

## SECTION VIII - WORLD AND REGIONAL RECORDS

### Rule 51: World and Regional Records

For detailed information regarding the procedures for Claiming WPA World and Regional Records refer to the WPA:

<https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/records>

**COMMENT:** Included on the website are the current application forms for records.

#### *Submission and Ratification*

1. WPA World and Regional Records can only be achieved at WPA Recognised Competitions by an eligible athlete (or eligible athletes in the case of a relay event) as defined in Part B - 4 holding a:
  - a) Sports Class Status of Confirmed (C), or;
  - b) Sports Class Status of Review (R) with a Fixed Review Date which is after the date when the record was achieved.
2. Except for Field Events conducted as provided in Rule 4.7 and Rule 4.8 and Competitions held outside the stadium under Rule 49 no performance set by an athlete will be ratified if it has been accomplished during a mixed competition.

*Note: Women only Road Race records are subject to the conditions set out in Rule 51.22.*
3. The following categories of Records are accepted by WPA: World Outdoor Records and Regional Outdoor Records.
4. An athlete (or athletes in case of a relay event) who sets a Record must have been eligible to compete under these Rules, must have been entered into the relevant Competition by a member of the IPC; and all provisions of these Rules must have been duly observed at the relevant Competition.
5. The WPA Technical Delegate, if appointed to the relevant WPA Recognised Competitions (see Part B - 3.1.2), shall be responsible for ensuring all of the procedural requirements

outline in this Rule are fulfilled.

6. When a performance equals or betters an existing Record, the national governing body where the performance was set shall collect, without delay, all the information required for the ratification of the Record by WPA. No performance shall be regarded as a Record until it has been ratified by WPA. The national governing body should immediately inform WPA of its intention to submit a performance.

*Note: The national governing body herein these Rules refers to the authorized body responsible for sending the Athletes to the respective event. This could be a National Paralympic Committee or the NF or the body responsible for Para Athletics in the country.*

7. The submitted performance shall be better than or equal to the existing Record for that Event as accepted by WPA. If a Record is equalled, it shall have the same status as the existing Record.
8. The WPA Record Application Form shall be completed and dispatched to the WPA Office within thirty (30) days of a record being achieved. The WPA Record Application Forms are available, on request, from the WPA Office, or may be downloaded from the WPA website at: <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/technical-information>

*Note: The WPA Record Application Form is required for performances achieved at WPA Approved Competition (see Part B - 3.1.2 (d)).*

9. The national governing body where the performance was set shall send, with the WPA Record Application Form:
  - a) The printed programme of the Competition (or electronic equivalent);
  - b) The official result of the Event, including all information required under this regulation;
  - c) In the case of a Track Record where Fully Automated Timing was in operation, the photo finish image of the event and zero control test image for track events up to and including 800m and 4x400m relays; and
  - d) Any other information required to be submitted by this regulation, where such information is or should be in its possession.
10. WPA World and Regional Records will only be ratified if they are achieved at:
  - a) Paralympic Games, WPA Championships or WPA Sanctioned Competitions (see Part B -

3.1.2 (a) to (c)) conducted in accordance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code, or;

- b) WPA Approved Competitions conducted in accordance with the anti-doping rules of the relevant governing body and the WADC the International Standards at which random in-competition testing (urine only or urine and blood) was also conducted.

*Note (i): For the purpose of record ratification, all World and Regional Outdoor Records achieved by athletes in Sport Classes T61-62 shall undergo a measurement of their MASH which shall be conducted at the Call Room.*

*Note (ii): WPA World and Regional Records will be ratified even though the athlete who sets the record performance may not have been tested at the Competition.*

- 11. Records made in qualification rounds, in deciding ties, in any Event which is subsequently decreed void, may be required to be submitted for ratification.
- 12. WPA Management Team is authorised to recognise Records.
- 13. When a Record has been ratified, WPA will supply the official Record certificate, for presentation to Record holders and the performance will be updated and available on the official WPA website.
- 14. WPA shall update the official List of Records every time a new Record has been ratified. This list shall represent the performances regarded by WPA as being, from the date of the list, the best performances yet set by an athlete or team of athletes in each of the recognised Events.
- 15. If the performance is not ratified, WPA will provide the reasons as to why this is the case.

