



International Para-bobsleigh Rules 2016

All rules listed in the International Bobsleigh Rules 2016 apply equally to Para-bobsleigh except as explicitly specified in this document. Article reference numbers in this document refer to the corresponding Article numbers in the International Bobsleigh Rules 2016.

Article 1.4 – International Training Period

The Organisers of the Para World Championships must offer an International Training period, to prepare for the championships and it must take place during the same competitive season in which the Para World Championships are organised. They are exempt from doing this if during the preceding competitive season a Para World Cup competition had been organised on the same track.

During the periods in preparation for Para World Championships, the Organiser shall offer training runs upon payment of a maximum of €15 for monobob training run.

Article 1.6 – Gender

For Para World Cup competitions and Para World Championship competitions the races are mixed gender with men and women competing together.

Article 2 – Disciplines

The disciplines of Para-bobsleigh Seated and Para-bobsleigh Push are added.

Article 3 – Admission

In addition to the other specified requirements, for Para events the athletes must also complete the classification process as defined in the IBSF Para-sports Classification Manual and receive a classification of either PB or PBS. Participation in Para-bobsleigh Push requires a classification of PB, while participation in Para-bobsleigh Seated requires a classification of PBS, or a classification of PB.

Article 4 – Right to Participate in Competitions.

For Para World Championships, all ranked athletes in each discipline are eligible to participate except that no more than 2 male athletes and 2 female athletes in each discipline from any nation may participate. Only athletes who have participated and been ranked in at least three races on at least two different tracks in the current season or previous season are eligible to participate.

For Para World Cup all athletes from all nations may participate but only the top three athletes of each gender from each nation by order of final results in the race will earn IBSF ranking points. The organiser may place limits on the maximum participation by discipline if necessary due to track limitations and this limitation will be announced in the invitation. If the maximum participation is exceeded, then each nation will be limited to three athletes per gender per discipline and eligibility will then be determined by earliest registration time.

Article 4.4 – Continental Championships

The eligibility to compete in Continental Championships are identical to those of Para World Cup races if the Continental Championships are held in conjunction with a Para World Cup race.

Article 5 – Event

For Para events the IBSF is the sanctioning body.

Article 6 – Jury and Technical Delegates

For Para World Championships and Para World Cup

- One Technical Delegate
- A Jury President
- Two Jury Members
- Jury Assistants, if required

Article 8.4 – Licenses

The minimum age for participation in Para-bobsleigh Seated and Para-bobsleigh Push is the same as for Bobsleigh and not the same as for Monobob.

Article 8.6 – Entries

Entry fees for Para-bobsleigh events will be mutually agreed between IBSF and the Race Organizer. Entry fees will be announced in the event invitation.

Article 8.12.2 – Freely Available Advertising Areas

For Para-bobsleigh events the sleds are owned 100% by IBSF and the entire sled is reserved for IBSF sponsorship.

Article 10.1 – Official Training

Training runs will be determined by the Jury and will be announced in the event invitation or at the initial Team Captains' Meeting. At all Para competitions a minimum of two successful training runs without accident are required for entry into the race. If an athlete competes in both Para-bobsleigh Seated and Para-bobsleigh Push they will have the same number of total training runs as those athletes that only compete in one of the disciplines. In this case the athlete may choose which of the two disciplines to use for each of the training runs except that he or she must complete at least two successful training runs in each discipline.

If an official Para-bobsleigh Push race is not held during an event then it will be permitted for an athlete to participate in an organized Para-bobsleigh Push demonstration as part of the event without the demonstration run being counted as a training run or a disqualifying run.

Article 10.6.1 – Race Heats

Para World Championships are held over four heats. Para World Cups are held over two heats.

For a two-heat race the groups will race:

Heat 1: A-B-(C...)

Heat 2: (...C)-B-A

In a four-heat race the groups will race:

Heat 1: A-B-(C...)

Heat 2: (...C)-B-A

Heat 3: A-B-(C...)

Heat 4: (...C)-B-A

Article 10.6.4 – Start Number

For Para-bobsleigh Push and Para-bobsleigh Seated the start number is assigned to the pilot, based on the sled they use. Sleds are assigned to athletes in a random draw.

If there are more athletes than available sleds, then the sleds will be shared and the athletes will be assigned to groups based on their IBSF rank with the highest ranked athletes in group A, then next highest in group B and so on. Each group will have a random draw to assign sled numbers to athletes for that group.

Article 10.6.8 – Start

For Para-bobsleigh Seated the athlete loads into the driver's position in the sled prior to the sled arriving at the start. A mechanical launch device provided by IBSF is used to push the sled at the start with a uniform start pressure for all sleds. If a mechanical launch device is not available then the Jury will control a "gravity start" in which each sled is taken to a fixed point near the start of the track and then released to begin the run. Depending on track characteristics, the Jury has the right to determine the start location for the race.

Article 10.6.13 – Pilot Sleds

Before Para-bobsleigh races either 2-man bobsleighs or monobobs may be used as pilot sleds.

Article 10.7 – Parc fermé

In the Parc fermé between heats, sanding of runners by athletes will only be permitted in the event of damage to the runner upon approval of the Jury.

Article 10.8.2 – Runners

The use of any means of propulsion is prohibited except for Para-bobsleigh Seated as described in Article 10.6.8.

Article 10.9 – Technical Inspections

For Para-bobsleigh Push and Para-bobsleigh Seated the sleds and runners are owned and controlled by IBSF and are not subject to additional technical inspections during the race.

Article 10.11 – Measurement of Runner Temperatures

For Para-bobsleigh Push and Para-bobsleigh Seated the runner temperatures are checked in the Parc fermé 15 minutes prior to the start of the race.

Article 10.14 – Weight

For Para-bobsleigh Seated the maximum weight of athlete plus additional ballast is 100 Kg. For Para-bobsleigh Push the maximum weight of athlete plus additional ballast is 110 Kg.

Article 11.1 – Ranking List of the Race Series

Para-bobsleigh Seated and Para-bobsleigh Push are added to list of race series for which series rankings and awards are applicable.

Article 11.2 – IBSF Ranking Lists

Ranking lists for Para World Cup Para-bobsleigh Push and Para-bobsleigh Seated will be treated the same as for NAC/EC series races and will use the same Points Table in 11.3.

Article 12 – Bobsleigh Constructions with Drawings

These entire articles are not applicable. Para-bobsleigh Push and Para-bobsleigh Seated competitions will use IBSF-owned and controlled Monobobs. For a given competition all of the Monobobs used will be from the same manufacturer and essentially identical to each other in construction and specification.