

# 1. EUROPEAN PARACLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 In accordance with the Statutes of the IFSC, the European Council (ECSC) is entirely responsible for the organisation of the European Paraclimbing Championships, which shall be undertaken in accordance with the rules for European Climbing Competitions, as modified by this document.
- 1.1.2 The European Paraclimbing Championship may include any or all of the three disciplines. The included disciplines shall be declared not less than one month prior to the scheduled start of the competition.
- 1.1.3 The European Paraclimbing Championship shall normally include the following categories, in each case for Male and Female competitors separately:

### Visual Impairment (VI)

B1	Blind competitors
B2	Competitors having a visual acuity of up to 2/60 and/or a visual field of less than 5%
B3	Competitors having a visual acuity between 2/60 and 6/60 and/or a visual field between 5% and 20%.

### Amputee (AA/AL):

AA 1	One Arm Amputee
LA 1	One / Two Leg Amputee (with / without prosthesis)

### Neurological Physical Disability (NPD)

NPD 1	Competitors having any Neurological / Physical Disability with an assessed Ability Coefficient less than or equal to 1.4
NPD 2	Competitors having any Neurological / Physical Disability with an assessed Ability Coefficient greater than 1.4

### Wheelchair/Seated (WS):

WS 1	Competitors normally requiring a wheelchair.
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- 1.1.4 The minimum number of registered competitors required to constitute a valid category shall be four (4), from a minimum of three (3) countries. If the number of competitors registered for the category is lower than this limit, no competition shall be held (for that category).
- 1.1.5 In the event that an insufficient number of competitors register in any of the NPD2, B1 and B2 categories for a competition to be held for that category, the affected competitors may elect to compete in the next higher category, however no compensating 'factors' shall be applied in such cases.

*Example 1. Only two (2) competitors are registered in category Male B1. No competition shall be held in this category, however the relevant competitors shall be entitled to compete in category Male B2.*

## 1.2 ELIGIBILITY

### **Team Quotas**

- 1.2.1 Member Federations may register teams in accordance with the rules for the European Championship.

### **Competitor Classification**

- 1.2.4 All competitors registered for the European Paraclimbing Championship must be examined by a medical panel appointed for the competition to confirm the appropriate category classification for the competitor. Competitors who are unable or refuse to be examined shall not be eligible to compete.
- 1.2.5 In the event that the classification proposed for a competitor following the examination required under Rule 1.2.1 is indeterminate (e.g. the medical panel is unable to definitively classify a competitor prior to the competition or without further evidence), that competitor shall be entitled to compete only in the highest relevant classification within the competition.

*Example 1. The medical panel is unable to determine within the examination period whether visually impaired Competitor X should be classified B2 or B3. In this case the relevant competitor shall compete in category B3.*

*Example 2. The medical panel determines within the examination an Ability Coefficient for Neurological Physical Disability competitor Y of  $1.4 \pm 0.5$ . In this case the relevant competitor shall compete in category NPD1.*

- 1.2.6 Athletes may not use any artificial aids (eyewear, prosthesis, etc) that have not been presented to the medical panel and taken into consideration in the classification of the competitor.

### 1.3 TECHNICAL RULES

#### **Lead**

1.3.1 Lead events shall follow the format prescribed for European Youth Cup competitions, except only in relation to the following:

- (a) the competitors shall compete on 'Top-Rope'; and
- (b) the quota for the Final round shall be a floating quota determined as follow:

Number of competitors in Qualification	Final Quota
$n \leq 6$	3
$7 < n < 15$	4
$n \geq 15$	6

1.3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, no coefficients shall be applied to the result achieved by a competitor on any route or in respect of their general result.

1.3.3 The IFSC Rules normally applicable to Lead competitions shall be modified/disapplied for competitors in all paraclimbing categories:

- (a) Rules 6.9.3 to 6.9.6 concerning the clipping of quickdraws on lead are disapplied.

1.3.4 The following IFSC Rules normally applicable to Lead competitions shall be modified/disapplied for competitors in categories B1, B2 and B3 only:

Rules 6.7.5, 6.8.5: Competitors may receive instructions from a coach concerning the directions of moves, shape of holds, and also distance between them both during any observation period and whilst climbing. Any communication equipment necessary for these purposes shall be provided by the competitor and classed as 'personal equipment'; and