  - R2.2.3 Event Sponsors - Sold exclusively by the Local Organising Committee
  - R2.2.4 National Supporters - Sold exclusively by the Local Organising Committee
- R2.3 Only IWBF is entitled to sell IWBF Global and Premium Partner packages. Those partners cover a range of product categories and have a number of exclusive rights that are acquired for before, during and after the Event.
- R2.4 In virtue of its contractual obligations, IWBF will ensure at all times that the rights of the IWBF Global and Premium Partners are fully delivered with the support of the Local Organising Committee.

### **R3. LOCAL SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES SALES PROCESS**

- R3.1 With regards to the Local Sponsorship Packages sales process, IWBF shall provide the Local Organising Committee with a Sponsorship Rights Sheet

that will be regularly updated by both the Local Organising Committee and IWBF, following the evolution of the sales process.

R3.2 This document (section 2.1.) will be the leading reference for all sponsors' rights. All information in this document shall remain confidential and the rights specified in this document must be respected at all times, meaning that the Local Organising Committee cannot sell any rights to the Event Sponsors and National Supporters which may infringe the rights of the IWBF Global and Premium Partners.

R3.3 The product categories defined for each existing sponsor are automatically blocked, which means the Local Organising Committee cannot approach any other company from the same category for a sponsorship agreement.

R3.4 In addition to the product categories mentioned in the Sponsors' Rights Sheet, some additional product categories may also be reserved by IWBF and a list of those will be provided to the Local Organising Committee also upon being awarded the Event. This list will be updated periodically by IWBF, with categories being reserved as the Event approaches.

R3.5 In the case a reserved category by IWBF, but of a strong potential prospect for the Local Organising Committee in this category, the Local Organising Committee shall immediately consult IWBF to discuss the situation.

R3.6 The Local Organising Committee shall be entitled to approach (either alone or with IWBF) Local Sponsorship Packages prospects with a view to appointing such prospect as Event Sponsor. Any Local Sponsorship Packages prospect must be communicated to IWBF and approved by IWBF prior to initiating discussions. The rights negotiated as part of the discussion shall also require IWBF approval.

R3.7 The Local Organising Committee shall keep IWBF regularly informed of all relevant details and material developments throughout negotiations, in order to avoid conflicts and to allow IWBF to help.

R3.8 Should the Local Organising Committee decide to appoint a local intermediary (e.g. agency) to market and sell the Local Sponsorship Packages on its behalf, IWBF must be informed immediately and approve the agency, the intermediary would then work directly in coordination with IWBF and the Local Organising Committee. The Local Organising Committee will be ultimately responsible for any breaches of the regulations made by the intermediary.

#### **R4. SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES RESERVED FOR SALE BY THE LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

R4.1 The Local Organising Committee shall be entitled to sell the following Local Sponsorship Packages:

R4.1.1 One Presenting Sponsor Package - The Presenting Sponsor package is reserved only for companies with an extremely high

interest in the Event and which offer a certain value in money, VIK and activation which is above what any other sponsor can offer.

- R4.1.2 Up to four (4) Event Sponsor Gold packages with primary court perimeter visibility (Courtside signage position A and B);
- R4.1.3 Up to four (4) Event Sponsor Silver packages with secondary court perimeter visibility (Courtside signage position C): (collectively, the “Event Sponsors”)
- R4.1.4 National Supporters

## **R5. PRODUCT CATEGORIES AND TERRITORIES**

- R5.1 The Local Organising Committee shall note that the following product categories are blocked by IWBF:
  - R5.1.1 Basketballs (Molten) and Basketball equipment;
  - R5.1.2 Sportswear including Apparel, Footwear and Retail;
  - R5.1.3 Beer & Wine
  - R5.1.4 Beverages (sports drinks, energy drinks, water);
  - R5.1.5 Automotive;
  - R5.1.6 Electronics (including TV sets, phones and tablets)
- R5.2 IWBF has priority to explore any other category not listed above and shall immediately inform the Local Organising Committee. IWBF shall release the categories based on discussions with the Local Organising Committee and potential local prospects.
- R5.3 In principle, the Local Organising Committee may only pursue sponsorship agreements with local companies in released categories and with the pre-approved rights.
- R5.4 The Local Organising Committee may also pursue the free supply of specific products or services in order to cover the needs of the Event and save costs, in exchange for specific benefits such as the allocation of tickets. Such suppliers shall never be entitled to any communication rights (i.e. association of the supplier’s brand and the Event marks) unless the supplier becomes one of the eight (8) Event Sponsors. Additionally, the products and services shall not conflict with the product categories exclusively acquired by IWBF Partners and Event Sponsors.

