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Officiating Para Athletics

…… *it's just adapting the rules to make it fair!*

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The Rules

WPA Athletics Rules

- core WA rules plus adaptations

Valid 1st September 2026



Athletes …..

Who just happen to be different!









Able Bodied v Para Athletics

What do you need to consider when turning up at an event?

Age Group
Gender

Age Group
Gender
Impairment
Ambulant
Wheelchair

Classification
Rules associated with each

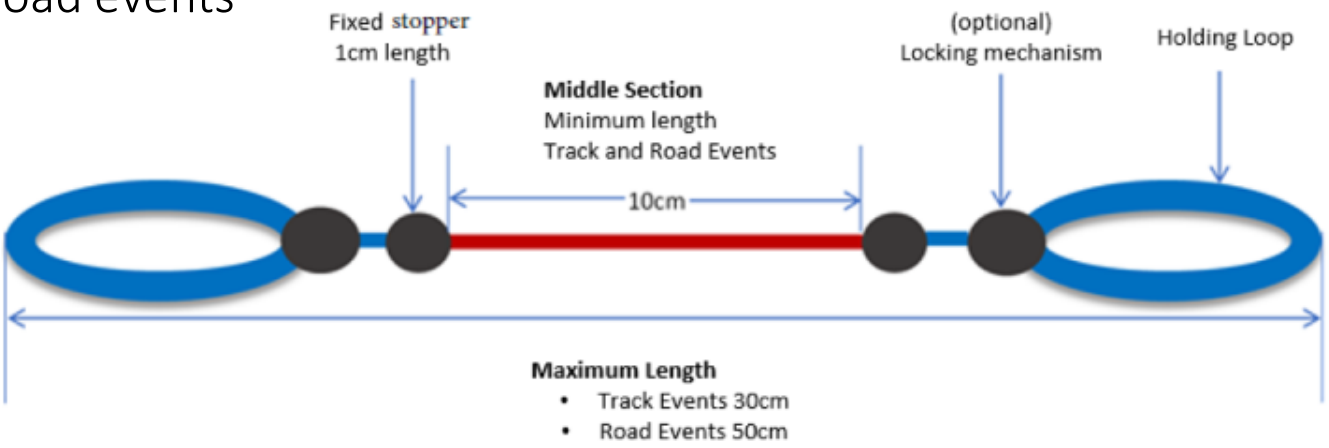
11 – 13 – VISION IMPAIRMENT

CLASS	EVENT GROUP	TYPE	ASSISTANTS or GUIDES	OTHER INFORMATION
11-13	T — jumps	Standing	T11 – 2 assts T12 – 1 asst T13 ***	Eye patch & masks
11-13	F — throws	Standing	F11 – 1 asst F12 – 1 asst F13 ***	Eye patch & masks
11-13	T — track	Standing	T11 – 1 guide (req)^ T12 – 1 guide (opt)^ T13 – N/A	Eye patch & masks Tethers Lanes

*** no automatic assistant allowance
^ 2 guides available for 5000m

Things to note:

Dimensions
Colour
Differences track / road events







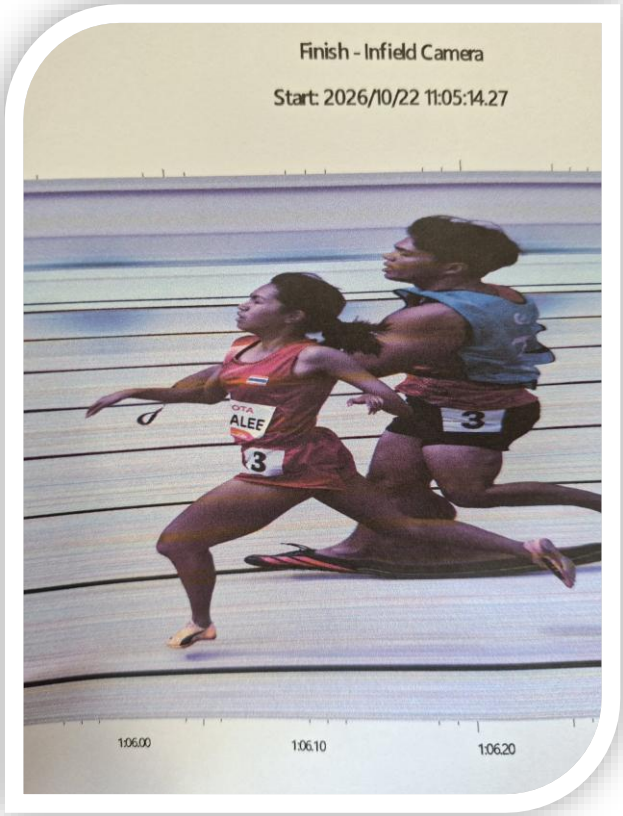


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20 INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT

