

National Paralympic Committees/National  
Federations  
Via Email

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## **RaceRunning**

Dear NPC President/Secretary General,

On 01 January 2018, RaceRunning was recognised as a World Para Athletics discipline in order to increase participation opportunities for athletes with high support needs.

At the Berlin 2018 World Para Athletics European Championships, the RR1 and RR2/3 100m for both male and female athletes was included on the competition programme where 7 NPCs were represented.

Since the introduction of RaceRunning to the Para athletics programme, 35 athletes from 9 NPCs obtained athletes' licenses in 2018. 27 athletes from 8 NPCs now feature in the 2018 WPA Rankings across the three RaceRunning sport classes, RR1, RR2 and RR3.

With its successful introduction, the RR3 100m (RR2 and RR3 as eligible classes) for male and female athletes has been included on the Dubai 2019 World Para Athletics Championships programme next year.

Good progress has been made in developing an evidence based classification system, however after extensive consultation with CPISRA, WPA has taken a decision to extend the transition period for a further year. Once the research being finalized, a classification system under WPA will be presented to the Membership for consultation in accordance with the 2015 Athlete Classification Code.

In 2019, RaceRunning classification will therefore continue to be carried out in accordance with the CPISRA Classification Rules and Regulations. To cope with the demand for RaceRunning, RaceRunning classification will be offered at two of the World Para Athletics Grand Prix's in 2019 and will be conducted by CPISRA certified International classifiers under CPISRA Classification Rules and Regulations. There will be no RaceRunning classification at the Dubai 2019 World Para Athletics Championships.

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Those competitions offering RaceRunning classification are:

| Grand Prix 2019 | Arrival | Start of Classification | End of Classification | Start of Competition | End of Competition | Departure |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Dubai           | 20-Feb  | 21-Feb                  | 23-Feb                | 24-Feb               | 27-Feb             | 28-Feb    |
| Sao Paulo       | 22-Apr  | 23-Apr                  | 24-Apr                | 25-Apr               | 27-Apr             | 28-Apr    |

As a result of rescheduling the implementation of the new RaceRunning classification system, the Sport Class Status of all CPISRA classified athletes will be amended to Review with a fixed review date of 2020 in the World Para Athletics Classification Master list.

World Para Athletics will continue to work closely with CPISRA to develop the discipline and increase participation across the world, which will include producing coaching materials as well as hosting a series of workshops throughout 2019.

Kind regards



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