

“draft” WORLD ABILITYSPORT MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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Constitution Provisions

The following provisions of the World AbilitySport Constitution as adopted on 28 November 2022 ('the World AbilitySport Constitution') are relevant to this Membership Policy.

6.1 Membership is open to any corporate body (or an individual or corporate body that represents an organisation which is not incorporated) that is interested in furthering the Objects of the Charity (a 'Member'). The term 'Membership' as used in these Articles refers to the Members collectively and to the status of being a Member.

6.2 The Trustees shall implement a **Membership Policy**. The Membership Policy will specify the qualifications for Membership and the application process to become a Member.

6.11 The Trustees may create associate or other classes of non-voting membership in accordance with the Membership Policy and may determine the rights and obligations of any such non-voting members (including payment of membership fees), and the conditions for admission to, and termination of membership of any such class of members.

Membership Policy and Member Categories

This Membership Policy has been implemented by the Trustees of World AbilitySport ('the Trustees') in accordance with Article 6.2 referred to above.

The Membership Policy establishes three classes of member:

- a) Full National Membership, which provides full voting rights as a 'Member' of World AbilitySport
- b) Secondary Membership, which provides no voting rights
- b) Development Membership, which provides no voting rights

These membership categories are described in full below.

Terminology

The terms National Paralympic Committee, Athlete, Eligible Impairment and Nation as used in this Membership Policy it is to be construed as having the same meaning as those terms are given in the IPC Constitution.

Review

This Membership Policy has been adopted by the Trustees on **18 March 2023**. It will remain in effect until further notice save that it will be reviewed by the Trustees not later than two years after the date of adoption.

1. FULL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

1.1. Full National Membership is available to organisations that fulfil the following criteria:

- 1.1.1. The National Paralympic Committee of a Nation;
- 1.1.2. National organisations representing athletes with physical impairments as defined in the IPC International Standard for Eligible Impairments - Sept 2016 points 2.1 to 2.8

1.2. An organisation that qualifies for Full National Membership and is accepted as such by the Trustees is referred to as a 'Full National Member'. A list of the Full National Members is attached to this Membership Policy as Annex One. This Annex will be updated by the Trustees from time to time as required.

Full Member Numbers by Nation

1.3. From 28 November 2022 the following provisions apply:

- 1.3.1. The number of Full National Members is limited to one Full National Member per Nation.
- 1.3.2. In respect of Nations that have two Full National Members as of 28 November 2022, both shall be permitted to remain as Full National Members. If one organisation ceases to be a Full National Member, the remaining Full National Member shall be the sole Full National Member for that Nation.

Applications for Full National Membership

The process for applying for Full National Membership is explained at Annex Two to this Membership Policy.

Full National Member Rights and Responsibilities

1.4. Full National Members shall have all the rights afforded to 'Members' by the World Abilitysport Constitution including without limitation the right to attend, speak and vote at General Meetings of World Abilitysport. Full Members shall have the same rights provided to Secondary Members in this Membership Policy in respect of any Sports Congress.

1.5. Full National Members shall have the following voting rights:

- 1.5.1. If a Full National Member is the sole Full National Member for a Nation, that Full National Member shall have two votes in respect of any matters requiring a Member vote pursuant to the World Abilitysport Constitution.
- 1.5.2. If a Full National Member is from a Nation that has two Full National Members, each Full National Member shall have one vote in respect of any matters requiring a Member vote pursuant to the World Abilitysport Constitution.

1.6. Full National Members must:

- 1.6.1. Comply with all of the duties and responsibilities designated to Members by way of the World Abilitysport Constitution

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1.6.2. Pay the Full National Membership fees as detailed in Annex Three

2. SECONDARY MEMBERSHIP

2.1. Secondary Membership is available to the following organisations:

- 2.1.1. National Sports Federations
- 2.1.2. Impairment specific organisations
- 2.1.3. National World Abilitysport Sport Federations
- 2.1.4. International Sports Federations

Applications for Secondary Membership

- 2.2. The process for applying for Secondary Membership is explained at Annex Two to this Membership Policy.
- 2.3. An application for Secondary Membership may only be made if the organisation making the application is located in a Nation for which there is a Full National Member.

