

National Paralympic Committees and
National Federations
Via email only

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Update on the new Frame Running Classification System and its implementation into World Para Athletics

Dear NPC/NF,

We write to provide you with an update on the proposed new Frame Running (formerly known as RaceRunning) classification system, developed following extensive research conducted in partnership with CPISRA and the research team from the University of Edinburgh and Queen Margaret University.

Following our communication dated 22 January 2021, WPA is pleased to share with the members that the key elements of the membership consultation feedback was reviewed as a proposal to the IPC Governing Board (“GB”) at its March meeting for consideration of adoption and implementation into Para athletics with the outcome also shared below.

Membership Feedback Summary and IPC GB Meeting Feedback

Out of all the correspondence sent to the membership, 22 members completed the online questionnaire as well as provide additional feedback. Overall, the membership provided positive feedback.

| Question | Membership Feedback Summary | IPC GB Meeting Decision/Approval |
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| RaceRunning background and the proposed amendment of the name to Frame Running | The membership found the detailed background by WPA comprehensive and understandable. The information was reported to provide adequate context to why there is to be a change in name, how the key organisations have worked together to develop the new classification systems and the steps required for the system to be implemented. | The change of name from RaceRunning to Frame Running was approved |



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| | The name change was supported by 90% of the members who participated in the survey. | |
| Proposed WPA Frame Running Classification System and introduction of Frame Running Sport Classes T71 and T72 | <p>The proposed “Frame Running Classification system” was supported and accepted by 90% of the NPCs that provided feedback. Despite the high support rate, some concerns were raised regarding the changes from the current three-class structure to a two-class structure, especially related to the impact these changes might bring to the Race Running Sport.</p> <p>The membership also supported the introduction of Frame Running Sport classes (70s) which moves and separates Frame Running from the 30’s class to avoid confusion that might result based on the evaluation differences between the two groups.</p> | The proposed two-class structure of Frame Running classification system to be adopted and integrated into the WPA classification system, under the T71 and T72 sport classes, was approved |
| Implementing the Frame Running classification system into WPA Classification Rules and Regulations and classification opportunities post Tokyo, season 2022 | <p>90% of the membership supported the implementation of the proposed Frame Running classification system into the WPA Classification Rules, with full support gained regarding classification opportunities post Tokyo.</p> <p>Most members emphasised the importance of continuing research, observation-in-competition and the need for thorough classifier education, especially taking into consideration the complexity of the sport in question. WPA is currently looking into education of Classifiers post-Tokyo in relation to Frame Running.</p> <p>The membership also provided recommendations in relation to the proposed amendments to the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations which WPA is currently reviewing and finalising. These will be shared with the membership in due course.</p> | The new Frame Running classification system to be integrated into the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations post-Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games was approved, subject to final approval of the required changes to the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations. |

WPA would like to sincerely thank the members who have participated in the consultation and provided invaluable feedback and input to the proposed new Frame Running classification system for its

integration into World Para Athletics. Moving forward, WPA will continue to engage and consult with our members in finalising the required changes to the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations for their implementation post-Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Raesetja Teffo, WPA Classification at raesetja.teffo@paralympic.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Haozhe Gao" in Chinese characters.

Haozhe Gao

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