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Welcome

From March 12–21, 2010, the world's best Paralympic athletes will push themselves to new heights in the pursuit of excellence and a celebration of the possible at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Vancouver and Whistler will play host to an estimated 1,350 athletes and team officials from 40 nations during the 10-day event, which promises to bring together our small-town spirit and big-city facilities to provide worldwide exposure for the more than 64 Paralympic events.

As you make your preparations for the coming Games, know that we share your ambition and dedication to make these 2010 Paralympic Winter Games an extraordinary experience. We look forward to hosting the world's top Paralympic athletes and sharing their compelling stories and outstanding abilities with Canada and the world.

See you in 2010!



Dena Coward
Director, Paralympic Games
Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic
and Paralympic Winter Games



Welcome

There's only a year to go until the torch lights the cauldron to begin the tenth Paralympic Winter Games at Vancouver and Whistler.

This is the first time that Canada has hosted the Paralympic Winter Games, and we are very proud to welcome your passion for sport and to share in your Paralympic journey. We are committed to creating a sustainable environment that enables athletes to achieve greatness on a safe and fair field of play.

The Sport Explanatory Book aims to assist athletes and NPC team officials in their preparation for and participation at the Games. We hope you find the information useful.

We look forward to having you here in 2010!



Tim Gayda
Vice President, Sport
Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic
and Paralympic Winter Games



Overview

The men's and women's alpine skiing competitions (downhill, super-G, super combined, giant slalom and slalom) for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games are being held from March 13 to 21, 2010 at Whistler Creekside. The venue is located in the Resort Municipality of Whistler and is 4.1 kilometres from the Paralympic Village Whistler.

The athlete training period is from March 6 to 21, 2010.

Changes since Torino 2006

- The number of medal events has changed from 24 to 30.
- The super combined has been added to the Paralympic Winter Sport Program.

Training and Competition Dates

OFFICIAL TRAINING	March 10 to 12, 2010
COMPETITION DATES	March 13 to 21, 2010
EVENTS	Medal events: 30 Men's downhill (standing, sitting, visually impaired) Men's super-G (standing, sitting, visually impaired) Men's super combined* (standing, sitting, visually impaired) Men's giant slalom (standing, sitting, visually impaired) Men's slalom (standing, sitting, visually impaired) Women's downhill (standing, sitting, visually impaired) Women's super-G (standing, sitting, visually impaired) Women's super combined* (standing, sitting, visually impaired) Women's giant slalom (standing, sitting, visually impaired) Women's slalom (standing, sitting, visually impaired)

*Super combined event = super-G plus slalom

Competition Venue Whistler Creekside

Gross Venue Capacity

5,000

Seating for Spectators with Disabilities

(planning numbers as of November 2008)

60 wheelchair spectator positions plus 60 companion seats

Field of Play

The course for all events is Franz's Run.

Field of Play — Course Statistics

COMPETITION	START ALTITUDE (METRES)	FINISH ALTITUDE (METRES)	VERTICAL DROP (METRES)	TOTAL COURSE LENGTH (METRES)
Downhill	1,425	825	600	2,139
Super-G	1,341	825	516	1,664
Giant Slalom	1,177	810	367	1,309
Super Combined (SG)	1,341	825	516	1,664
Super Combined (SL)	974	810	169	542
Slalom	974	810	169	542

General Rules

Directions from Paralympic Villages

Whistler Creekside is approximately 4 kilometres from Paralympic Village Whistler. From the Paralympic Village Whistler main entrance, turn right onto Highway 99. Turn right on Lake Placid Road, approximately 4 kilometres before Whistler Village. This is the centre of Whistler Creekside.

Whistler Creekside is approximately 120 kilometres from Paralympic Village Vancouver. From the Paralympic Village Vancouver main entrance, proceed straight. Turn left onto 2nd Avenue. 2nd Avenue will become Great Northern Way. Turn left onto Clark Drive and proceed to East Hastings Street; turn right. Turn left onto Cassiar Street and follow the signs to Highway 1 North. Continue on Highway 1 North. Highway 1 will become Highway 99. Continue on Highway 99 North past Squamish towards Whistler Village. Turn right on Lake Placid Road, approximately 4 kilometres before Whistler Village. This is the centre of Whistler Creekside.

Athlete Services

Wax Cabins

Wax cabins will be located at the base of Whistler Creekside in the parkade. Each cabin will be 15 m² and equipped with heat, lighting and two chairs. Any additional team requirements for wax cabins will be available through the Rate Card.

Athletes' Lounge

There will be an athletes' lounge at the base of Whistler Creekside for athlete and team use during training and competition. During competition, additional warming space will also be available on the mountain at the top of the Whistler Creekside Gondola.

The alpine skiing competitions are held in accordance with the *IPC Alpine Skiing Rulebook* (2009/2010 edition). In case of a disagreement in the interpretation of the rules, the English version prevails.