### ***Specific Conditions***

#### **16. Except in Road Events:**

- a) The performance shall be made in a certified athletics facility, which conforms to Rule 3;
- b) For any performance at any distance of 200m or more to be recognised, the track on which it was made shall not exceed 402.3m (440 yards) and the race shall have started on some part of the perimeter;
- c) A performance in an oval Track Event shall be made in a lane where, the running line radius does not exceed 50m, except where the bend is formed with two different radii, in

which case the longer of the two arcs should not account for more than 60° of the 180° turn.

- d) A performance made in a Track Event outdoors may be made only on a track which conforms to Rule 15.

#### **17. For Records in Track (Running and Wheelchair Racing) Events**

- a) The performance shall be timed by official Timekeepers, by an approved Fully Automatic Photo Finish System (for which a zero control test has been undertaken with Rule 20.20) or a Transponder System used (see Rule 20.25);
- b) For races up to and including 800m (including 4x400m), only performances timed by an approved Fully Automatic Timing Photo Finish System shall be ratified
- c) For all performance made outdoors up to and including 200m, information concerning wind velocity, measured as indicated in these Rules, shall be submitted. If the wind velocity, measured in the direction of running, averages more than 2 metres per second during the race, the performance will not be ratified.
- d) No performance will be ratified where the athlete has infringed Rule 18.5 except,
  - (i) in cases covered in Rule 18.5(b), or
  - (ii) in cases covered in Rules 18.5(c) and 18.5(d) if it is the first infringement in the event.

**COMMENT:** The amendment to Rule 18.5 means for World Record ratification that if an athlete or relay team achieves a record time and, in that race, that athlete (or any athlete in the relay team) made a single infringement under Rules 18.5(c) or 18.5(d), and in the case of an event with more than one round, it was the first infringement in the event, the record may stand. If the athlete or relay team achieves a record time and, in that race, an infringement occurred more than once or the athlete or relay team carried over such infringement from a previous round of the same event, the record cannot be ratified.

- e) For all Records up to and including 400m (including 4x400m), where available starting blocks linked to a World Athletics approved Start Information System shall have been used and must have functioned correctly so that reaction times were obtained and are shown on the results of the Event.

## 18. For Records in Relay Events

The time set by the first athlete in a relay team may not be submitted for ratification as Record.

## 19. For Records in Field Events

- a) The performances shall be measured either by three Field Judges using a calibrated and certified steel tape or bar or by an approved scientific measuring apparatus, the accuracy of which has been confirmed by a qualified Measurement Judge in accordance with Rule 10;
- b) In the Long Jump and Triple Jump, information concerning wind velocity, measured as indicated in these rules shall be submitted. If the wind velocity, measured in the direction of jumping, averages more than 2 metres per second, the performance will not be ratified;
- c) Records may be credited for more than one performance in a competition, provided that each Record so ratified shall have been equal or superior to the best previous performance at that moment;
- d) In Throwing Events, the implement used shall have been checked prior to the Competition in accordance with Rule 2.11. If the Referee becomes aware during an Event that a Record has been equalled or bettered, they shall immediately mark the implement used and undertake a check to ascertain whether it still complies with the Rules or if there has been any change in characteristics. Normally, such implement shall be checked again after the Event in accordance with Rule 2.11.

## 20. For Records in Road (Running and Wheelchair Racing) Events

- a) The course must be measured by an “A” or “B” grade World Athletics /AIMS approved measurer who shall ensure that the relevant measurement report and any other information required by this Rule is available to WPA upon request;
- b) The start and finish points of a course, measured along a theoretical straight line between them, shall not be further apart than 50% of the race distance;
- c) The overall decrease in elevation between the start and finish shall not exceed 1:1000 i.e., 1m per km (0.1%);

- d) Any course measurer who originally measured the course or other suitably qualified official designated by the measurer (after consulting the relevant body) with a copy of the documentation detailing the officially measured course shall in advance of the race check that the course is laid out in conformity with the course measured and documented by the Official course measurer. They shall then ride in the lead vehicle during the competition or otherwise validate that the same course is run by the athletes;
- e) The course must be verified (i.e., re-measured) as late as possible before the race, on the day of the race or as soon as practical after the race, by a different "A" grade measurer from the one that did the original measurement;

*Note: If the course was originally measured by at least two "A" grade or one "A" and one "B" grade measurers, no verification (re-measurement) under this Rule will be required.*

- f) Records in Road Events set at intermediate distances within a race must comply with the conditions set under these Rules. The intermediate distances must have been measured, recorded and subsequently marked as part of the course measurement and must have been verified in accordance of these Rules.

