



## **2026 World Series Competition Rules Indoor Para Skydiving (IPS)**

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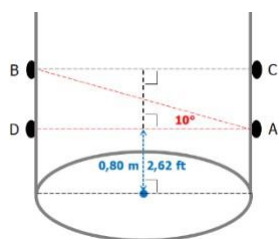
## 1 AUTHORITY

The competition will be conducted under the authority granted by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme, which designates and delegates to each organizer the task of organizing each World Series Stage, according to these rules and the Organizer's Information Bulletin. All participants accept these rules as binding by registering in the competition. A Jury composed of a representative of the Organizer, a representative of the Fédération Française de Parachutisme and the Meet Director or the Chief Judge (or the Event Judge) may rule by majority vote in writing on any matter not covered by these rules.

## 2 DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES

### 2.1 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

- 2.1.1 **Indoor Para Skydiving:** An indoor skydiving discipline where the objective is to complete specific, compulsory race circuits in the fastest time.
- 2.1.2 **Athlete/Competitor:** An individual Competitor participating in Indoor Para Skydiving. Athletes participating in Indoor Para Skydiving must have an Underlying Health Condition that leads to a permanent Eligible Impairment.
- 2.1.3 **Body:** Consists of the entire Competitor and any specific equipment utilized during flight.
- 2.1.4 **Body orientation:** Competitor's orientation must be "belly to earth," which requires that the Competitor's torso is in a horizontal (prone) position, with the front of the torso toward the earth.
- 2.1.5 **Competitor's center point:** Defined by the navel while flying on a horizontal (belly to earth) axis.
- 2.1.6 **Flight:** An individual performance in the flight chamber, that begins when the signal to enter is given, inclusive of entrance, working time, and exit time, fully supervised by one or more instructors at all times. The maximum duration allotted for each Flight is 120 seconds regardless of whether the Flight is non-scored or scored, except for the Final Round flights, which have a maximum duration of 195 seconds.
- 2.1.7 **Working time:** The duration of time in which Competitors may perform a routine during a Flight, measured to the hundredth of a second.
- 2.1.8 **Course Diagram:** The competition course consists of four (4) compulsory Contact Targets labeled A, B, C, and D, arranged along the outer wall of the flight chamber. Targets A and D are positioned 0.8 meter (2.62 feet) above the net of the bottom of the flight chamber. Targets B and C, as well as D and A, are positioned 180° directly opposite each other. There is a 10° incline between Targets A and B, and likewise between Targets C and D, as illustrated in the provided diagram. Competition hosts are required to adhere to these guidelines during course setup.



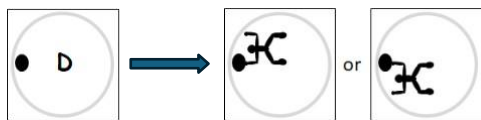
- 2.1.9 **Contact Targets and Zones:** Contact targets are touch-responsive systems positioned on the exterior walls of the tunnel, as shown in the Course Diagram, and must be visible through the transparent wall. Each of the four (4) individual targets must contain a contact zone equipped with sensors that change color upon contact and revert within a maximum of one (1) second. Sensitivity may vary between systems and wind tunnels but must remain consistent for all Competitors within a single competition. If sensitivity does not allow consistent color change on contact, the system must be equipped with a manual back-up color change option systematically activated by the judging cell for all Competitors. The minimum surface area of the contact zone is defined in [4.12.6]

2.1.10 **Safety Line:** The safety line is virtually positioned 1 meter (3.28 feet) above the horizontal B-C line. Competitors must remain below this line during flight.

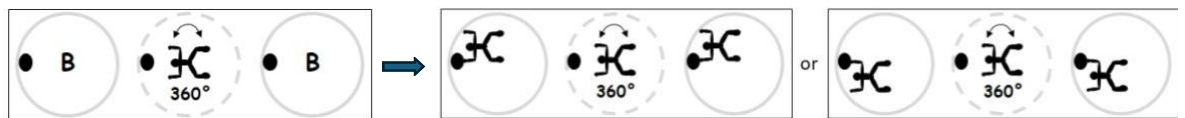
2.1.11 **Target Validation and Scoring:** Competitors must validate individual targets by touching the target's surface with one hand (or upper limb extremity) and having an automatic color change confirming the correctly completed contact. Contact made by another body part, by someone other than the Competitor or simultaneously with assistance from an instructor will not be considered valid. Points are awarded for each compulsory sequence in the Race Routine performed within the allowed Working Time of each flight. Valid points must result from correctly executed random or block sequences as depicted in the Race Routine. If the manual back-up solution for color change is used, a correctly completed contact is demonstrated either with the automatic color change or when stationary contact on the contact zones, assessed by the Judge in charge of manual activation, are clearly presented.

2.1.12 **Race Routine:** The compulsory sequence of randoms and blocks that Competitors must perform during the Working Time.

2.1.13 **Random Targets:** Consists of the random target Competitors must validate, as depicted in the Race Routine. Random targets will be displayed as illustrated below:



2.1.14 **Block Sequence:** Consists of a predefined sequence that the Competitor must execute as a single unit, consisting of two targets linked by a required inter. The sequence must be performed and clearly presented in the correct order, meeting all performance requirements, to be considered valid for scoring. The targets in the sequence must be validated by the same hand (or upper limb extremity). Block sequences will be displayed as illustrated below:



2.1.15 **Inter:** Intermediary requirement within a block sequence, which must be performed as depicted in the Race Routine.

2.1.16 **Assistance:** For safety purposes, Competitors are allowed to receive assistance from an instructor any time during a Flight. Assistance will result in penalties added to Competitors' scores (see [4.13.4])

2.1.17 **Infringement:** Competitors may incur time penalties for infringements of the compulsory race routine, as defined in [4.13.4].

2.1.18 **Omission:** Competitors may be subject to incurring omission penalties when performing the compulsory race routine, as defined in [4.13.4].

2.1.19 **Raw Time:** The total time taken by the Competitor to complete a Race Routine, measured before applying the compensation coefficient or penalties. This time is used as the basis for calculating the Competitor's final score.

2.1.20 **Score:** Calculated time reflecting a Competitor's performance on a scored Flight, consisting of the Raw Time, adjusted for the compensation coefficient and any applicable time penalties.

2.1.21 **Round:** Scored Flights performed during a competition.

2.1.22 **Final Round:** Scored Flights performed by the four (4) top-ranked Competitors during the final stage of the competition.

2.1.23 **Specific Equipment:** Any equipment (e.g., prosthesis, orthosis) used by an athlete to facilitate

flight, approved by the Classification Board, and required for use throughout the competition.

- 2.1.24 **Compensation Coefficient:** The individualized coefficient assigned to eligible Competitors related to their Aerodynamic Motor Skill. The Classification Board assesses athletes through the Athlete Evaluation process and assigns a coefficient considering the degree of activity limitation resulting from an Eligible Impairment and other aerodynamic factors. Criteria and processes for assessment are defined in Section 6 and Annex 1.

