



IPCAS TD MANUAL

Season 2011/2012

INTRODUCTION:

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the governing body for Paralympic Sports.

In Alpine skiing for athletes with a disability, the IPC acts as the International Sport Federation (IPSF).

The IPC Alpine Skiing Sports Technical Committee (IPCAS STC) is a consultative body for the IPC Governing Board.

The IPC Governing Board has established IPC Sport Technical Committees (STCs) accountable to the IPC Management Team on all matters related to the technical delivery of the respective IPC Sport.

The IPC and the FIS have a working agreement.

The IPCAS events use FIS Technical Delegates (TD) with a valid FIS TD licence for its sanctioned events, where the FIS TD acts as an IPC TD.

The purpose of this manual is to provide information for the IPC TD with respect to the rules of IPCAS races.

As the IPCAS TD is a fully licensed FIS TD, this manual assumes that the TD already has the knowledge required to be a FIS TD.

This manual is in addition to the resources available to a FIS TD along with the IPCAS Rulebook and other resources available on the IPC Alpine Skiing website (www.ipc-alpineskiing.org).

OFFICIAL ROLE:

The IPCAS TD is an official representative of IPC Alpine Skiing at IPCAS races.

The IPCAS TD will act as Chairman of the Jury of the race.

The IPCAS TD does not issue official opinions of the IPC or the IPCAS Sport Technical Committee (STC) but rather is responsible for:

- Reaching and carrying out correct decisions with the support of the Jury and to see that the IPCAS Rules are followed
- Supervising the running of the race
- Assisting the organisers of the race.

EDUCATION:

The IPCAS TD is a licensed FIS TD and therefore will have completed the education process to become a FIS TD and to maintain their licence.

The IPCAS TD needs to be familiar with the IPCAS Rules and to have an understanding of the differences that apply to IPCAS races. The process for a more formal education process continues to be developed by the IPCAS STC. This handbook will continue to be reviewed and updated during the annual meetings of the IPCAS STC.

The STC member that has primary responsibility for matters relating to IPCAS TD issues is the Head of Technical Control and Officiating (HTCO). The HTCO is responsible for communicating with IPCAS TD's and will assist in the process as much as is required.

The contact e-mail for the HTCO: ipcalpineskiing@paralympic.org.

IPCAS TD SELECTION:

IPCAS TD selection process for different levels of IPCAS events is fully described in **Section 401.3** of the IPCAS Rulebook.

IPCAS JURY MEMBERS:

The Jury make-up for an IPCAS race is dependent on the competition level. The race may include an IPCAS Race Co-ordinator or a Regional Head of Competition (North America/Europe/Far East and Southern Hemisphere). These individuals will be voting members of the Jury in addition to/or potentially in place of the Referee.

Section 401 of the IPCAS Rulebook discusses the make-up of the Jury.

RULES REGARDING THE IPCAS JURY:

The rules relevant to the IPCAS Jury are covered in **Section 401** of the IPCAS Rulebook.

DUTIES OF THE IPCAS TD:

The IPCAS TD duties are the same as the duties outlined in the ICR for FIS TD. This is covered under **Section 601.4.9 of the ICR**. IPCAS rules mandate that the voting is by simple majority vote. The IPCAS TD has the deciding vote in case of a tie.

DUTIES OF THE IPCAS RACE COORDINATOR:

This is covered under Section 331 of the IPCAS Rule Book and on the Precisions to the Rule Book 2011/2012.

COMPETITOR CATEGORIES:

IPCAS races have 3 categories in each gender, Sitting, Standing and Visually Impaired athletes.

There are a number of different classifications of disabilities within the 3 categories. A full description of these can be found in **IPCAS Alpine Skiing Classification Handbook** which is available under the Classification section of the IPCAS website (www.ipc-alpineskiing.org).

Visually impaired athletes must ski with a guide who are fully licensed athletes and subject to the IPCAS Rule Book.

FACTOR SYSTEM:

The calculation of a competitor's time is based on their real time multiplied by their classification factor.

The calculation of factored time is performed by the IPCAS software, which is used at IPCAS sanctioned events.

IPCAS STC will make sure that a race administrator who is capable of operating the IPCAS results software is present at the event.

IPCAS POINTS:

IPCAS competitors are ranked based on IPCAS Points. The system is similar to the FIS Points system.

The points list is updated monthly on the IPCAS website (www.ipc-alpineskiing.org).

The rules regarding IPCAS Points are in **Section 1260** of the IPCAS Rulebook.

PENALTY CALCULATION AND RESULTS:

The race penalty is based on the Rules of FIS Points formula found in **Rules for the Alpine FIS Points**. The application of zero race points is for the fastest athletes in each gender but the calculation of the winners and race order is made within each category for each gender. Additional details can be obtained in **Section 1260** of the IPCAS Rulebook.

The results, Timing technical Report and TD Report and any additional reports from the TD that arise from a given IPC Alpine Skiing sanctioned event are sent to IPC Alpine Skiing (ipcalpineskiing@paralympic.org).

Please do not forward these documents to the FIS.

The results will be uploaded to the FIS website by the Head of Technical Control and Officiating.

The results appear as PDF file attachments only.

The IPCAS points system is not part of FIS and therefore the results cannot appear in the same manner as a FIS result.

The TD can verify by checking for the PDF results file that results are uploaded.

START DESIGN AND PROCEDURE DIFFERENCES:

Two of the three competitor categories, sitting athletes and visually impaired athletes, require start area design and procedures that differ from those of standing athletes and able-bodied athletes. The specifications for the start area design and are included in **Section 407.3** of the IPCAS Rulebook.

SPECIAL RULES FOR SPECIFIC CLASSIFICATIONS;

Section 1300 of the IPCAS Rulebook addresses rules specific-to-specific classifications as well as the visually impaired guides. This section should be carefully reviewed.

SLOPE SPECIFICATIONS:

IPCAS races have their own slope specifications. The full specifications are covered in **Section 1500** of the IPCAS Rulebook.