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Amendments to World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations 2018-2019

Dear President/Secretary General,

Pursuant to clause 2.5.2 of the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations 2018-2019, World Para Athletics considers it necessary to amend the following rules **with immediate effect**:

- Rule 2.13.5
- Rule 5.4
- Rule 5.5
- Rule 7.9

All amendments are set out in the attached Appendix.

As outlined in the Appendix, the amendments simply provide clarity to each of the rules. This clarity is necessary to ensure consistent application of the rules. No material amendments have been made. World Para Athletics considers it necessary, and in the best interests of athletes and officials, to make these amendments prior to the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships. Given the significance of this event accurate and consistent application of these (and all) rules is of great importance.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Albin Renteria, WPA Technical Coordinator: Albin.Renteria@WorldParaAthletics.org

Kind regards,

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Appendix - AMENDMENTS TO WORLD PARA ATHLETICS TECHNICAL RULES 2018-2019

Page	Rule	Action	Current	Amended Text	Rationale
			Rule 2: Description of Officials and Their Duties	Rule 2: Description of Officials and Their Duties	
39	2.13.5	Amend (add)	<p>2.13 Referees</p> <p>5. A Referee shall have authority to warn or exclude from competition, any athlete guilty of acting in an unsporting or improper manner under Rule 17.5. In case of a disciplinary matter, the Call Room Referee has authority starting from the Warm-up Area up to the competition area. In all other instances, the Referee applicable to the event in which the athlete is or was competing, shall have authority.</p> <p>The applicable Referee (where practicable after consulting the Competition Director) may warn or remove any other person from the competition area (or other area related to the competition including the Warm-up Area, Call Room and coaches seating) who is acting in an unsporting or improper manner or who is providing assistance to athletes that is not permitted by the Rules. Warnings may be indicated to the athlete by showing a yellow card, exclusion by showing a red card. Warnings and exclusions shall be entered on the result card. Those warnings and exclusions decided by a Referee shall be communicated to the Competition Secretary and to the other Referees.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>2.13 Referees</p> <p>5. A Referee shall have authority to warn or exclude from competition, any athlete guilty of acting in an unsporting or improper manner or under Rules 6.1, 6.18, 7, 17.5, 18.17, 18.18, 24.2, 24.5, 24.19 or 49.8(h)). In case of a disciplinary matter, the Call Room Referee has authority starting from the Warm-up Area up to the competition area. In all other instances, the Referee applicable to the event in which the athlete is or was competing, shall have authority.</p> <p>The applicable Referee (where practicable after consulting the Competition Director) may warn or remove any other person from the competition area (or other area related to the competition including the Warm-up Area, Call Room and coaches seating) who is acting in an unsporting or improper manner or who is providing assistance to athletes that is not permitted by the Rules. Warnings may be indicated to the athlete by showing a yellow card, exclusion by showing a red card. Warnings and exclusions shall be entered on the result card. Those warnings and exclusions decided by a Referee shall be communicated to the Competition Secretary and to the other Referees.</p> <p>...</p>	This amendment provides clarity for officials that they can reference the applicable rule as appropriate.

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			Rule 5: Entries	Rule 5: Entries	
60	5.4	Add new (d)	<p>Failure to Participate</p> <p>4. At IPC Games and IPC Competitions (see Part B - 3.1.2 (a) and (b)), an athlete shall be excluded from participation in all further events (including other events in which he is simultaneously participating) in the competition, including relays, in cases where:</p> <p>a) A final confirmation was given that the athlete would start in an event but then failed to participate; <i>Note: A fixed time for the final confirmation of participation shall be published in advance.</i></p> <p>b) An athlete qualified in a qualifying round of an event for further participation in that event but then failed to participate further;</p> <p>c)...</p>	<p>Failure to Participate</p> <p>4. At IPC Games and IPC Competitions (see Part B - 3.1.2 (a) and (b)), an athlete shall be excluded from participation in all further events (including other events in which he is simultaneously participating) in the competition, including relays, in cases where:</p> <p>a) A final confirmation was given that the athlete would start in an event but then failed to participate; <i>Note: A fixed time for the final confirmation of participation shall be published in advance.</i></p> <p>b) An athlete qualified in a qualifying round of an event for further participation in that event but then failed to participate further;</p> <p>c)...</p> <p><i>d) An athlete fails to report to the Call Room(s) for an event in contravention of Rule 5.5.</i></p>	<p>To provide clarity on the application of Rule 5.5 when athletes fail to report to the Call Room(s) at the scheduled time.</p>