### 3 THE EVENT, OBJECTIVE, AND DESCRIPTION

#### 3.1 OBJECTIVE OF THE EVENT

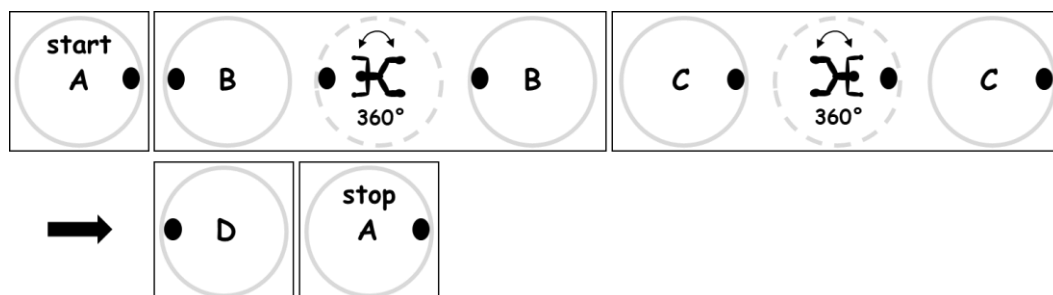
The objective of the event is for Competitors to perform predefined race routines in the fastest possible time. Athletes participating in Indoor Para Skydiving must have an Underlying Health Condition that leads to a permanent Eligible Impairment.

- 3.1.1 Competitors are granted two non-scored flights as warm-up rounds for familiarization with the wind tunnel competition conditions and official speed setting. Competitors may also perform the Race Routine if they wish but no scores will be given.
- 3.1.2 Competition Rounds: the objective for Competitors is to perform the Race Routine in the fastest possible time before the end of the working time allotted. Competitors have up to 30 seconds after entering the flight chamber to make adjustments, set up, and achieve a stable flying position to begin their Working Time. Once the Race Routine is complete or the maximum Working Time is reached, Competitors must promptly exit the flight chamber.

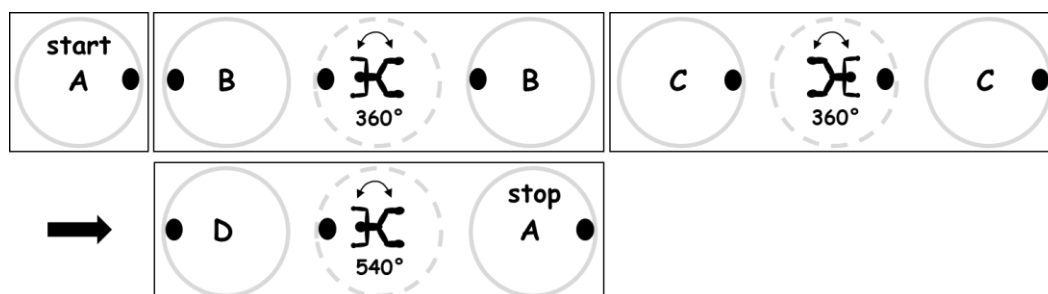
#### 3.2 EVENT DESCRIPTION

- 3.2.1 Competitors compete individually to perform the following Race Routines in the fastest possible time:

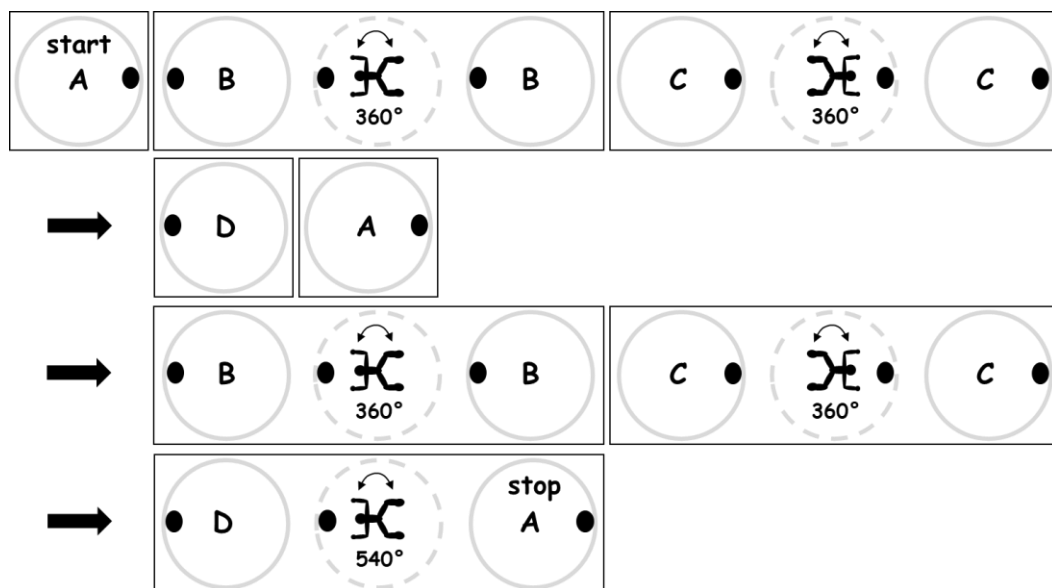
- 3.2.1.1 Race Routine – Qualifying Rounds: Competitors must sequentially validate random A (first point), block sequence B, block sequence C, random D, and finally random A again (last point), as demonstrated in the diagram below:



- 3.2.1.2 Race Routine – Semi-final Rounds: Competitors must sequentially validate random A (first point), block sequence B, block sequence C, and finally block sequence D-A (last point), as demonstrated in the diagram below:



- 3.2.1.3 Race Routine – Final Rounds: Competitors must sequentially validate random A (first point), block sequence B, block sequence C, random D, random A, block sequence B, block sequence C, and finally block sequence D-A (last point), as demonstrated in the diagram below:



### 3.3 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 3.3.1 It is the Competitors' responsibility to correctly present the start and end of Working Time, Scoring Points, and Inters to the Judges.
- 3.3.2 Where degrees are shown, (i.e., 360°), this indicates the degrees and direction of turn (if specified) required to complete the Inter as intended. The degrees shown are the amount of circumference of Competitors' center points that must be presented in relation to the Contact Target's center. For judging purposes, the degrees and direction of turn of Competitors' center points will be assessed using only the two-dimensional horizontal plane. Degrees of turn performed count in a single direction only.
- 3.3.3 Competitors are solely responsible for their flight equipment and Specific Equipment. Problems with a Competitor's equipment shall not be grounds for a re-flight.

## 4 GENERAL RULES

### 4.1 COMPETITION PROGRAM

The event consists of:

- A minimum of two (2) non-scored flights by all Competitors;
- A minimum of three (3) qualification rounds by all Competitors;
- A semi-final round by only the top eight (8) Competitors after the qualification rounds;
- A final round by the top four (4) Competitors after the semi-final round.

