

NPC President / Secretary General

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IPC Sport Athletes Licensing Programme

Dear NPC President/Secretary General,

We would like to inform you that for the 2009 summer sport and 2008/2009 winter sport seasons, the IPC will commence an Athlete Licensing Programme (ALP) for all IPC Sports. The purpose of the ALP is to facilitate the administration and management of an annual registrar of eligible athletes in all IPC Sports. Consequently, NPCs wishing to have athletes competing in IPC sanctioned and approved competitions and have their respective results considered for ranking and record purposes (Paralympic, World and Regional) will be required to annually register their athletes for a license. In the past, the sports of IPC Alpine Skiing, IPC Biathlon and IPC Cross Country Skiing have successfully implemented an ALP. As with these sports, the ALP will require the payment of an annual Athlete License Fee for each athlete. This Athletes License Fee will replace the existing competition Capitation Taxes for all IPC Sports, which were traditionally levied during all IPC World Championships. In other competitions (e.g. IPC Regional Championships and Regional Games) where Capitation Taxes are levied by other organizations (e.g. Regional Organizations) the IPC will eliminate our portion of the Capitation Taxes applied.

The 2009 Athlete License Fees to be levied by sport are outlined on the table below:

Sport	Athlete License Fee
IPC Alpine Skiing	€ 50 per athlete
IPC Athletics	€ 15 per athlete
IPC Biathlon/Cross Country Skiing	€ 50 per athlete
IPC Ice Sledge Hockey	€ 500 (per NPC team - first 15 athletes) 20 Euros for each additional

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	athlete
IPC Powerlifting	€ 15 per athlete
IPC Shooting	€ 15 per athlete
IPC Swimming	€ 15 per athlete
IPC Wheelchair Dance Sport	€ 15 per athlete

We ask that all NPCs incorporate these costs into your budget plans for next year. The IPC will manage the ALP for each IPC Sport.

Starting in 2009, the IPC will launch a web based database application, developed by ATOS-ORIGIN, which will automate the registration and licensing process for the sports of IPC Athletics and IPC Swimming. It is the IPC's intention to release the system for the other sports in the following seasons. The application will provide a tool,

- to capture and manage athlete biographies, eligibility data (nationality, classification, etc.), results, ranking and records;
- to calculate and publish rankings, records and other reports and
- to automate athlete license payment and invoicing processes online.

The system will meet the required data protection and privacy requirements for all client groups.

For the other IPC Sports a similar process to the one already applied manually by IPC Alpine Skiing, IPC Biathlon and IPC Cross Country Skiing will be implemented.

More comprehensive information regarding the IPC Athlete License Programme and the IPC Sport Administration Application (training material and opportunities) will be circulated later this year to all NPCs.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact me or David Grevemberg at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,



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