Secondary Member Rights and Responsibilities

2.4. Secondary Members are entitled to -

- 2.4.1. send one delegate to the World Abilitysport General Assembly, the details of which must be submitted in writing to World Abilitysport;
- 2.4.2. send two delegates to any Sport Specific Congress, the details of which must be submitted in writing to World Abilitysport;
- 2.4.3. one vote at any Sports Specific Congress;
- 2.4.4. nominate representatives for World Abilitysport Sports Executive Committees and Standing Committees;
- 2.4.5. receive annual financial reports and all communications, including newsletters, magazines, bulletins, and other relevant information distributed by World Abilitysport as well as all sections of the World Abilitysport online Members' Area;
- 2.4.6. enter competitors and staff into international events sanctioned by World Abilitysport, providing they comply with the conditions stated in the invitations to the event;
- 2.4.7. propose sport-specific motions to the Sports Congresses by giving notice of motion to World Abilitysport prior to the meeting as specified in the bylaws of the Sport Sections.

2.5. Secondary Members must:

- 2.5.1. Comply with any duties and responsibilities designated to Secondary Members including without limitation compliance with all codes of conduct and behaviours established by World Abilitysport
- 2.5.2. Pay the Membership fees as detailed in Annex Three.

3. DEVELOPING MEMBERS

3.1. Developing Member status is available to the following organisations:

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- 3.1.1. Wheelchair Fencing National organisation (or equivalent)
- 3.1.2. National Powerchair Hockey organisations (or equivalent)
- 3.1.3. National Paralympic Committees
- 3.1.4. National organisations representing athletes with physical impairments

Applications for Developing Member Status

- 3.2. The process for applying for Developing Member Status is explained at Annex Two to this Membership Policy.

Developing Member Rights and Responsibilities

- 3.3. Developing Members are entitled to –
 - 3.3.1. send two delegates to the World Abilitysport General Assembly, the details of which must be submitted in writing to World Abilitysport;
 - 3.3.2. if recognised by the CP/IWAS Sport Section as such send two delegates to the Sport Specific Congress, the details of which must be submitted in writing to World Abilitysport;
 - 3.3.3. to receive annual financial reports, all communications, including newsletters, magazines, bulletins and other relevant information distributed by World Abilitysport and have access to all sections of the World Abilitysport online Members' Area
 - 3.3.4. enter persons of its organisation in international events within the jurisdiction of World Abilitysport, providing the member complies with the conditions stated in the invitations to compete.
- 3.4. Developing Members must:
 - 3.4.1. Comply with any duties and responsibilities designated to Secondary Members including without limitation compliance with all codes of conduct and behaviours established by World Abilitysport
 - 3.4.2. Provide any progress reports required by World Abilitysport
 - 3.4.3. Pay the Membership fees as detailed in Annex Three

4. PARTNERS AND AFFILIATES

- 4.1. The following may be appointed as Partners and/or Affiliates of World Abilitysport –

Partners

- 4.1.1. Research Institutes, Universities & Foundations
- 4.1.2. Rehabilitation Centres & Hospitals
- 4.1.3. Sponsors & Funders
- 4.1.4. Organisations representing specific sport and/or recreation activity.
- 4.1.5. Organisation supporting/promoting health and well-being linked to sport & recreation
- 4.1.6. Organisations with similar aims to World Abilitysport

Affiliates

- 4.1.7. Professionals who contribute to the field of sports and/or recreation
- 4.1.8. Individuals who contribute, supports, or are interested in sports and/or recreation
- 4.1.9. Honorary Individual recognised by World AbilitySport for having made an exceptional contribution or have supported or promoted World AbilitySport

4.2. Partners may –

- 4.2.1. send observers to World AbilitySport official meetings and events at the discretion of World AbilitySport;
- 4.2.2. request research opportunities and trial of innovations at World AbilitySport events.
- 4.2.3. present at World AbilitySport gatherings, events and meetings.
- 4.2.4. use World AbilitySport logo on website and promotional materials.
- 4.2.5. receive communications, including any newsletters, magazines, bulletins, and other relevant information
- 4.2.6. have access to all sections of the World AbilitySport online Members' Area.