## **R6. THE SPONSORSHIP RIGHTS**

- R6.1 The Sponsorship Packages may include the following rights and benefits as well as others depending on the specific needs of each sponsor.

### **PRODUCT CATEGORY EXCLUSIVITY**

- R6.1.1 Each sponsor is granted exclusively in its respective product category, as defined by the sponsorship agreement. No other

company can be granted sponsorship rights in the same product category, neither can a competitor brand acquire rights, even in a different category.

R6.1.2 In general, multi-brand companies cannot have the exclusive right to more than two (2) product categories and the categories included in the sponsorship package must be precisely defined in the sponsorship agreement.

### USE OF THE EVENT MARKS

R6.1.3 Each sponsor shall have the right to a composite logo which is a logo combining the Event Logo and the respective sponsor's logo. All composite logos have to be approved by IWBF. A sponsor may use its composite logo for commercial purposes such as advertising, sales promotions, packaging and publications in order to promote the Event and its involvement with the Event.

R6.1.4 IWBF has the exclusive right to use and grant the use of the Event Marks and IWBF Marks to IWBF Global and Premium Partners and Host Sponsors. The usage of these marks are therefore also granted to certain sponsorship packages.

### USE OF OFFICIAL DESIGNATIONS

R6.1.5 Each sponsor is entitled to the use of the designation "official" or any such as "Official Event Sponsor" or "Official Partner". Such "official" designation shall relate to companies and their products that may be part of the technical equipment required and used. IWBF has the exclusive right to grant the use of the designation "official" or any such designation in relation to the Event.

R6.1.6 For the avoidance of doubt, none of the teams participating in the Event or the Local Organising Committee or any other second or third party shall have the right to use the word "official" in any commercial terms unless IWBF gives its prior approval to do so.

## **R7. ONSITE SIGNAGE & BRAND EXPOSURE**

### COURT DRESSING AND BRANDING

R7.1 IWBF alone determines the set-up and the branding of the playing court(s) and basketball equipment. IWBF shall have the right to place identification for the Event and/or one of the Commercial Partners on the team benches

R7.2 Centre circle and free-throw semicircles

R7.2.1 Advertising is prohibited inside the centre circle which is used exclusively by IWBF for its own brand.

R7.2.2 Advertising may be permitted, with the express approval of the IWBF for the Presenting Partner package, inside the free throw circles provided that

- The advertising is the same in both circles.
- There is only one identical company name or logo in both circles.
- The free throw lines are clearly visible
- IWBF needs to approve artwork beforehand.

### COURTSIDE ADVERTISING BOARDS

R7.3 Each sponsor is entitled to be present on the fixed courtside advertising boards and is allocated a specific position depending on the level of the sponsorship package.

R7.4 The courtside advertising board layout in Annex 1 provides an overview of the three existing positions:

R7.4.1

- Position A: on the same side of the Scorer's Table and the team benches, facing the main camera;
- Position B: adjacent to Position A, on both end-lines, next to the backstop units and on the side of the side of the team benches;
- Position C: on both end-lines, next to the backstop units and on the side of the main camera; **OR**

R7.4.2

- A - Alongside the court, opposite the Scorer's Table and the team benches, facing the main camera;
- B - Left or right next to the baskets, but adjacent to position A
- C - Left or right to the baskets close to the team benches.

If cameras are in place, one of the above-mentioned layouts is mandatory, depending on the position of the main camera. If no cameras are in place, one of the above-mentioned layouts has to be chosen.

R7.5 LED boards are the preferred technology however fixed boards may also be accepted by IWBF.

R7.6 In case of LED boards, a maximum of fourteen (14) rotations are possible. Any additional rotation needs the approval of IWBF.

R7.7 There will be a “zero position” with IWBF.org or the Event website. This rotation is displayed statically before and after play and during half-time, but not during play itself. The rotation of each sponsor will last in principle 15 seconds.

R7.8 The final sequences of rotations will be provided by IWBF to the Host one (1) week before the start of the Event.