If the number of Competitors is less than nine (9) after the third qualification round, the semi-final round will be replaced with a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) qualification round, after which only the top four (4) Competitors will advance to the Final Round.

- 4.1.1 Non-scored Flights will not be taken into account for General Leaderboard.
- 4.1.2 Qualification Rounds: Each Competitor's best (lowest) score from their Qualification Rounds will determine their standing in the qualification rounds. This standing will determine who progresses to the semi-final round (or final round, as determined by the number of Competitors).
- 4.1.2.1 Competitors who do not advance beyond the qualification rounds will be ranked in the

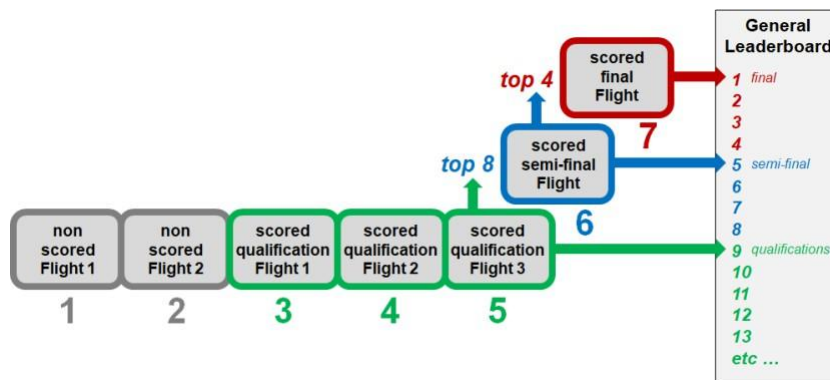


qualifications section of the General Leaderboard, according to their standing in the qualification Rounds.

- 4.1.3 Semi-final Rounds: Each Competitor's score from the semi-final Round will determine their standing in the semi-final rounds. This standing will determine who progresses to the final round.
- 4.1.3.1 Competitors who do not advance to the Final Round will be ranked in the semi-final section of the General Leaderboard, according to their standing in the semi-final Round.
- 4.1.4 Final Round: Each Competitor's score from the Final Round will be used to determine their final standing. Competitors in the Final Round will be ranked in the final section of the General Leaderboard, according to their final standing.

## 4.2 GENERAL LEADERBOARD

Competitors will be ranked on the General Leaderboard according to the following diagram:



- 4.2.1 If the competition cannot be completed in full, the General Leaderboard will be determined at the end of the last complete round. The winner will be determined by the standings on the General Leaderboard.
- 4.2.2 If a National Competition is integrated into an International Competition, the General National Leaderboard will be established alongside the General International Leaderboard. In this case, each Flight will be used to rank on both Leaderboards. To run the National Competition, the same system will be used as for the International Competition, and it will therefore be necessary each time to advance enough national Flyers to establish the General National Leaderboard at the same time.
- 4.2.2.1 If the number of participants in the National Competition is at least nine (9) Flyers:
- After qualification Rounds, Flyers from the national top eight (8) Flyers which did not advance with the international top eight (8) Flyers will also advance to the semi-final Round and will fly before them in their reverse order of placing after qualification Rounds.
  - After semi-final Round, Flyers from the national top four (4) Flyers which did not advance with the international top four (4) Flyers will also advance to the final Round and will fly before them in their reverse order of placing after semi-final Round.
- 4.2.2.2 If the number of participants in the National Competition is less than nine (9) Flyers:
- After qualification Rounds, Flyers from the national top four (4) Flyers which did not advance with the international top eight (8) Flyers will also advance to the semi-final Round and will fly before them in their reverse order of placing after qualification Rounds. The semi-final Round will be used to define their flight order in the final Round where they will fly before the international top four (4) in their reverse order of placing after semi-final Round.

## 4.3 TIEBREAKER RULE



- 4.3.1 If two or more Competitors have equal scores for qualification to advance to the semi-final or final, the following steps will be followed to determine the standing:
1. The fastest Score in any completed Round.
  2. The fastest Score starting with the last completed Round and continuing in reverse order, Round by Round until the tie is broken.
- 4.3.2 If two or more Competitors in the final round are tied for either first (1st), second (2nd), or third (3rd) place, Competitors will fly a tie-break round, performing the Final Round's race routine.

#### 4.4 PERFORMANCE ORDER

The flight order for the qualification rounds is determined by the Meet Director before the commencement of non-scored flights. The flight order of the semi-final round and final rounds will be updated to the reverse order of standings at the start of the round.

- 4.4.1 Each Competitor is allowed a minimum time of 30 minutes from arriving at or returning to (as appropriate) the competition site to the first call for the next flight.
- 4.4.2 The minimum time between flights is 6 minutes.

#### 4.5 FLIGHT PLAN

Competitors may be grouped into separate subgroups based on the competition order at the Meet Director's discretion for organizational purposes.

The Flight Plan must be provided to Competitors at least one (1) hour before the start of each competition day. If the Meet Director makes changes to the Flight Plan after the competition has started, they must notify affected Competitors at least 30 minutes before their Flight.

#### 4.6 FLIGHT CHAMBER ENTRY/EXIT AND SPEED SETTING

- 4.6.1 Only one (1) doorway leading into the flight chamber will be used for entries and exits.
- 4.6.2 Official Speed Setting shall take place during the 1<sup>st</sup> non-scored flight. Speed settings may be altered before and during any subsequent Flight, provided the change is made outside of Working Time. Operators will set the tunnel speed to the speed setting flown on the Competitor's previous Flight.
- 4.6.3 The speed setting will be indicated, by any means, in the tunnel and shall be clearly visible to Competitors prior to entering the flight chamber.
- 4.6.4 When the tunnel is at the correct speed, a signal of authorization to enter the flight chamber will be given to Competitors.
- 4.6.5 The signal to communicate authorization to enter the flight chamber will be defined by the Meet Director, and results in the validation of the Flight. Once the signal to enter the flight chamber has been given to a Competitor, the Flight must be evaluated and scored. If a Competitor does not enter the flight chamber when the signal is given, the flight will be considered validated and completed, and the maximum Score will be given.
- 4.6.6 A signal to exit the flight chamber, defined by the Meet Director, will be given 10 seconds before the end of the Competitor's allotted Flight time.

#### 4.7 FLIGHT PREPARATION

- 4.7.1 Competitors may receive assistance from one or more Instructors to:
1. Enter and exit the flight chamber.
  2. Stabilize in the flight chamber.
  3. Finalize the setup of specific equipment that cannot be adjusted before entering the flight chamber.
  4. Intervene for safety reasons any time the instructor deems necessary.
- 4.7.2 It is forbidden for Instructors to assist Competitors to reach a Target or to perform an Inter.