4.3. Affiliates may –

- 4.3.1. attend World AbilitySport Sports official meetings and events as observers.
- 4.3.2. make presentations at World AbilitySport gatherings, events, and meetings as is appropriate.
- 4.3.3. receive all communications, including newsletters, magazines, bulletins, and other relevant information and have access to all sections of the World AbilitySport online Members' Area.

Annex One: LIST OF FULL MEMBERS

Country	Organisation
Argentina	Argentine Federacion de deportes Sobre Silla de Ruedas (FADISIR)
Australia	Disability Sport Australia
Austria	Austrian Sports Federation for Disabled
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan Paralympic Committee
Belarus (not active)	Belarus Paralympic Committee
Belgium	Belgian Paralympic Committee
Brazil	Brazilian Paralympic Committee
Brazil*	Associação Nacional de Desporto para Deficientes (ANDE)
Canada	Canadian Fencing Federation
Canada*	Canadian Cerebral Palsy Sports Association
China	Chinese Disabled Persons' Federation
Colombia	Colombia - FEDESIR
Colombia*	FECDE-PC
Croatia	Croatian Paralympic Committee
Cyprus	Cyprus Sports Federation for Persons with Disabilities
Czech Republic	Czech Sports Organisation for the Physically Disabled
Czech Republic*	Czech Cerebral Palsy Sports Federation
Denmark	Denmark Paralympic Committee
Egypt*	The Egyptian Sports Federation for Athletes with Cerebral Palsy
England*	CP Sport England
Estonia	Estonian Paralympic Committee
Fairo Islands*	Parasport Foroyar, Faroe Islands Paralympic Committee
Finland	Finnish Paralympic Committee
France	Federation Francaise Handisport
Georgia	Georgian Paralympic Committee
Germany	Germany Paralympic Committee Deutscher Behindertensportverband e.V
Great Britain	WheelPower - British Wheelchair Sport
Greece	Hellenic Sports Federation for Persons with Disabilities
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Paralympic Committee
Hungary	Hungarian Paralympic Committee
India	Paralympic Committee of India
India*	Cerebral Palsy Sports Federation of India
Iran	IRI Sports Federation for the Disabled
Iraq	National Paralympic Committee of Iraq
Ireland	Irish Wheelchair Association Sport
Israel	Israel Paralympic Committee
Italy	Italian Paralympic Committee
Italy*	FISPES: Italian Federation for Paralympic and Experimental Sports
Japan	Japanese Paralympic Committee
Kazakhstan	National Paralympic Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Country	Organisation
Kenya	Kenya Wheelchair & Amputee Sport Federation
Korea*	Korea Paralympic Committee
Korea, Republic of	Korea Disabled Veterans Organisation
Kuwait	Kuwait Disabled Sport Club
Latvia	Latvian SOD
Lithuania	Lithuanian Sports Federation for the Disabled
Luxembourg	Luxembourg Paralympic Committee
Macau	Associacion Recreativa dos Deficientes de Macau
Malaysia	Persatuan Orang-Orang Cacat Anggota
Malta*	Malta Sport for the Disabled
Mexico	Mexico Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Fed
Mexico*	Federación Mexicana de Deportes para Personas con Parálisis Cerebral A.C
Morocco	Royal Moroccan Federation of Sports for People with Disability
Netherlands	National Paralympic Committee of the Netherlands
Poland	Polish Sports Association for the Disabled
Portugal	Portuguesa Federacao de Desporto para Pessoas Deficiencia(fpdd)
Qatar*	Qatar Paralympic Committee
Russia (not active)	Russian Federation of Sports with Physical Impairment
Russia*	Russian CP Football Federation
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabia NPC
Scotland*	Scottish Disability Sport
Serbia	Serbia NPC
Singapore	Singapore Disability Sports Council
Slovak Republic	Slovak Sports Association for the Disabled
Slovenia	Paralympic Committee of Slovenia - Sports Federation for the Disabled of Slovenia
South Africa	South African Sports Association for Physically Disabled (SASAPD)
Spain	Spanish Sports Federation for People with Physical Disabilities (FEDDF)
Spain*	Spanish Sports Federation for People with Cerebral Palsy and Cerebral Injury
Sweden	Swedish Sports Organisation for the Disabled and Swedish Paralympic Committee
Switzerland	Wheelchair Sport Switzerland
Switzerland*	PluSport Behindertensport Schweiz
Taiwan	Chinese Taipei Paralympic Committee
Taiwan*	Chinese Taipei Cerebral Palsy Sports Federation
Thailand	Sports Association of the Disabled of Thailand
Thailand*	Cerebral Palsy Sports Association of Thailand
Tunisia*	Fédération Tunisienne des Sports pour Handicapés
Turkey	National Paralympic Committee of Turkey
UAE	UAE Paralympic Committee
Ukraine	National Paralympic Committee of Ukraine
USA	Move United
USA*	Blaze Sports America