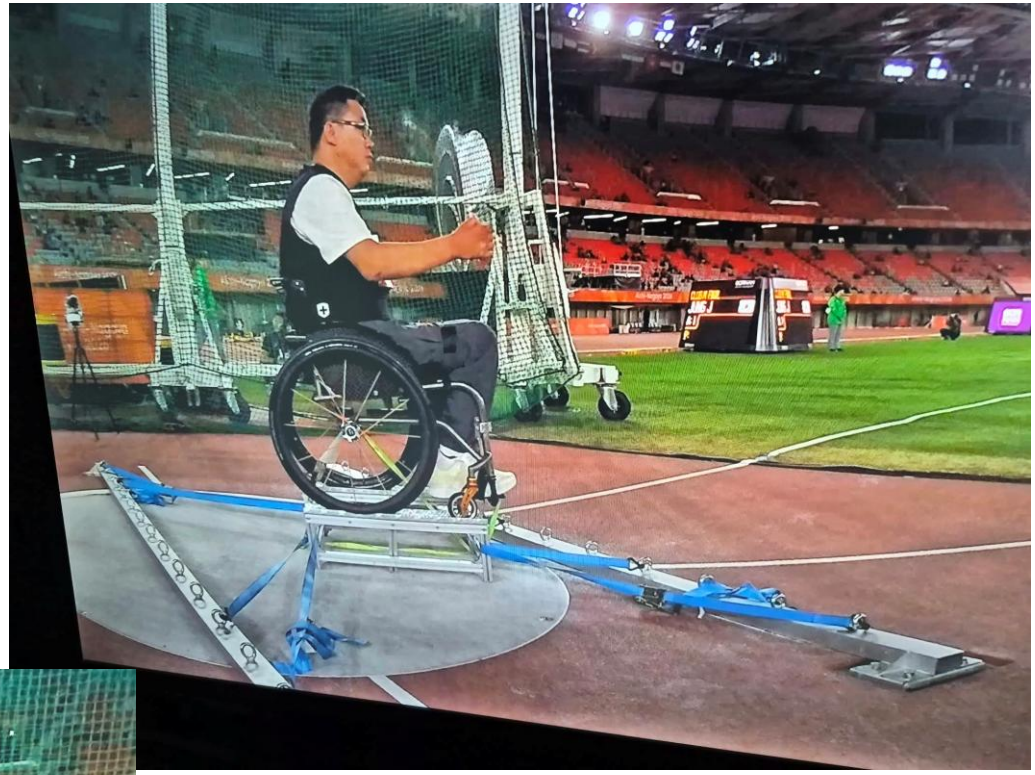
CLASS	EVENT GROUP	TYPE	ASSISTANTS
20	T — jumps	Standing	T20 ***
20	F — throws	Standing	F20 ***
20	T — track	Standing	T20 ***

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31 – 38 COORDINATION IMPAIRMENT

CLASS	EVENT GROUP	TYPE	ASSISTANTS	OTHER INFORMATION
31-34	F — throws	 Seated	F31-33 – 1 asst F34 ***	F31-33 Glove F31-32 Club Time
31-34	T — track	 Wheelchair	31-34 – N/A	
35-38	F – throws T – jumps T – track	Standing	35-38 ***	Blocks
71-72	T – track	Running Frame	T71 – T72: 1	

*** no automatic assistant allowance




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40's & 60's

CLASS		EVENT GROUP	ASSISTANTS	OTHER INFORMATION
40-41	Short Stature	F – throws T - jumps / track	***	
42-44	Lower Limb Impairment	F — throws T – jumps / track	***	
45-46	Upper Limb Impairment	F – throws T – jumps T – track	***	Rest
61-64	Lower-limb impairment + prosthesis	F – throws T – jumps T – track	***	

*** no automatic assistant allowance

51 – 57 LIMB / MOVEMENT IMPAIRMENT

CLASS	EVENT GROUP	TYPE	ASSISTANTS	OTHER INFORMATION
51 – 57	F — throws	Seated	F51-54 – 1 asst F55-57 ***	F51-53 Glove F51 Club
51 – 57	T — track	Wheelchair	T51-57 – N/A	

*** no automatic assistant allowance

Athletes — assistance

Things to Note

- Ambulant athlete is not allowed a wheelchair to access the FOP
- Assistant animals are not allowed on the FOP



