

**2010 IPC ATHLETES REGISTRATION AND LICENCING POLICIES**  
**ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING FACT SHEET**  
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**1) Athlete Registration and License**

Athletes must be registered in the Sport Data Management System (SDMS) to be able to be eligible to be licensed and internationally classified.

There is no cost to register an athlete in the SDMS. All registered athletes will be assigned a unique identification code, which will remain with the athlete for the duration of his/her career and that will be included on all athlete documentation.

Athletes must be licensed in the SDMS to have their results eligible for recognition for Official Rankings and as record breaking performances.

An athlete will be considered licensed once their NPC/NSF has applied for a season license in one sport and the license fee payment has been confirmed by the IPC. All licensed athletes will be assigned a season license number for the respective sport.

Should an athlete retire from competition, it is the responsibility of his/her NPC/NSF to officially declare their retirement by cancelling the athlete registration in the SDMS and notifying the IPC in writing.

**2) Athlete Participation**

At Paralympic Games, World Championships and Regional Championship and some specific IPC Recognized Competitions all athletes must be licensed to compete. This requirement will be included in the Entry instructions of these competitions.

At other IPC Recognized Competitions only athletes that are licensed may have their results recognized.

**3) Rankings**

The following matrix outlines by ranking type the licensing and sport class status requirements:

List Name	License Required	Sport Class Status Required
Official World Ranking List (Jan – Dec)	Yes	R, C
Official Regional Ranking List (Jan – Dec)	Yes	R, C
Annual Recorded Best Performances List (Jan – Dec)	Yes	N, R, C
Minimum Qualification Standard Lists (MQS Lists) (by relevant competition) Start Date – End Date of Qualification period	Yes	N, R, C

*If a registered athlete achieves a performance, the NPC has 2 weeks after the end of the competition to license the athlete for his/her results to be recognized and included in the appropriate list(s).*

*If a licensed athlete with a New “N” sport class status is internationally classified and receives a Review “R” or Confirmed “C” sport class status prior to the end of the season, the athlete’s performances during that season will be included in the next Official Ranking published for that season.*

#### **4) Records**

Athletes must have a license and have a Confirmed “C” sport class status (or be specially designated with a Review “R” sport class status with a date for review due to maturity or the progressive nature of their impairment) to be eligible for recognition of a record breaking performance.

List Name	License Required	Sport Class Status Required
Official World Record	Yes	C (R)
Official Regional Record	Yes	C (R)
Official Paralympic Record	Yes	C (R)
Official World Championships Record	Yes	C (R)
Official Regional Championships Record	Yes	C (R)
Official Regional Games Records	Yes	C (R)

(R): Review “R” sport class status with a date for review due to maturity or the progressive nature of their impairment

*If a record breaking performance is set by an athlete with a New “N” or Review “R” sport class status at an IPC Recognized competition, the NPC has six (6) months after the end of the competition to present the athlete for an international classification assessment. The record breaking performance will be recognized if the outcome of the athlete’s classification assessment validates the original sport class and he/she is*

*allocated a Confirmed "C" sport class status (or be specially designated with a Review "R" status with a date for review due to maturity or the progressive nature of their impairment).*

*If an athlete achieves a record breaking performance and is only registered in the system, but has a Confirmed "C" sport class status (or be specially designated with a Review "R" sport class status with a date for review due to maturity or the progressive nature of their impairment) – the NPC has 2 weeks after the end of the competition to license the athlete for the results to be eligible for recognition as a record breaking performance.*

## **5) Classification**

In any IPC Recognized Competition where international classification is available licensed athletes will have scheduling priority over registered athletes.

*Exceptionally, in IPC Approved Competitions where an appropriate international classification panel is present athletes non-registered may be internationally classified, subject to time availability.*

## **6) Qualification**

For each IPC Recognized Competition with a qualification criteria, the IPC will outline the specific eligibility conditions that athletes are required to meet to participate in that competition, including nationality, Minimum Qualification Standards, International Classification Sport Status, Athletes Licensing requirements, etc.