R7.9 In case of fixed boards, signage will consist of twenty-four (24) boards, provided that it can fit all sponsors' boards in the position defined in the sponsorship agreement. IWBF will determine the order of appearance of the sponsors.

R7.10 In case of technical failure of the signage system or not sufficient quality of exposure of the sponsor's messages due to technical issues, the Local Organising Committee may be held liable by IWBF for potential claims in damages from the sponsors.

R7.11 Whatever technology is chosen, the costs for the signage system are to be borne by the Local Organising Committee (renting/purchasing, installation, dismantling, technical support etc.), as well as the costs for producing the signage for the Local Organising Committee Sponsors and one (1) IWBF Partner in case of rotating boards or fixed boards are being used. IWBF will pay for the signage for the other two to five (2-5) IWBF Partners.

### VIDEO SCREENS

R7.12 IWBF Partners, Presenting Partners and Event Sponsors (Gold) shall be entitled to 20- or 30- seconds advertising spots in the venue on the video screens at the venue(s), subject to availability and applicable broadcasting regulations.

R7.13 IWBF shall determine the order and timing of appearance of all advertising spots, these can only be shown before the game at half-time and after the game.

### COMMERCIAL DISPLAY STANDS

R7.14 Both IWBF Global and Premium Partners as well as Local Organising Committee Event Sponsors have the option to display their products and develop promotional activities inside or outside the venue(s) during the Event, depending on the space available and the infrastructure of the venue(s).

R7.15 To this goal, a minimum of one (1) area, inside or outside the venue(s), will be defined jointly by the Host and IWBF during the site visits. While planning the space, a minimum of 15 m<sup>2</sup> shall be calculated for each sponsor to set up their stand.

R7.16 The Local Organising Committee will need to provide this area free of charge.

R7.17 On the other hand, the costs of the infrastructures of the stand themselves, as well as the costs for power supply, internet, and telecom connections shall be the responsibility of the respective sponsor. It is the responsibility of the Local Organising Committee to cover any costs that may arise if the arena(s) has fixed contracts with sub-contractors. IWBF will inform the Local Organising Committee of the IWBF Official Partners' requirements, including square meters, at least two (2) months before the beginning of the Event.

THE SPONSORS' RECOGNITION PROGRAMME / ON-SITE ADVERTISING

R7.18 The sponsors' recognition programme is comprised of a broad range of marketing materials which include the sponsors' logos (including the Event Website), by means of the sponsors' recognition strip on, or in certain cases, a composite logo.

R7.19 For each event an individual Sponsors' Recognition Strip (hereafter called the "Strip") which gives the sponsors of the Event recognition according to their status and the sponsorship package they have bought.

R7.20 This Strip shall be used in all branding, print and signage materials related to the Event and will be developed and updated in co-ordination with IWBF and the Local Organising Committee.

R7.21 The Sponsors' Recognition Programme encloses the following items:

- Roll Ups;
- Scorer's Table Panel;
- Event Dressing with sponsors recognition;
- Welcome Desk / Information Desk Dressing;
- Outdoor Campaigns / Event Banners;
- Print Materials and Official Publications;
- Media Backdrops;
- Event Website.

PRINT MATERIAL

R7.22 Sponsors may be entitled to appear on tickets, posters, programmes, bulletins, booklets, magazines, accreditation badges or any other printed material the Local Organising Committee or IWBF may issue, whether in hard copy or electronic copy, subject to the level of sponsorship package. This should be in the form of the Sponsors' Recognition Strip where possible.

R7.23 Advertisers with products and/or services that compete with existing sponsors cannot appear in any materials or publications that use the Event Marks. The Local Organising Committee shall not provide advertising space in any event-related publications without IWBF's written approval.

R7.24 The Local Organising Committee shall not produce and distribute any publications related to the Event without the approval of IWBF.

R7.25 In regards to the Official Programme, the sponsors are entitled to have a certain type of advertising page according to the respective package. The IWBF Global and Premium Partners are entitled, free of charge to a full-page DIN A4 color advertising, each.

R7.26 The Local Organising Committee shall inform IWBF of the technical print specifications and deadlines for the programme. The Local Organising Committee is responsible for the creation and design of the programme, which is required to be signed off by IWBF before print. The Local Organising

Committee is responsible for bearing the costs of the production of the Official Programme.