Any questions or incidents not covered by the rules are handled as follows:

- Cases of a general nature are resolved in accordance with the IPC Handbook.
- Technical issues are resolved by the competition jury in accordance with the sport rules.

Note that the current rules are available on the IPC website: paralympic.org/release/Winter_Sports/Alpine_Skiing/Rules/

Sport Entries and Qualifications

Sport Entries

In order to compete at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, all athletes must be entered by name in the events in which they will participate. VANOC Sport Entries will work in conjunction with the IPC to verify that the entered athletes have met the eligibility and qualification standards. The verification of an athlete's sport class and classification status will be conducted in accordance with the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Games classification guide.

The Paralympic Sport Entries process comprises three phases.

Phase I (Confirmation Of Qualification — July 1, 2009)

The first phase is the NPC's confirmation of qualification slots usage. As outlined in the Alpine Skiing qualification criteria, NPCs are requested to confirm the use of qualification slots allocated to them or their qualified athletes to the IPC no later than July 1, 2009.

Phase II (Application For Accreditation Deadline — December 1, 2009)

The second phase is the NPC's submission of Accreditation Application Forms for all potential athletes and guides. Each NPC must submit Accreditation Application Form(s) together with IPC Eligibility Code Form(s) for all athletes and guides that are selected or may be selected to participate in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games no later than December 1, 2009.

Phase III (Sport Entries Deadline — February 26, 2010)

The third phase is the formal closing date of the Sport Entries process. NPCs must submit the names of all qualified athletes who have been selected to compete in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

NPCs will complete the sport entries process for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games online. All Paralympic entries must be completed in full and submitted to VANOC no later than midnight (Pacific Time), February 26, 2010. All information officially submitted is considered final. The Paralympic Sport Entry may not be amended after February 26, 2010. The IPC will validate all sport entry data.

Complete sport entry policies and procedures will be provided by VANOC in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games accreditation and sport entries manual to be distributed to NPCs by September, 2009.

Qualification System Principles

General Eligibility

Only athletes meeting the General IPC Regulations on eligibility and the athlete eligibility rules for Alpine Skiing, as laid down in the "Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide", may compete in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Nationality of Competitors

Any athlete in the Paralympic Games must be a national of the country (region) of the NPC entering him or her and in compliance with the provisions of the IPC Athlete Nationality Policy as stated in Chapter 3.1 of the IPC Handbook (June 2006). The IPC Governing Board shall resolve all disputes relating to the determination of the country (region) that a competitor may represent in the Paralympic Games.

Qualification System

The following information is taken from *Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide*, a publication produced by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

ATHLETE QUOTA	170 — Male
	80 — Female
	250 — Total

Allocation of Qualification

The qualification is allocated to the NPC, not the individual athlete.

In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete not the NPC.

Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

Each NPC can be allocated a maximum of

- Twenty (20) male qualification slots, and
- Ten (10) female qualification slots.

Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Invitation Commission allocation method.

Athlete Eligibility

Athletes must: hold a valid IPC IPCAS Licence for the 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 season; and have achieved points in one race of the 2009/2010)

Be at least fifteen (15) years old by February 22, 2010; **and**

For Technical Events: be ranked and have 200 IPCAS Points or less on the IPCAS Slalom and/or Giant Slalom Ranking Lists respectively as of February 22, 2010.

For Super G: be ranked and have 120 IPCAS Points or less on IPCAS Super G Ranking List as of February 22, 2010.

For Downhill: be ranked and have 120 IPCAS Points or less on IPCAS Downhill Ranking Lists as of February 22, 2010 (in the case that no valid downhill list is available the IPCAS Super G Ranking List will be used).

For Super Combined: be ranked and have 120 IPCAS Points or less on IPCAS Super Combined Ranking Lists as of February 22, 2010 (in the case that no valid Super Combined list is available the IPCAS Super G Ranking List will be used).

Maximum Entry per NPC

For the Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G

An NPC can enter a maximum of five (5) qualified athletes per event.

For the Downhill

IPC Alpine Skiing will allocate one (1) entry position up to the maximum downhill event entry quota outlined in the table below to each NPC; with the highest ranked athletes on the IPCAS Downhill Ranking Lists as of February 22, 2010; **and** entered at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games; **and** meeting the athlete eligibility criteria:

DOWNHILL	MALE	FEMALE
Standing	25	18
Sitting	25	10
Visually Impaired	12	10

In the case that the maximum entry quota for an event is not fulfilled by the above method, IPC Alpine Skiing will repeat the above process using the next highest ranked athletes meeting the requirements until all slots are allocated.

NPCs may be allocated by IPC Alpine Skiing a maximum of three (3) entry positions in a given Downhill event.