## 4.8 WORKING TIME

- 4.8.1 Working Time is started by the first occurrence of either of the following:
1. The Competitor validates the first target in their compulsory sequence.
  2. Automatically, 30 seconds after the Competitor enters the flight chamber.
- 4.8.2 Working time is ended by the first occurrence of either of the following:
1. The Competitor validates the last point in their compulsory sequence.
  2. Automatically, when the maximum Working Time is reached.
- 4.8.3 The maximum Working Time is: 75 seconds for qualifying and semi-final rounds, and 150 seconds for the final round.

## 4.9 FLIGHT ABORTION

In the case of Flight abortion, the maximum score will be assigned.

## 4.10 WITHDRAWAL OR DISQUALIFICATION

If a Competitor is withdrawn (voluntarily or by disciplinary action) or is disqualified after the competition has started, they will be immediately removed from the competition and general leaderboard. They will not be eligible for subsequent, semi-final, and/or final Flights.

## 4.11 RE-FLIGHT

A re-flight may be granted if the Event Judge or Chief Judge concludes that Competitors' performances have been adversely affected by any external factor(s). The Event Judge's or Chief Judge's decision is not grounds for a protest.

- 4.11.1 Problems with a Competitor's equipment must not be grounds for a re-flight.
- 4.11.2 For safety reasons, if a Competitor demonstrates inadequate flying skills and/or persistent unsafe flying requiring repeated intervention by a tunnel spotter or Instructor, reported by any person, including the Judges, the Meet Director must investigate the allegation and may ask the Jury to decide, by a majority decision, either to warn, or to assign the maximum score for the flight during or after which the safety violation occurred, or to disqualify the Competitor from the event during which the safety violation occurred.
- 4.11.3 A re-flight will be made as soon as possible after the incident giving rise to the re-flight.

## 4.12 WIND TUNNEL EQUIPMENT

- 4.12.1 The Wind Tunnel shall be the indoor skydiving facility host in which the Indoor Para Skydiving competition will be held.
- 4.12.2 The Wind Tunnel shall appoint an Operations Director to manage and supervise flight operations. The Operations Director's primary responsibility is to conduct Flights in accordance with the Wind Tunnel safety regulations.
- 4.12.3 The Wind Tunnel shall assign an airspeed control Operator and multiple Instructors to each Flight session, to assist the Operations Director in ensuring safety and efficiency.
- 4.12.4 The minimum acceptable diameter for the flight chamber is 4.26 meters (14 feet).
- 4.12.5 The outer wall of the flight chamber must contain four (4) Contact Targets labelled A, B, C, and D as defined in [2.1.8]. If necessary for vision impaired competitors, two external light lines of different colors may be fixed vertically on the axes A-C and B-D, slightly offset from the targets.
- 4.12.6 The Contact Zone of each touch-responsive target must be at least 4 centimeters (1.57 inches) in

diameter. The list of approved judging equipment is maintained by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme.

- 4.12.7 The Contact Targets must be affixed to the outer tunnel wall by adhesive tape or any other equivalent means, according to diagram [2.1.8]
- 4.12.8 The Safety Line is a virtual mark, not visible and at the discretion of the Instructors, clearly defining the highest point below which Competitors must remain during flight.
- 4.12.9 The wind tunnel equipment, including the judging system, must be approved by the Chief Judge before the start of the competition. If any equipment does not meet the requirements as determined by the Chief Judge, this equipment will be deemed to be unusable for the competition.
- 4.12.10 Video Recording by the organizer is not mandatory.

#### 4.13 SCORING

Scores must be assigned on all flights.

- 4.13.1 The score is calculated to the hundredth of a second and is calculated by multiplying the Competitor's raw time for completing the race routine by their compensation coefficient, then adding any time penalties.
- 4.13.2 The official score for each Competitor's scored flight will be published with the breakdown of the raw time, compensation coefficient, and any penalties used in its calculation.
- 4.13.3 The maximum achievable score is equivalent to the maximum working time.
- 4.13.4 Time Penalties: The following time penalties will be added to a Competitor's score for each type of violation incurred during working time:
  - a) Assistance (A): A single five (5) second penalty will be applied if a Competitor requires assistance from instructors, regardless of how many times it occurs. Types of assistance include:
    - a. Competitors use their hand or upper limb to hold onto an instructor's body for assistance.
    - b. Instructors may physically assist Competitors as deemed necessary for safety only, based on their own assessment of the situation. This action will not be grounds for protest.
  - b) Infringement (I): A five (5) second penalty will be applied for each infringement. Types of infringements include:
    - a. Missed attempt / no validation of the contact target, followed by validation of another labeled Target within Working Time.
    - b. Incorrect inter: An incorrect execution of the required movement in a block, as depicted in the compulsory sequence, such as missing degrees of turn or using the incorrect hand/upper limb extremity to validate the second point.
  - c) Omission (O): A twenty (20) second penalty will be applied for each omitted part in the compulsory sequence. Types of omissions include:
    - a. Required Targets that are not validated, with no clear intent or attempt to touch the Contact Zone, followed by validation of another labelled Target within Working Time.
    - b. Inters in a block sequence that are not performed, with no clear intent or attempt to perform them, and validation of another labelled Target within Working Time.
    - c. If both the Inter and the last step in a block sequence are omitted, this will be considered as only one omission.
    - d. Required Targets that are reached and then validated with the help of an instructor.
    - e. Inters in a block sequence that are performed with the help of an instructor.
- 4.13.5 The competition scores will be published in the Official Indoor Para Skydiving Scoring System.

## 5 JUDGING RULES

### 5.1 GENERAL

The performance will be judged live. No Competitor will approach or talk to the Judges during any Flight. Non-compliance, reported by any person, including the Judges, may result in the situation where the Meet Director must investigate the allegation and may ask the Jury to decide, by a majority decision, either to warn, or to assign the maximum score on any or all flights done, or to disqualify the Competitor either from the event or the entire World Series.

### 5.2 NUMBER OF JUDGES

One (1) Chief Judge and a panel of three (3) Judges, including the Event Judge, must evaluate each performance.

### 5.3 SCORING AND TIMING SYSTEM

The scoring and timing system must be connected to touch-responsive Contact Targets.

### 5.4 JUDGES: ASSIGNED PHYSICAL LOCATIONS

The Judges will watch each flight from a physical location or by viewing the video monitor of a camera set in that same physical location, with a clear view of tunnel entrance and Contact Targets A, B, C, and D.

### 5.5 JUDGES: VIDEO

At least one (1) Judge must use a camera video to film and record the tunnel entrance and contacts on Targets A, B, C and D.

### 5.6 JUDGES: SPECIFIC DUTIES

- 5.6.1 Event Judge (EJ): The EJ is responsible for timekeeping, which may be operated by the EJ, or a person appointed by the Chief Judge. Timekeeping will be recorded for:
- a) Start of the enter in the flight chamber.
  - b) Start of working time.
  - c) End of working time.