### MEDIA BACKDROPS

R7.27 On Media Backdrops only the Presenting Sponsor, the IWBF Global and Premium Partners and the Event Sponsors (Gold) have the right to have their logos present.

R7.28 The media backdrops must be used for press conferences and in the mixed zone areas for flash interviews.

### EVENT WEBSITE

R7.29 The strip also will be present on the official event website, usually at the bottom of the page. Each sponsor's logo in the online strip will have a hyperlink defined by each sponsor to their website.

### EVENT DRESSING WITH SPONSORS' RECOGNITION

R7.30 The sponsors will also be recognized via the strip in several Event Dressing Materials which include outside arena dressing, hotel dressing, airport dressing and other dressing solutions.

### WELCOME/INFORMATION DESKS

R7.31 At several official sites of the Event, welcome or information desks need to be set up to welcome stakeholders to the Event. Such welcome/information desks need to be dressed with event dressing which also includes the strip. Exact set-up of these will be defined at a later stage.

### OUTDOOR CAMPAIGNS / EVENT BANNERS

R7.32 Any outdoor campaigns or other promotional banner that the Host may develop in connection with the Event for promotional purposes must include the strip.

### ON-SITE FRANCHISING, SAMPLING AND DISPLAY

R7.33 Depending on the space and infrastructure available, sponsors may be entitled to the right to exclusively sell, distribute, promote and/or sample their products and/or services in all areas at the Venue (i.e. public, media/press and in the hospitality areas).



## DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUMS

R7.34 Premiums are items featuring the Event Marks in combination with a third party's marks (composite logo) solely meant to be distributed free of charge or at a subsidized price as part of promotional activities.

R7.35 All sponsors are entitled to develop and distribute Premiums, subject to IWBF approval of the Premium, the usage of the Event Marks and distribution strategy.

## COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS AND VIP HOSPITALITY ACCESS

R7.36 Each sponsor is entitled to receive a certain number of complimentary Category 1 and VIP tickets, depending on their level of sponsorship package and as stated in the following paragraphs.

R7.37 The location of seats and allocation of the tickets shall be defined and confirmed by IWBF. IWBF shall also have priority on ticket allocation.

R7.38 VIP tickets: The location of the VIP Tribune in each venue of the Championship will be decided jointly by IWBF and the Host during the site visit. The access to this tribune will be restricted to VIP ticket holders and dignitaries, who will have free access to the VIP Hospitality area.

R7.39 Category 1 complimentary tickets provided shall be located alongside the court, within the two baskets and in the first seating tier from the court.

## **R8. SUPPLY OF PRODUCTS & SERVICES BY IWBF PARTNERS**

R8.1 As part of their contract, certain IWBF Partners shall have the exclusive right to supply specific products or services for the Event.

R8.2 The final list of products and services supplied for the Event will be confirmed in writing to the Local Organising Committee by IWBF no later than six (6) months before the Event and shall name the provider of the official game ball as directed by IWBF.

## **R9. TELEVISION GRAPHICS INSERTS**

R9.1 IWBF retains the exclusive right to develop and use television graphic inserts for advertising purposes for Timing and IT (Information Technology). These television inserts are exclusive to IWBF and cannot be sold by the Host to any third party.

R9.2 The official logo/s of a maximum of two sponsors may appear on the main feed of the television broadcast of the event in accordance with broadcasters' regulations.

**R10. “FAN-ZONE” AND/OR OTHER OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT**

R10.1 Should a “Fan Zone” and/or other official side event be organized by the Local Organising Committee in the Host City, the Local Organising Committee shall ensure that:

R10.1.1 All sponsors have the right to participate by developing commercial display stands or other activities to be defined and coordinated by the Local Organising Committee and IWBF. No competitor company can be present in the “Fan Zone” and/or official side event

R10.2 Should a sponsor be interested in funding the Fan Zone concept, the Host shall assist the sponsor by securing an authorization to use the free public space.

**R11. LICENSING RIGHTS AND RETAIL RIGHTS**

R11.1 The Licensing Rights and the Retail Rights, in terms of IWBF owned events, mainly describes the development of products to be sold onsite in the fan shops (official licensed products) and the development of Premiums (gifts/giveaways) in order to promote the event. All of these rights belong to the Local Organising Committee.