For the Super Combined

IPC Alpine Skiing will allocate one (1) entry position up to the maximum Super Combined event entry quota outlined in the table below to each NPC; with the highest ranked athletes on the IPCAS Super Combined Ranking Lists as of February 22, 2010; **and** entered at the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games; **and** meeting the athlete eligibility criteria:

SUPER-COMBINED	MALE	FEMALE
Standing	18	14
Sitting	18	10
Visually Impaired	10	10

In the case that the maximum entry quota for an event is not fulfilled by the above method, IPC Alpine Skiing will repeat the above process using the next highest ranked athletes meeting the requirements until all slots are allocated.

NPCs may be allocated by IPC Alpine Skiing a maximum of three (3) entry positions in a given Super Combined event.

Unless otherwise specified, this Qualification System will be applied separately for men and women. Any reference below to ranking list or athletes that does not specify gender applies to both genders.

Method: 2008/2009 IPC Alpine Skiing Combined ranking lists allocation

Qualification

Universality Distribution — Each NPC considered by IPC Alpine Skiing to be widely and regularly practicing Alpine Skiing that has one or more athletes on the IPCAS Combined Ranking List closing April 30, 2009, but that does not have an athlete holding 200 IPCAS Points or less, will receive one male (1) qualification slot and/or one (1) female qualification slot.

Ranking Factor Distribution — In the case that the total number of athletes exceeds the maximum athlete quota by gender, the following process will be used to determine the ranking factor distribution of qualification slot allocation by NPC:

Step 1 — The total number of athletes from each NPC that have 200 points or less on the IPCAS Combined Ranking Lists closing April 30, 2009 will determine that NPC's "qualification base" for each gender.

Step 2 — Each NPC's qualification base divided by the total number of athletes (all NPCs) by gender that have 200 points or less on the IPCAS Combined Ranking Lists closing April 30, 2009 will determine the NPC's "qualification factor" for each gender.

Step 3 — The NPC's qualification factor multiplied by the maximum number of available qualification slots by gender excluding those qualification slots allocated through the Universality Distribution method and the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method will determine the NPC's "qualification slot quota" for each gender. The quota will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number and will not exceed the total number of eligible athletes up to the maximum quota per NPC.

In the case that the total number of athletes with 200 points or less from all NPCs on the IPCAS Combined Ranking Lists closing April 30, 2009 is equal to or less than the maximum number of available qualification slots by gender, the number of slots equal to the total number of eligible athletes up to the maximum quota per NPC will be allocated. The remaining qualification slots may be allocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

Method: Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation

Five (5) eligible male athletes and five (5) eligible female athletes will be considered by the IPC and IPC Alpine Skiing for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, NPCs must submit to IPC Alpine Skiing an official application by May 25, 2009.

Total	170 Male
	80 Female

Qualifying Timeline

April 30, 2009	Closing date of the 2008/2009 IPCAS Combined Ranking List for qualification slot allocation IPC Alpine Skiing distributes Bipartite Commission Invitation Applications to NPCs
May 25, 2009	Deadline date for IPC Alpine Skiing to receive Bipartite Commission Invitation Applications from NPCs
June 1, 2009 (No later than)	IPC Alpine Skiing confirms to NPCs in writing the number of qualification slots allocated
July 1, 2009 (No later than)	NPCs confirm to IPC Alpine Skiing in writing the use of qualification slots
August 5, 2009 (No later than)	IPC Alpine Skiing confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
December 1, 2009 (No later than)	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation forms submitted by NPCs for all potential athletes
February 22, 2010	Closing date for athletes to meet athlete eligibility requirements
February 26, 2010 (No later than)	Deadline for Vancouver 2010 Organizing Committee receiving entry forms submitted by NPCs

Dates/Process of Confirmation of Qualification Slots

By July 1, 2009, each NPC must confirm to IPC Alpine Skiing in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and IPC Alpine Skiing may reallocate these slots.

By August 5, 2009, IPC Alpine Skiing will confirm the reallocation of unused qualification slots.

By August 5, 2009, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Any NPC that does not use some or all of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC.

Reallocation of Unused Qualification Slots

Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC may be reallocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

Please note: For complete and updated information on the all elements of the qualification criteria for athletes please refer to the official text in the "Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Qualification Guide", which is regularly updated by IPC on its website (paralympic.org).

Competition Rules

Classification

VANOC will publish detailed information on classification policies and procedures in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games classification guide, which will be available to NPCs no later than September 2009.

Doping Control

At the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, doping control will be carried out in accordance with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Anti-Doping Code and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) International Standards. Samples will be collected both in competition and out of competition and will include both blood and urine sample collection. The IPC will determine the number of tests to be conducted and testing selection criteria.

VANOC will publish detailed information on the anti-doping policies and procedures in the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games doping control guide, which will be available to NPCs no later than September 2009.