#### **Start of Working Time**

- 5.6.1.1 Validation by Competitor: If the Competitor validates the first point in the compulsory sequence within 30 seconds of the enter, the electronic timing system will automatically record the start of working time.
- 5.6.1.2 Failure to Validate within 30 seconds: If the Competitor does not validate the first point within 30 seconds of the enter, the EJ will manually start the scoring system's timer at the 30-second mark.

#### **End of Working Time**

- 5.6.1.3 Validation by Competitor: If the Competitor validates the last point in the compulsory sequence before the maximum working time expires, the raw score will be the total sequence completion time.
- 5.6.1.4 Failure to Validate Last Point: If the Competitor does not validate the last point in the compulsory sequence by the end of the maximum working time, the maximum working time will be applied as the Competitor's score.
- 5.6.2 Judge Responsibilities: Judges are responsible for verifying correctness in following the performance description of each Race Routine, and complete validation of the Contact Targets. Judges will annotate the performance and observed penalties, if any.
- 5.6.3 Viewing the Flights: The Judges will watch one time live to validate each performance.
- 5.6.4 Manual validation option: The EJ is responsible for activating target validation when the manual back-up solution for color change is used, which may be operated by the EJ, or a person appointed by the Chief Judge. For assessing stationary contact on the contact zones, EJ might be assisted by the

other Judges.

## 5.7 EVALUATION

The Judges may use a scoring sheet to record their evaluation of each Competitor's performance. At the end of the live performance, the judges will present their evaluation to the Chief Judge using common definitions as following:

- a) Record an infringement (using mark "I").
- b) Record an omission (using mark "O").
- c) Record an assist (using mark "A").

- 5.7.1 A majority of judges must agree in the evaluation of each Competitor's performance.
- 5.7.2 After collecting the Judges' evaluations, the Chief Judge will confirm and post the score on the Indoor Para Skydiving Scorekeeping System.
- 5.7.3 At the request of any member of the judging panel, made within fifteen (15) seconds after the end of the flight, the Chief Judge or the Event Judge may allow one video review, from a particular camera view, of the part of the flight in question. A video from a particular camera view may be subject to several different requests as long as the same part of the flight is not reviewed.
- 5.7.4 For the video review, the judges, overseen by the Chief Judge, will review the performance or parts of it using the recorded video footage, at normal speed. The Chief Judge will make an assessment by a majority decision of the part(s) of the flight in question.
- 5.7.5 Once the score is finalized and delivered to the Chief Judge, the Event Judge will authorize the next signal to enter the flight chamber to be given.
- 5.7.6 The Chief Judge must report for each flight the raw completion time and the number of each type of penalties, if applicable, assessed to establish the official leaderboard ranking after each completed Round.

## 6 CLASSIFICATION

### 6.1 GENERAL STATEMENT

Classification is the cornerstone of para sports and determines which athletes are eligible to compete in a sport and how athletes are evaluated. Classification aims to minimize the impact of the impairment on athletes' performances.

### 6.2 CLASSIFICATION CODE

The complete requirements, processes, and rules governing the Classification Board can be found in the Annexes to these Competition Rules and are maintained by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme. The Code is intended to evolve continuously, as will the ideas that contribute to developing the rules, regulations, and policies that sit alongside it.

### 6.3 ATHLETE EVALUATION

The classification is carried out through a process called Athlete Evaluation conducted by the IPS World Series Classification Board appointed for the stage.

- 6.3.1 Athlete Evaluation – First Phase: Athletes must meet the eligible impairment requirements defined in the Annex 1 to these Competition Rules. Applicants must have an Underlying Health Condition that leads to a permanent Eligible Impairment. The use of Specific Equipment does not disqualify the impairment but may be considered when assigning the Compensation Coefficient.
- 6.3.1.1 Competitors must submit any equipment or process (prosthesis, orthosis, etc.) used to facilitate flight to the Classification Board during their Athlete Evaluation. The Classification Board will inspect and approve the equipment, which Competitors must use throughout the competition. In exceptional circumstances, such as if the original equipment gets damaged and cannot be made airworthy, Competitors may change their equipment with the Chief Judge's consent.

- 6.3.2 Athlete Evaluation – Second Phase: Athletes determined by the board to have met eligibility criteria will be assigned an individualized Compensation Coefficient between 0.10 and 1.00, expressed to the hundredth of a decimal, based on the degree of activity limitation resulting from the impairment and according to an analysis of their Aerodynamic Motor Skills to participate in Indoor Para Skydiving, following the process defined in the Annex 1, section 5.

#### 6.4 APPLICATION FOR ATHLETE EVALUATION

To request an Athlete Evaluation, athletes must submit items listed in Annex 1 by the posted deadline and address that is specified in the information bulletin of each specific event.

#### 6.5 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ATHLETE EVALUATION FORM

Athlete Evaluations must be carried out and published at least 3 days before the start of the competition.

#### 6.6 CLASSIFICATION BOARD

The IPS World Series Classification Board consists from one (1) to five (5) appointed members nominated by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme.

- 6.6.1 Board Requirements:
- 6.6.1.1 At least one (1) member must be a member of the Fédération Française de Parachutisme.
  - 6.6.1.2 The Board must designate a Classification Panel for each Covered Competition, and at least one (1) representative to be available in person or by videoconference during the competition.
  - 6.6.1.3 The remaining Panel members must be available remotely during competition hours.
- 6.6.2 The Classification Board representatives will conduct observation during competition to ensure that the Competitors' conditions align with the provided diagnostic information and supporting documents.
- 6.6.3 Board of Appeal of Classification: An athlete's evaluation and assigned compensation coefficient can only be revised under the following conditions:
- 1. Initiated by the Classification Board: The Classification Board representatives may initiate a review process prior to the start of the qualification flights of the competition.
  - 2. Protest by the Competitor: A protest may be submitted by the Competitor before the beginning of the non-scored flights of the competition. The protest must be submitted in writing, along with supporting documentation, directly to the Classification Board representatives (or the Event Judge if the representative is remotely).
- 6.6.3.1 Revised Athlete Evaluation: The revised decision is final and cannot be challenged further.

#### 6.7 VALIDITY OF ATHLETE EVALUATION

The Athlete Evaluation is valid only for the specific competition for which it was conducted.

### 7 RULES SPECIFIC TO THE COMPETITION

#### 7.1 PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

The competition is open to all Competitors who meet the criteria for participation, which are:

- 1. IPS World Series Eligible para-athletes who are cleared for solo indoor skydiving.
- 2. Submission of their registration by the posted registration deadline.
- 3. Submission of an Athlete Evaluation with the Classification Board.

#### 7.2 2026 IPS WORLD SERIES

2026 IPS World Series is an annual Circuit of several International Competitions, called Stages, opened to all competitors who meet the criteria for participation.

