



## WPA rules changes 2020-2021

Date: June 1, 2020

Time: 7 p.m. (ET)

Our presenter will be: David Weicker (WPA Educator, Technical Delegate and ITO) but not representing WPA tonight...thanks to Jon Mason, ITO and TD for WPA



The presenter will go over:  
The new WPA rules 2020-2021  
Questions and discussion to follow

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[Rules, regulations and amendments can be found at:](#)

- <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rules>
- Many administrative and regulations not discussed
- World Athletics rule changes are reflected in WPA rule changes



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### Use of Technology (Regulations)

- World Para Athletics will monitor the use of technology and equipment
- Used to be the Technical Delegate...

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### Technology Principles – devices (etc.) are not allowed if (Regulations)

- 7.2.1.1 provides an unrealistic enhancement of height of release in throwing events;
- 7.2.1.2 provides an unrealistic enhancement of stride length;
- 7.2.1.3 is not commercially available to all athletes;
- 7.2.1.4 contains materials or devices that store, generate or deliver energy designed to provide an athlete with an overall competitive advantage over an athlete not using such technology and/or equipment

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### Some changes in duties for major positions – Rule 2

- **Technical Delegate** – make decisions for which no provisions exist with LOC and/or WPA
- **Medical Delegate** – ultimate authority on all medical matters
- **Referees** – shall decide upon any matters which arise during the competition (and where appropriate with the Technical Delegate)

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### Referees – Rule 2

- A Referee shall have authority to warn or exclude from competition, any athlete or relay team 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)

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## EDM Checks

### Rule 2.23



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### Some other changes in duties for major positions – Rule 2

- **Scientific Measurement Judge** – conduct pre and post event tests and **recommended** during the event. (example...Parapan American Games)
- **Start Referee** – fair and equitable start for all competitors; entire control of the athletes on their marks...

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### Some technical rule changes Rule 4.8

- **Mixed gender events** – mixed gender stadium competition in races of 5000m or longer are permitted only when there are insufficient athletes of one or both genders competing to justify the conduct of separate races. The gender of each athlete shall be shown in the result. Such races shall not, in any case, be conducted so as to allow athletes of **one gender to be paced / drafted or assisted by athletes of another gender**
- **Mixed Gender Field events** – separate results cards plus flexibility by judges for all one gender then other gender or ...

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## Failure to report to Call Room

### Rule 5.5



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### Track Events – Rule 5.5

- **Failure to participate** – athletes who fail to appear to the call room are (DNS for event)...second time = DNS plus YC (Rule 6.21) followed by RED card (Not allowed to compete in other events as determined by the TD)

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## Athlete Bibs

### Rule 6.7



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## MASH Testing

### Rule 6.13



T/F 61 and 62  
Call Room Judges  
No post-event repeat

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## Eye Patches and Eye Masks/Glasses

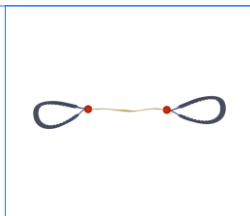
### Rule 6.18 (i)



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## Tethers

### Rule 6.19



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## Non-compliant Equipment

### Rule 6.21



- Prostheses – Rule 6.13
- Eye Patches and Eye Masks – Rule 6.18
- Tethers – Rule 6.19
- RaceRunners – Rule 14.11
- Racing Chairs – Rule 14.5
- Throwing Frames – Rule 35.3

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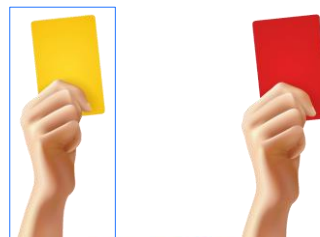
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### Track Events - summary

- **MASH** – measurements in Call Room (if athlete fails then DNS)
- **Eye patches** – must not be removed until the end of the event (YC).
- **Tethers** – if it doesn't comply athlete and guide not allowed to compete (DNS)
- **Non compliance of equipment** – DNS plus YC by Call Room Referee or other appropriate Referee (followed by RED card for second infraction)

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## Non-compliant Equipment: Sanctions



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### Track Events – Rule 7.3

- Prohibited equipment** – equipment that has the capacity to communicate is not allowed by athletes or **their assistants or guide runners**

Principle...nothing can give one athlete an unfair advantage over other athletes

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## Assistants and Guide-Runners