Changes since Torino 2006

Rules regarding protests have changed. Please refer to the section on protests below.

Competition Management

VANOC-appointed competition management is responsible for organizing the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games alpine skiing competitions under the supervision of the IPC and FIS.

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Competition Format

Downhill

The downhill features the longest course and the highest speeds of all the events. Each skier makes a single run down a single course and the fastest time determines the winner.

Super-G

Super-G (super giant slalom) combines the speed of downhill with the more precise turns of giant slalom. The course is shorter than downhill, but longer than a giant slalom course. Each skier makes one run down a single course and the fastest time determines the winner.

Giant Slalom

Giant slalom is similar to the slalom, with fewer, but wider and smoother turns. Each skier makes two runs down two different courses on the same slope. Both runs take place on the same day. The times are added together, and the fastest total time determines the winner.

Slalom

Slalom features the shortest course and the quickest turns. As in the giant slalom, each skier makes two runs down two different courses on the same slope. Both runs take place on the same day. The times are added together and the fastest total time determines the winner.

Super Combined

Using a shorter course, the super combined event consists of one downhill followed by two slalom runs. The times are added together and the fastest total time determines the winner.

Team Captains' Meetings

The first team captains' meeting takes place on March 9, 2010, the day before the first official training day. All team captains meetings will take place at the base of Whistler Creekside.

All alpine skiing team captains' meetings will be held as per IPC Alpine Skiing rules and regulations. The date, time and location of the team captains' meetings will be approved by the IPC Alpine Skiing Technical Delegate.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
daily from March 9–15	17:00–18:00	Team Captain / Race Office Tent at the base of Whistler Creekside
daily from March 17–20	17:00–18:00	Team Captain / Race Office Tent at the base of Whistler Creekside

Technical Protests

Technical protests must be submitted in writing within 15 minutes of the posting of the unofficial results. The protest must be submitted in English, accompanied by 60 Euros or the Canadian equivalent, in accordance with IPC Alpine Skiing rules. The competition jury handles the protest in accordance with IPC Alpine Skiing rules and regulations.

IPC Manufacturing and Trademark Guidelines

Pursuant to the IPC Handbook, no form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons, on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Paralympic Winter Games, except for the identification of the manufacturer of the article or equipment concerned, provided that such identification shall not be marked conspicuously for advertising purposes.

The NPC should, where possible, use national colours, the official name and abbreviation of the country (region) and emblems, and NPC marks on all uniforms, in order to visually enhance the national identity of the athletes.

The NPC must not use any Olympic marks (e.g., Olympic Rings, NOC Emblem, "National Olympic Committee of COUNTRY(REGION)").

Equipment

One identification of the manufacturer per equipment item will be permitted, not taking up more than 10% of the surface area of the item with a maximum size of 60 cm².

Clothing

One identification of the manufacturer per clothing item will be permitted with a maximum size of 20 cm².

Accessories

One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted with a maximum size of 6 cm².

Eyewear — One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, placed on one of the arms and to a maximum size of 6 cm²; alternatively, two identifications of the manufacturer will be permitted, placed one on each arm and to a maximum size of 3 cm² each.

Headgear — One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6 cm² and placed above either one of the ears.

Gloves — One identification of the manufacturer per accessory item will be permitted, to a maximum size of 6 cm².

Identification of the manufacturer is prohibited on an athlete's person (e.g., tattoos), as well as on contact lenses, earplugs, mouthguards and water bottles.

Footwear

One identification of the manufacturer per item will be permitted, with a maximum size of 6 cm².

Any violation of the provisions of the present clause shall result in disqualification or withdrawal of the accreditation of the person concerned. The decisions of the IPC Governing Board regarding this matter shall be final.

For more detailed information and specific identification of the sport, please refer to the IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Awards

Athletes placing first, second and third will be presented with flowers at Whistler Creekside. Victory Ceremonies for all events will be presented at Whistler Paralympic Celebration Plaza. Victory Ceremonies for competitions held from March 19 to March 21 will take place at the competition venue.

In Alpine Skiing, the athlete placed first is entitled to a gold medal and a diploma, the athlete placed second to a silver medal and a diploma, and the athlete placed third to a bronze medal and a diploma. Depending on the number of athletes competing in an individual event, diplomas will be distributed as follows to the remaining places:

No. of Athletes Diploma Distribution (eligible places)

9 or greater	4th – 8th place
8	4th – 7th place
7	4th – 6th place
6	4th – 5th place

The guides for athletes in the visually impaired sport class (designated as non-competing competition participants for the Paralympic Winter Games) shall also receive the respective medal and/or diploma depending on the respective placement of the athlete accompanied.

Explanatory Book Approval

The IPC approved this Explanatory Book on February 24, 2009.

Please note: Information contained in this Explanatory Book is correct and up-to-date at the time of publication, and may be subject to change.

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