- 7.2.1 2026 IPS World Series bulletin is annexed to these rules (ANNEX 3) and includes:
  - 7.2.1.1 The Stages' program which will have to comprise a minimum of four (4) Stages and a maximum of (9) Stages, from Stage 1 to Final Stage, where each Stage might have also a National Competition integrated in it resulting in its own General National Leaderboard.
  - 7.2.1.2 The maximal registration's restrictions allowed that might eventually be defined by organizers for their Stage.
- 7.2.2 All Stages will be subject to a General International Leaderboard where Flyers will be awarded medals if placed in First, Second, and Third places. Flyers placed First will be declared winners of the World Series Stage and the national anthems of their countries will be played.
- 7.2.3 All Stages will also earn points to their participants towards the overall standings for the entire World Series Circuit. On each Stage, the number of points awarded to participants will correspond to their places. The Firsts will score one (1) point, the Seconds two (2) points and so on. Participants which will not have completed all Stages will be assigned for each Stage not completed the number of points corresponding to the average of the participants on all Stages, calculated after the Final Stage validation and rounded down to the nearest whole number.
- 7.2.4 At the end of the Circuit, after the Final Stage validation, a sum of the lowest points awarded will be calculated to determine the overall standings of World Series Circuit. If the total number of programmed Stages was less than six (6), the three (3) lowest results will be considered in the calculation. If this number is equal to six (6) or more, the four (4) lowest results will be considered. Standings will be defined by the lowest sums and any ties will be broken with the lowest places obtained in the Final Stage. Flyers will be awarded medals if placed in First, Second, and Third places. The Flyer placed First will be declared champion of the World Series and the national anthem of his country will be played.

### 7.3 2026 IPS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2026 IPS National Competition, opened to all competitors who meet the criteria for participation, might be integrated in World Series Stages at the discretion of organizers of Stages.

- 7.3.1 For each IPS National Competition, organizer's information bulletins must specify:
  - 7.3.1.1 The specific conditions of registration and participation.
  - 7.3.1.2 The eventual list of Eligible Impairments allowed, if different from the 2026 IPS World Series.
  - 7.3.1.3 The titles and medals awarded.



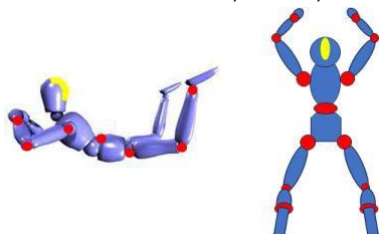
## ANNEX 1 – CLASSIFICATION CODE AND RULES

### 1. THE PURPOSE OF CLASSIFICATION AND SCOPE OF THE CLASSIFICATION CODE

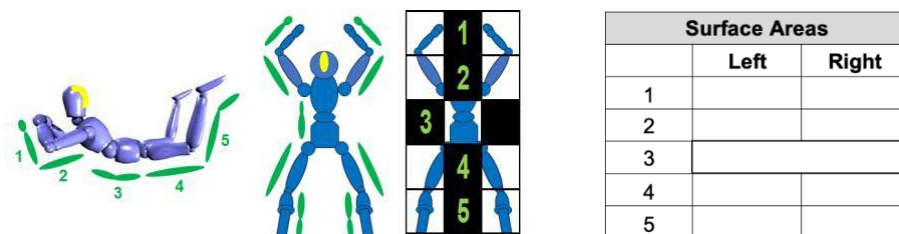
- 1.1. Indoor Para Skydiving (IPS) has specified in these Classification Rules the process, assessment criteria, and methodology whereby Athletes will be allocated Compensation Coefficient. This process is referred to as the Athlete Evaluation.
  - a. The purpose of Classification is to enable athletes with Eligible Impairments to participate in competitive para sports with a pathway to sporting excellence.
  - b. Classification establishes a unique framework that promotes fair and meaningful competition by minimizing the impact of athletes' impairments on the outcome of competition so that the outcome is determined by factors other than impairment. Classification is therefore essential to para sports and Indoor Para Skydiving cannot exist without Classification.
  - c. The present Classification Code and Rules apply to the 2026 IPS World Series. All participants accept these rules and the IPS World Series Competition Rules as binding by registering in the competition.

### 2. DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND PHRASES USED IN THIS APPENXI

- 2.1. Classification Board: A group of expert classifiers, consisting from one (1) to five (5) members, including at least one member from the Fédération Française de Parachutisme. Members are appointed by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme.
- 2.2. Expert Classifier: An individual evaluated and accredited by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme to conduct Athlete Evaluations for IPS World Series competitions. The individual must have technical or medical expertise in Aerodynamic Motor Skills.
- 2.3. Main Joint Areas: The joints considered during athlete evaluation for assessing impaired range of movement: wrist, elbow, shoulder, spine, hip, knee, and ankle, shown in red on the diagram below.



- 2.4. Main Aerodynamic Surfaces: The surfaces analyzed during athlete evaluation for the assessment of the impact/effect of any Impairments are described and numbered as follows: (1) hand-forearm, (2) arm, (3) torso, (4) leg, and (5) tibia-foot. The following reference diagram provides a visual representation of these numbered areas in green below.



- 2.5. IPS World Series Eligible Impairments: Impairments descriptions that might be assessed as Eligible to compete in an IPS World Series competition. Consistent with the International Paralympic Committee's IPC Classification Code and International Standards, there are ten Eligible Impairments listed in article 2 of the International Paralympic Committee's International Standard for Eligible Impairments (September 2016) and some Non-Eligible Impairments listed in article 3.3. IPS World Series Eligible Impairments listed in article 4.7 – Table 1 – are referring to those both

## Eligible and Non-Eligible Impairments.

- 2.6. Aerodynamic Motor Skills: The skills evaluated to determine the athlete's compensation coefficient, based on factors that influence performance in Indoor Para Skydiving. The main aerodynamic motor skills for each numbered surface will be assessed using the following definitions and criteria:

Factor	Skill	Description
(A) Movement	Maneuvering ability	Ability to move in horizontal and vertical planes of the flight chamber, based on the mobility of surfaces 1, 2, 4, and 5.
(B) Posture	Stability in flight	Ability to maintain stable flight in the airflow, including:
	(B1) Symmetry	Balanced distribution of surfaces 1+2 (upper limbs) and 4+5 (lower limbs) on both roll (left/right) and pitch (front/rear) axes.
(C) Validation	(B2) Anchoring	Ability to form a stable, arched body shape using surface 3, ensuring flexibility to adjust or deform as needed.
	Contact with the target	Ability to make contact with the target's contact zone to validate a point, including:
	(C1) Surface	Ability to present a full, flat palm on the Target's Contact Zone.
	(C2) Distance	Upper limb mobility to reach the target's contact zone.
	(C3) Accuracy	Ability to aim the upper limb accurately at the contact zone without unwanted or erratic movements.
	(C4) Options	Number of upper limbs available to touch the target's contact zone.

