



International Para Skeleton Rules 2018

All rules listed in the **current** International Skeleton Rules apply equally to Para Skeleton except as explicitly specified in this document. Article reference numbers in this document refer to the corresponding Article numbers in the **current** International Skeleton Rules.

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 €12 for skeleton 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 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 Parasports Classification Manual and receive a classification of PS.

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 of each 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
- One or two Material Controllers

Article 8.6 – Entries

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

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.

Article 10.2 – Starting Order During Training

For Para Skeleton last training day start order is according to the IBSF Ranking List which is combined for women and men. If more than three days of training are provided for the event then the start order for Day 3 is the same as Day 1, the start order for Day 4 is the same as Day 2 and so on except for the last training day prior to the race.

Article 10.6.1 – Race Heats

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

Article 10.6.8 – Start

For Para Skeleton the athlete may use only one power leg to push the sled. The other leg or residual limb may either be resting on the sled or suspended in the air until the athlete loads onto the sled. Depending on track characteristics, the Jury has the right to determine the start location for the race.

Article 11.1 – Ranking List of the Race Series

Para Skeleton is 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 Skeleton will be treated the same as for NAC/EC series races and will use the same Points Table in 11.3.

Article 12.5 – Saddle

Custom modifications to the raised part of the saddle to accommodate the specific upper limb impairment of the athlete may be approved in advance of the race by the IBSF Para sport Committee on a case-by-case basis if, in the opinion of the committee, (1) the modification is necessary to allow the athlete to compete equitably and safely with other athletes and (2) the modification does not provide any competitive advantage to the athlete. Decisions of the IBSF Para sport Committee in this regard are final and not subject to protest.