Annex Two

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Enquiries for membership are sent via a link on the website or by email to the general email address provided.

A Membership Application Form is provided, and the complete form is returned to the CEO with the necessary attachments.

DETERMINING AND COMMUNICATING OUTCOME FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Completed applications are reviewed by the CEO and presented to the Board at its next meeting.

The Board can accept or decline membership applications. The Board may, at its absolute discretion, admit, or refuse to admit, any organisation or person to membership, being a partner or an affiliate.

The applicant is informed in writing by the office of the Board's decision.

The following approval process will apply:

Memberships with voting rights

- If accepted, provisional membership is granted. Under the constitution, confirmation of membership must be approved at the next General Assembly.

Non-voting Membership

- The Board may grant non-voting membership.

Successful applicants will be invoiced for their membership fee and receive a "welcome letter". Payment must be made within six weeks of the date of invoice.

Upon receipt of the membership fee a receipt and membership certificate, confirming the membership status, is sent to the new Member by CP/IWAS HQ.

The new Member's details are added to the website.

New Members will hold provisional status until their Membership is approved by the General Assembly. Until this time Member's will have all rights excluding voting rights (where applicable).

Where provisional membership has been granted and the membership fee has not been paid six weeks following receipt of the invoice, the provisional membership will be withdrawn.

Subsequent reapplication would require the appropriate membership fee to be paid at the time of application.

Annex Three MEMBERSHIP FEES

FEES FOR FULL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

For Nations where there were two separate full national member organisations in good standing at the time of the merger between IWAS and CPISRA, each member will pay £800 membership fee per year for the next 4 years. Membership fees will then be reviewed and presented to the General Assembly of World AbilitySport.

If the same organisation was a member of both CPISRA and IWAS at the time of the merger, only the historic IWAS fees will be invoiced.

The level that each Full National Member should pay is determined by the income group of World Bank List of Global Economics tiered in accordance with officially recognised financial status.

INCOME GROUP	POUND STERLING (£)
High	1500.00
Upper Middle	1150.00
Lower Middle	850.00
Low	500.00

FEES FOR SECONDARY MEMBERSHIP

Secondary Members fee: £500 per year

FEES FOR DEVELOPING MEMBERS

Developing Members will be subject to an annual Membership fee of £300 per year.

FEES FOR PARTNERS

Annual fee of £500 per year

FEES FOR AFFILIATES

CP/IWAS Affiliates: £50 per year. Honorary Affiliates will pay no fees