- 2.7. Basic Coefficient: The initial coefficient assigned during Step 1 of the coefficient assignment process. (Refer to 5.1.(a)).
- 2.8. Increase: A point value which may be added to the Basic Coefficient during step 2 of the coefficient assignment process, when the use of one or more specific equipment enhances performance. (Refer to 5.1.(b)).
- 2.9. Deduction: A point value which may be subtracted from the Basic Coefficient during step 3 of the coefficient assignment process, when the presence of one or more specific pathologies negatively affects performance. (Refer to 5.1.(c)).
- 2.10. Compensation Coefficient: The final coefficient calculated during step 4 of the coefficient assignment process, which becomes the athlete's individual coefficient. (Refer to 5.1.(d)).
- 2.11. Self-Assessment Table: A self-assessment completed by athletes to declare the impact/effect of any Impairments on their Main Aerodynamic Surfaces (areas numbered 1 to 5) during flight. The table will be completed with the following notation:

Notation	Description
[blank]	No activity limitation
0	Limited mobility
X	Surface non-functional

- 2.12. Individual Assessment Table: An athlete assessment completed by the Classification Board to evaluate and analyze the impact/effect of any Impairments on the available and movable Main Aerodynamic Surfaces (areas numbered 1 to 5) of athletes in flight. The table will be completed with the following notation:

Notation	Description
[blank]	Fully functional surface, no/minimal impairment or activity limitation
P	Partially movable surface, limited functionality due to impairment
L	Locked surface, significant impairment with no movement
N	Non-movable surface, complete loss of functionality due to impairment
M	Missing surface, complete absence due to impairment

- 2.13. Coefficient Assessment Reference Tables: Official point-scoring tables for the assessment of the impact/effect of the Impairment on indoor skydiving body flight skills. These tables set out the indicative number of points obtainable per each surface area and level of impairment. The Classification Board establishes and updates these tables based on the analysis of past Competitors and their aerodynamic motor functions as related to indoor skydiving.

### 3. ATHLETE EVALUATIONS

- 3.1. Athlete Evaluation encompasses a number of steps, and these Classification Rules therefore include provisions regarding:
- an assessment of whether or not an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment for IPS World Series;
  - an assessment of whether an Athlete complies with Minimum Impairment Criteria for IPS World Series; and
  - the allocation of a Compensation Coefficient depending on the extent to which an Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to IPS.
- 3.2. In order to begin the Classification process, an Athlete must provide all relevant Diagnostic Information required to enable the Classification Board to assess the existence of an Underlying Health Condition and Eligible Impairment.
- 3.3. The Athlete is responsible for providing the Diagnostic Information to the Classification Board, and for ensuring that all Diagnostic Information provided is complete, accurate, authentic, and relevant. It is the Athlete responsibility to provide accurate information with sufficient level of detail. The classification panel will only assess the Athlete based on the medical information provided.
- 3.4. The Classification Board (including the Head of Classification) may request from the Athlete any additional information that it deems necessary to carry out the Classification process, including Diagnostic Information.
- 3.5. Diagnostic Information must be provided in its original format (i.e., the original document or a copy thereof) along with an English translation (if the original format is in another language).
- 3.6. The Athlete Evaluation must be accompanied by the following Diagnostic Information and Supporting Documents in order to be assessed by the Classification Board:
- The completed and signed official Athlete Evaluation, Declaration, and Consent Form (see ANNEX 2), which allows Competitors to disclose their underlying health condition, the nature of their Eligible Impairment(s), and commitment to adhering to the Classification Rules.
  - One or more photos or video images supporting the medical diagnosis for Physical Impairments (PI).
  - One or more video images of the athlete in flight in a wind tunnel, using any Specific Equipment if applicable. These videos must demonstrate either flights during an IPS competition, or the athlete's ability to fly up, down, forward, and backward, as well as their ability to contact the inner wall of the flight chamber.
  - An official Medical Diagnostic Form (ANNEX 2) signed by the Athlete providing the classification panel information on the Athlete's health condition, which eligible impairment it may lead to, and the extent to which the health condition impacts the Athlete's sport performance. This Diagnostic may be immediately accompanied by any supporting documentation, which may be also requested later by the Classification Board.
  - Athletes who previously have already submitted Diagnostic Information and Supporting Documents and been evaluated by a Classification Board and whose physical condition or use of eventual Specific Equipment has not changed since, are not requested to mandatory submit new Evaluation Items; these items remain optional.

## 4. ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENT TYPES AND ASSESSMENT

- 4.1. Any Athlete wishing to compete in Indoor Para Skydiving must have an Eligible Impairment and that Eligible Impairment must be Permanent.
- 4.2. Athletes with different impairments compete against each other because the compensation coefficient is allocated based on the impact the impairment has on indoor skydiving, rather than on the impairment itself.
- 4.3. Any Impairment that is not listed as an Eligible Impairment in the Classification Code and Rules is referred to as a Non-Eligible Impairment.

### Assessment of Eligible Impairment

- 4.4. The first phase of the Athlete Evaluation, conducted by the Classification Board, is to assess the existence of an underlying health condition and an Eligible Impairment, determining the athlete's eligibility to compete in an IPS World Series competition. The outcome of this phase will be either, "Eligible," or "Not Eligible."

### Minimum Impairment Criteria

- 4.5. An Athlete who wishes to compete in a para sport must have an Eligible Impairment that complies with the relevant Minimum Impairment Criteria for that sport.
- 4.6. Indoor Para Skydiving has set Minimum Impairment Criteria to ensure that an Athlete's Eligible Impairment affects the extent to which an Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport.
- 4.7. The Assessment methodology used by Indoor Para Skydiving as part of Athlete Evaluation comprise a number of individual measures, each of which is designed to produce a point score designed to assess:
  - a. the extent of Impairment and activity limitation of an Athlete; and
  - b. the extent to which activity limitation has an effect upon the sporting performance of an Athlete.

*Table 1 – Eligible Impairment Types and Minimum Impairment Criteria*

IPS World Series Eligible Impairment Description	Examples of Underlying Health Conditions	Minimum Impairment Criteria
<b>Impaired Muscle Power</b> Athletes with Impaired Muscle Power have a Health Condition that either reduces or eliminates their ability to voluntarily contract their muscles in order to move or to generate force.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Impaired Muscle Power include spinal cord injury (complete or incomplete, tetra- or paraplegia or paraparesis), muscular dystrophy, post-polio syndrome and spina bifida.	The affected aerodynamic surfaces must include at least one of the following: hand-forearm, arm, torso, leg, or tibia-foot.
<b>Impaired Passive Range of Movement</b> Athletes with Impaired Passive Range of Movement have a restriction or a lack of passive movement in one or more joints.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Impaired Passive Range of Movement include arthrogryposis and contracture resulting from chronic joint immobilization or trauma affecting a joint.	The affected joints must include at least one of the following: wrist, elbow, shoulder, spine, hip, knee, or ankle.
<b>Limb Deficiency</b> Athletes with Limb Deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Limb Deficiency include: traumatic amputation, illness (for example amputation due to bone cancer) or congenital limb deficiency (for example dysmelia).	The athlete must have at least one functional shoulder joint. The affected limbs must include the absence of at least one wrist or ankle joint.