Call-Room Checks

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Bibs / Numbers
- Prosthetics
- Orthotics
- Eye Masks & Patches
- Tethers
- Helmets
- Speedometers
- Wheelchairs
- Throwing Frames
- RaceRunning Frames
- **MASH**

Call-Room Checks

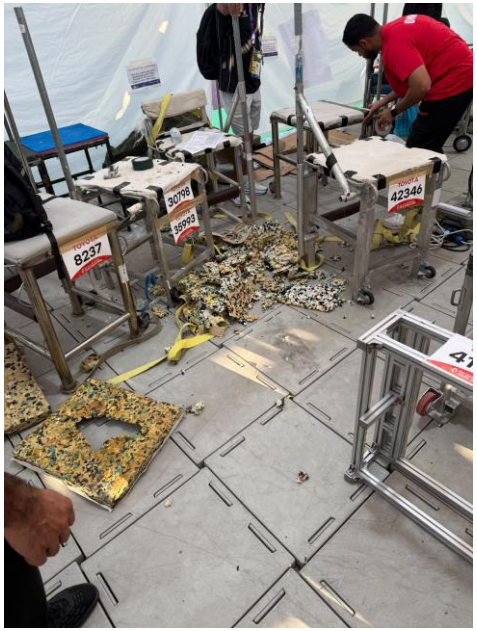






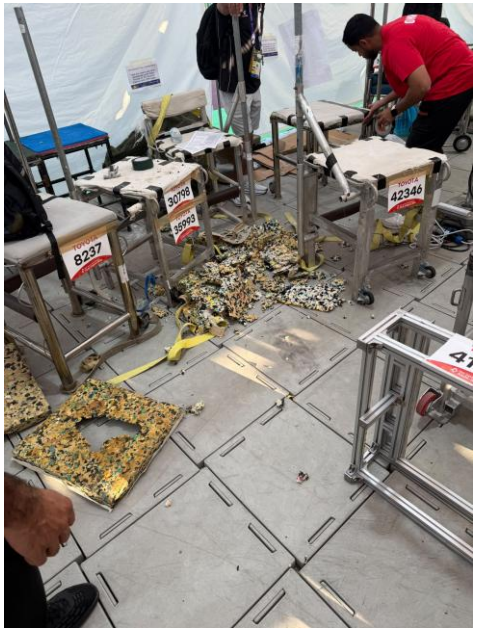
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Throwing frame — the numbers worth knowing



75 cm MAX (inc cushioning)

SEAT
Square / rectangular
Each side ≥ 30 cm
Level OR front higher than back

BACKREST
Cushioning ≤ 5 cm
No springs / movable joints
Must not obstruct judges

VERTICAL HOLDING BAR
Single, straight piece
Normally ≤5° from vertical

FRAME POSITION
All parts stay within the vertical plane of the circle rim throughout the trial.

From 1st September 2026
Cushioning MUST NOT exceed 5cm in thickness & MUST BE the same size and shape as the seat

Call-Room Checks







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Track Events

The  Rule

Wheelchair Track Events



Overtaking….

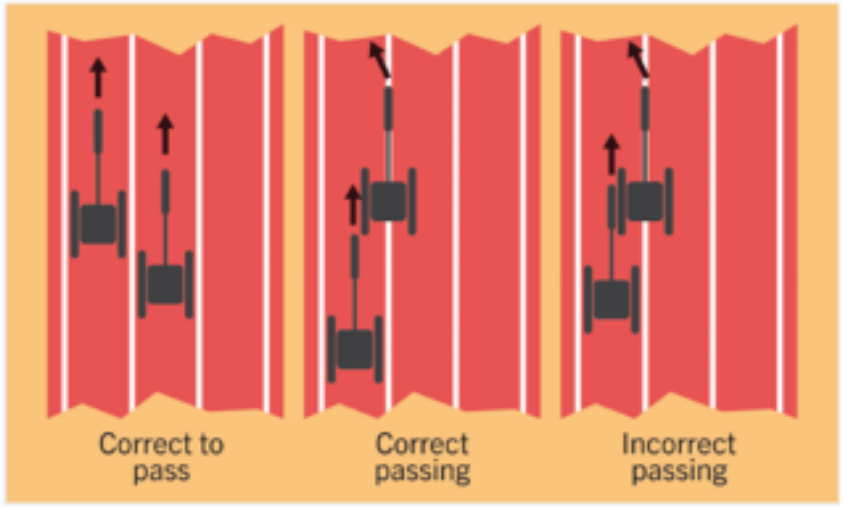


Figure 6 – Wheelchair overtaking

Shoes !



- WA Rules
- WPA Rules



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