## **21. Other Records**

- a) Games, championships, meeting and other similar records may be established by the relevant body having control over the Competition or by the LOC.
- b) The record should recognise the best performance achieved at any edition of the applicable Competition in accordance with the Rules, with the exception that wind velocity readings may be ignored, if so stated in the applicable Regulations for the Competition.

## **22. Events for which Records are Recognised**

Fully Automatically Timed performances (F.A.T.)

Hand Timed performances (H.T.)

Transponder Timed performances (T.T.)

### ***Men***

F.A.T. only: 100m; 200m; 400m; 800m; 4x100m Relay; 4x400m Relay;

F.A.T. or H.T.: 1500m; 5000m; 10,000m;

Road Races

F.A.T. or H.T. or T.T.: 5km, 10km; Half Marathon; Marathon

Jumps: High Jump; Long Jump; Triple Jump

Throws: Shot Put; Discus Throw; Javelin Throw, Club Throw

### ***Women***

F.A.T. only: 100m; 200m; 400m; 800m; 4x100m Relay; 4x400m Relay;

F.A.T. or H.T.: 1500m; 5000m; 10,000m;

Road Races

F.A.T. or H.T. or T.T.: 5km, 10km; Half Marathon; Marathon

Jumps: High Jump; Long Jump; Triple Jump

Throws: Shot Put; Discus Throw; Javelin Throw; Club Throw

### ***Universal***

F.A.T. only: 4x100m Universal Relay

*Note: A women only road race can be staged by having separate women's and men's start times. The time differential should be chosen to prevent any possibility of assistance, pacing, drafting or interference, especially on courses involving more than one lap of the same section of the course.*

## SECTION IX - AWARDING MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS

### Rule 52: Awarding Medals and Diplomas

1. At WPA Recognised Competitions only finalists are eligible for medals.

In relay events, the four (4) athletes and guide-runner(s) of each team entitled to a medal who competed in the final shall mount the Victory Ceremony podium. Other athletes and guide-runner(s) in accordance with Rule 23.10 who competed for any of these teams in the competition may either receive their medals on the Victory Ceremony podium or subsequently, at the discretion of WPA and the relevant LOC.

2. Athletes shall nominate the guide-runner(s) on the final entries. Only those guide-runners who have been declared by the final confirmation and who meet the following criteria shall be eligible to receive a medal alongside the medal winning athletes.

- a) In individual events where athletes with vision impairment are allowed to compete using multiple guide-runners, only those guides who have completed the full event (from the first round to finals) with the athlete shall be eligible to receive the medal alongside the athlete.

Note (i): Assistants in field events are not eligible to receive a medal.

Note (ii): Should the athlete declare to use more than one guide-runner in an event, then these guide-runners will not be eligible to receive a medal.

- b) in relay events, the guide-runner(s) accompanying the medal winning athlete(s) in the final shall mount the Victory Ceremony podium and receive a medal.

*Note: The athletes and guide-runners of the winning teams, who competed in any previous rounds of the competition, may receive their medals on the Victory Ceremony podium or subsequently, at the discretion of WPA and the relevant LOC.*

3. In individual events where athletes with vision impairment are allowed to compete using multiple guide-runners, all guide-runners in track and road events (including events in which multiple guide-runners have competed), are eligible to receive diplomas according to the diploma policy as stipulated in the relevant Protocol Guide applicable to the competition.



4. Sport Class changes in competition may affect an athlete's result(s), placing and record(s) and the impact varies in Track and Field events. Re-entry after Changes in Sport Class is subject to the Technical Delegate's approval in accordance with Rule 5.3 of these Rules.

### ***Track Events***

If the revised Sport Class is still within the eligible Sport Classes of that event, re-entry of that event is not required. Result, placing and prize won by the athlete shall stand.

If the revised Sports Class is outside the eligible Sport Classes of that event, the performance(s) achieved by the athlete shall stand but the placing and prize won by the athlete shall be void.

### ***Field Events***

If the revised Sport Class is still within the eligible Sport Classes of that event, re-entry of that event is not required. If the Points System is being used, the points which determine the placing and prize shall be recalculated against their revised Sport Class. The performance(s) achieved by the athlete may stand provided the same competition rules apply in their revised Sport Class.

If the revised Sport Class is outside the eligible Sport Classes of that event, the performance(s) achieved by the athlete may stand provided the same competition rules apply in their revised Sport Class, but the placing and prize won by the athlete shall be void.