### Rule 7.3

#### Prohibited items

Mobile phone, text, email, internet access	Mobile phone, text, email, internet access	Mobile phone, text, email, internet access
Smartwatch	Smartwatch	Smartwatch
Wearable device that can communicate	Wearable device that can communicate	Wearable device that can communicate
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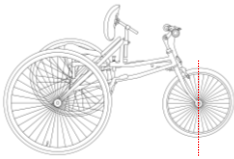
### Rule 7.14

Assistance

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## RaceRunners

### Rule 14.11



- Rule 19.3: finishing

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## Propulsion of Racing Chairs

### Rule 14.3



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## Relays

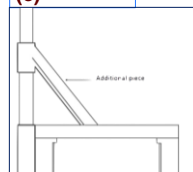
### Rule 23.6



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## Throwing Frames

### Rule 35.1 (e)



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### Rule 36.1 (b)



## Clothing and Helmets

### Rule 6.1



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### Rule 6.22



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### Track Events – Rule 7.9 (Note ii)

- **Use of tether** – throughout race until the athlete and guide runner have reached the vertical plane of the finish line

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### Track Events – Rule 14 (Note ii)

- **Assistants** – must be physically capable of helping with the transfer to/from day chair...no assistance by officials or volunteers or others unless approved by TD

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### Track Events – Rule 16.3

- **Start Information System** – not activated except for T11-13 and T20 classes

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### Track Events – Rule 17.7

- **Definition of 'commencement of start'** – feet or a foot leaving the plate of the starting blocks or ground (depending on whether starting blocks are being used or not)
- Any other motion is not a false start but may render the athlete liable for a disciplinary warning (YC) or exclusion (RC for second warning)

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### Track Events – Rule 14.11

- The race – and in other places where wheelchair or racing chair is mentioned, RaceRunning is now also included (Rules for racing chairs apply equally)



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### Track Events – Rule 18.7 (Note i)

- Cones or prisms are no longer used on the track in Wheelchair or RaceRunning events for break lines; tape or something else that is approved by the TD may be used as long as it doesn't present a safety concern or issue

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### Field events – Rule 24.6 (b) (Note iv)

- In **Ambulant Field Events**, the regulations of the relevant governing body may specify that the competing order be changed again after any further round of trials after the third

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### Field events – Rule 24.17

**Time limits** – the 30 second rule is now back to 1 minute

#### Individual Events

Number of athletes left in the competition

#### Seated Throw Events

More than 3 (or for the very first trial of each athlete)

2 or 3

1

#### High Jump

#### Others Ambulant Events

1min

1min

1min

1.5min

1min

1min

3min

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Consecutive trials

2min

2min

1min

Note (i): For Seated Throws Events, except where the first three rounds are held in two or more pools an extra minute shall be added between the third and fourth throws.

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### High Jump – Rule 25.6

- Measurements** – of new heights made prior to the jumping by athletes

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### High Jump – Rule 25.7

- Prosthetic devices** – optional for high jump but if used and they fall off, the trial is not valid unless the device also clears the height within the time limit unless it falls off during the run-up. In this case it must be reattached prior to completion of the trial

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### Long Jump – Rule 27.14

- Prosthetic devices** – optional for long jump but if used and they fall off during the runup, the trial is not valid unless the device is reattached prior to completion of the trial

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### Long Jump – Rule 28.1(a)

- Take off board doesn't necessarily need plasticine (if video evidence is available) but can be used to assist officials **NOTE effective Nov 2020**
- Effective Nov 1, 2020 it shall be a failure if the athletes foot breaks the vertical plane of the take-off line

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### Throwing events – Rule 30.3

- Personal implements** – Unless the Technical Manager decides otherwise, an athlete may not present more than two personal implements

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### Throwing events – Rule 36.1 (Note iv)

- Secured throwing** – Note (iv): It is not necessary for both knees to be in contact with the same plane of the vertical edge of the seat surface provided that all other requirements of this rule are satisfied to the effect that the athlete may "straddle" the corner of the vertical edge of the seat surface with one leg on adjacent planes
- Also....straddling both corners



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### Road Races – Rule 49

- Some new rule nuances for races for Wheelchair athletes
  - Seeding and start positions
  - Water and misting stations
  - NO Drafting behind motorized vehicles
- Some rule nuances for visually impaired athletes
  - Carrying water
  - Guide exchange
  - No eye patches or masks required by VI athletes (not new)

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### Protests and appeals – Rule 50

- Where an immediate oral protest is made and the athlete is allowed to continue...the results of all athletes for all trials are considered valid if the immediate oral protest is successful

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## World Records and Doping Control

### Regulation 5.1.2



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**Thanks...**

**Answers to specific questions**