R11.2 The Local Organising Committee is therefore entitled to manufacture, distribute and sell exclusive official merchandising/products which use the Event Marks (the “Official Licensed Products”) and retain all related revenues, subject to IWBF approval on the products and the usage of the Event Marks.

R11.3 It is not mandatory for the Local Organising Committee to develop a licensing and retail programme but if the Local Organising Committee decides to do so, the Local Organising Committee has to inform IWBF in writing.

Sponsors may also have advertising rights at the Venue and Official Hotels including, but not limited to, the right to erect signage inside or outside the Venue.

**VALUE-IN-KIND SUPPLY (VIK)**

R11.4 Value-in-kind (VIK) supply refers to products and/or services that a sponsor may supply to the Host and/or IWBF to support the organization of the Event.

R11.5 Quantities and details of VIK supply depend on the contract negotiations and are considered non-cash values added to the sponsorship agreement, i.e. Molten supplying the official game balls.

**ANNEX 1**

Diagram to 5.1.8.1

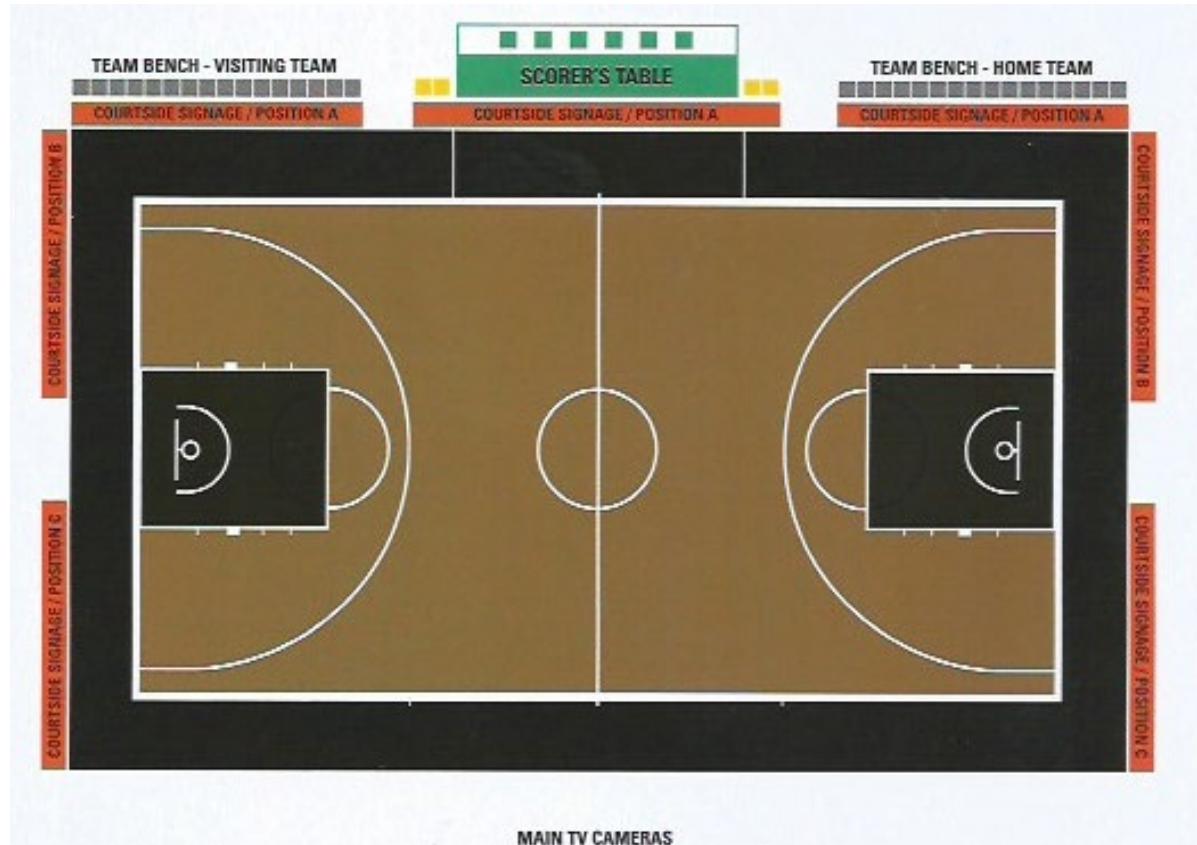


Diagram to 5.1.8.2