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60	5.5	Delete and add Comment	<p>Failure to Report to the Call Room(s)</p> <p>5. Subject always to any additional sanction under Rule 5.4, and except as provided below, an athlete shall be excluded from participation in any event in which he is not present in the Call Room(s) at the relevant time as published in the Call Room schedule. He shall be shown in the results as DNS. The relevant Referee will decide on this (including whether the athlete may compete under protest if a decision cannot be made immediately) and the corresponding reference must be made in the official results.</p> <p>Justifiable reasons (e.g. factors independent of the athlete's own actions, such as problems with the official transport system or an error in the published Call Room schedule) may, after confirmation, be accepted by the Referee and the athlete may then be allowed to take part.</p>	<p>Failure to Report to the Call Room(s)</p> <p>5. Subject always to any additional sanction under Rule 5.4, and Except as provided below, an athlete shall be excluded from participation in any event in which he is not present in the Call Room(s) at the relevant time as published in the Call Room schedule. He shall be shown in the results as DNS and consequently Rule 5.4 shall be applied. The relevant Referee will decide on this (including whether the athlete may compete under protest if a decision cannot be made immediately) and the corresponding reference must be made in the official results.</p> <p>Justifiable reasons (e.g. factors independent of the athlete's own actions, such as problems with the official transport system or an error in the published Call Room schedule) may, after confirmation, be accepted by the Referee and the athlete may then be allowed to take part.</p> <p><i>COMMENT: As the rule states, the athlete must be present in the Call Room(s) at the scheduled time. This does not mean standing outside the Call Room(s). The relevant Referee will determine whether or not an athlete has attended the Call Room(s) on time. The Referee will also determine whether or not there is a justifiable reason (as outlined above) for an athlete not being present on time. The Referee may allow an athlete to compete pending the outcome of a protest if a decision regarding the protest cannot be made immediately. It is important to note that any athlete listed as "DNS" on the results sheet at a competition, shall also be excluded from all other events at that competition.</i></p>	<p>To provide clarity on the application of this rule when athletes fail to report to the Call Room(s) on time.</p>

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			Rule 7: Assistance to Athletes	Rule 7: Assistance to Athletes	
74	Rule 7.9	Amend (delete and add)	<p>Assistance - Track and Road Events ...</p> <p>9. The method of guidance between an athlete and his accompanying guide-runner ("the pair") shall be through a tether. In addition, the athlete may receive verbal instruction from the guide-runner. The guide-runner must complete his task while running (or walking) and is not allowed to use any mechanical means of transport.</p> <p>Note (i): The tether attachment shall only be established between hand(s) and/or arm(s) of the pair.</p> <p>Note (ii): The pair shall retain the tether attachment from the start of the race until the end of the race. No release shall be allowed until after the athlete finishes the race, except during the process of interchange of guide-runners</p>	<p>Assistance - Track and Road Events ...</p> <p>9. The method of guidance between an athlete and his accompanying guide-runner ("the pair") shall be through a tether. In addition, the athlete may receive verbal instruction from the guide-runner. The guide-runner must complete his task while running (or walking) and is not allowed to use any mechanical means of transport.</p> <p>Note (i): The tether attachment shall only be established between hand(s) and/or arm(s) of the pair athlete and his accompanying guide-runner.</p> <p>Note (ii): The pair athlete and his accompanying guide-runner shall retain the tether attachment from the start of the race until the end of the race. No release shall be allowed until after the athlete and his accompanying guide-runner have both reached the vertical plane of the nearer edge of the finish line and finished the race, except during the process of interchange of guide-runners</p>	To provide clarity on the application of this rule and when a tether may be released.