

MEMO

To: NPC / IOSD Widely and Regularly Practising Athletics
From: IPC Athletics Technical Committee
Date: 17/02/2010
Re: IPC Athletics Rules and Regulations 2010-11

Dear Colleagues,

The recent publication of the IPC Athletics Rules and Regulations 2010-11 has resulted in IPC Athletics receiving valuable feedback relating to rule changes. The majority of the feedback related to Rule 178, 179.1 and 179.2. While the content of the rules aligned with the direction IPC Athletics wishes to take, there were valid concerns with the timing of implementation and impact of these rules.

As a consequence of this feedback, IPC Athletics have decided to take the following actions:

- reinstate the old Rule 179.1-8 as rule 178.1-f (certain components of the recently published Rule 179.1 are also contained in the Rule 178)
- re-write Rule 179.2 so that it aligns with the old rule 179.9 (effective from 1 October 2008) and renumber it as Rule 179.1
- publish a schedule of explanations for other feedback received

The changes will be with immediate effect and a revised rule book will be available on the website by Monday of next week.

To ensure the momentum developed on this subject is not lost; IPC Athletics have decided to expand the remit of the Seated Throws working group that was established at the IPC Athletics Summit in February 2009, so that it includes a review of the recently published Rule 178 and 179.1. In

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line with this, all feedback received on these rules will be forwarded to the group for their consideration.

Furthermore IPC Athletics encourage additional people to join the working group and contribute with the technical knowledge and expertise. Those individuals interested and have the time to fully commit should send an expression of interest together with a summary of experience via their National Paralympic Committee (NPC) to Helen Murphy IPC Athletics Sport Manager at helen.murphy@paralympic.org by 5 March 2010.

IPC Athletics, with the support of the Seated Throws working group expect to have a proposal for the respective rules by 30 June 2010 after which IPC Athletics will open a further three month period of consultation with the membership. This will allow the new rules to form part of the next Rule Book scheduled to be published after the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships and which will cover the period 2011-2014. As part of their remit the Seated Throws working group will also consider the significance of their proposed changes in terms of performance and whether other factors will have to be addressed before it's implementing. The Sports Technical Committee will consider the working group conclusions on this point and any subsequent feedback received from member during the consultation period, before making a decision on whether to implement these rule changes after the Christchurch World Championships or delay there introduction until after London 2012.

Should you have any questions in relation to the process please do not hesitate to contact IPC Athletics on ipcathletics@paralympic.org

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.S. Hellwig".

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