<b>Leg Length Difference</b> Athletes with Leg Length Difference have a difference in the length of their legs.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Leg Length Difference include: dysmelia and congenital or traumatic disturbance of limb growth.	There must be at least 8 cm difference between both leg measurements.
<b>Short Stature</b> Athletes with Short Stature have a reduced length in the bones of the upper limbs, lower limbs and/or trunk.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Short Stature include achondroplasia, growth hormone dysfunction, and osteogenesis imperfecta.	The condition must result from reduced length in the specified bones, leading to an overall disproportionate morphology. Individuals who are small but have proportionate morphology are not eligible.
<b>Hypertonia</b> Athletes with hypertonia have an increase in muscle tension and a reduced ability of a muscle to stretch caused by damage to the central nervous system.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Hypertonia include cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and stroke.	N/A
<b>Ataxia</b> Athletes with Ataxia have uncoordinated movements caused by damage to the central nervous system.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Ataxia include: cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury, stroke and multiple sclerosis.	N/A
<b>Athetosis</b> Athletes with Athetosis have continual slow involuntary movements.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Athetosis include cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury and stroke.	N/A
<b>Vision Impairment</b> Athletes with Vision Impairment have reduced or no vision caused by damage to the eye structure, optical nerves or optical pathways, or visual cortex of the brain.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Vision Impairment include retinitis pigmentosa and diabetic retinopathy.	Complete full blindness is not eligible.
<b>Intellectual Impairment</b> Athletes with an intellectual Impairment have a restriction in intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior in which affects conceptual, social and practical adaptive skills required for everyday life. This Impairment must be present before the age of 18.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Intellectual Impairment include down syndrome and autism.	N/A
<b>Hearing Impairment</b> Athletes with Hearing Impairment have reduced or no hearing.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Hearing Impairment include profound hearing loss.	Complete deafness is required to be eligible.
<b>Hypotonia</b> Athletes with Hypotonia have a continual Low muscle tone.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Hypotonia include Prader-Willi syndrome and muscular dystrophy.	N/A
<b>Hypermobility</b> Athletes with Hypermobility have excessive abnormality of the periarticular tissues.	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Hypermobility include Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.	N/A

<b>Other Disabilities</b>	Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to other disabilities include permanent illnesses.	N/A
Athletes with Other disabilities have a specific impairment not included in the above list.		

## 5. COMPENSATION COEFFICIENT CALCULATION & ASSIGNMENT

The Classification Board will analyze the information provided in the Athlete Evaluation packet, including photographic and video imagery, and Observation in Competition, to determine if the Athlete meets the criteria of Eligible Impairment and Minimum Impairment Criteria.

5.1. The Classification Board will conduct the second phase of the Athlete Evaluation, which consists of four (4) steps, to determine the athlete's Compensation Coefficient.

- a. **Step 1:** The Classification Board will complete the athlete's individual assessment table, based on the information submitted via the Athlete Evaluation packet, including the Self-Assessment table.

The assessment will be based on the numeric points in the Coefficient Assessment Reference Tables to assign the athlete their Basic Coefficient. If an impairment type or level is not covered in the tables, the Classification Board will assign the closest Basic Coefficient possible.

- b. **Step 2:** The Classification Board may assign point increases related to the numbered Main Aerodynamic Surfaces if the use of one or more specific equipment to enhance performance are present that have not been accounted for in the Basic Coefficient. These points will be assessed per surface area up to the maximum values specified in the following table:

(A) Movement			(B1) Symmetry			(B2) Anchoring		
Surface Areas	Left	Right	Surface Areas	Left	Right	Surface Areas		
1	0.03	0.03	1	0.02	0.02	1	N/A	N/A
2	0.03	0.03	2	0.02	0.02	2	N/A	N/A
3	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	3	0.08	
4	0.03	0.03	4	0.02	0.02	4	N/A	N/A
5	0.03	0.03	5	0.02	0.02	5	N/A	N/A

- c. **Step 3:** The Classification Board may assign point deductions to the numbered Main Aerodynamic Surfaces and Validation abilities if the presence of one or more specific pathologies negatively affects performance and has not been accounted for in the Basic Coefficient. These points will be assessed per surface area up to the maximum values specified in the following table:

(A) Movement			(B1) Symmetry			(B2) Anchoring			(C) Validation	
Surface Areas	Left	Right	Surface Areas	Left	Right	Surface Areas				
1	0.03	0.03	1	0.02	0.02	1	N/A	N/A	C1	0.16
2	0.03	0.03	2	0.02	0.02	2	N/A	N/A	C2	0.16
3	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	3	0.08		C3	0.16
4	0.03	0.03	4	0.02	0.02	4	N/A	N/A	C4	0.02
5	0.03	0.03	5	0.02	0.02	5	N/A	N/A		

- d. **Step 4:** Following these assessments, and (if required) the Observation in Competition Assessment, the Athlete is allocated a Compensation Coefficient based on the following point-scoring formula: the athlete's Basic Coefficient will be increased by any points assessed during step 2 and subtracted by any point deductions assessed during step 3.

## 6. CLASSIFICATION BOARD

The Classification Board is composed from one (1) to five (5) expert classifiers, including one member from the Fédération Française de Parachutisme. These members are nominated and appointed by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme. All decisions of the Classification Board are made by a majority vote of its members.

6.1. The Classification Board is responsible for recommending policies, guidelines, and procedures related

to the Classification Code and Competition Rules, if applicable. It also coordinates any Classification Code review process as requested by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme.

**6.2. The Classification Board – Responsibilities:**

- 6.2.1. Oversees the evolution and development of the Classification Code. It monitors and adjusts the Classification Code in response to any changes, updates, or developments related to the IPC's Classification Code and International Standards.
- 6.2.2. Coordinate and manage the athlete classification process, which includes conducting Athlete Evaluations, addressing any protests related to an athlete's compensation coefficient, and overseeing other assessments deemed necessary for Indoor Para Skydiving World Series.
- 6.2.3. Develop and implement a curriculum for Trainee Classifiers, covering essential topics such as Aerodynamic Motor Skills, Main Aerodynamic Surfaces, Eligible Impairments, and Minimum Impairment Criteria. This curriculum will equip individuals to assess the impact of impairments on indoor skydiving body flight skills. The Classification Board will oversee the training of applicants who wish to become Expert Classifiers.
- 6.2.4. Collect, review, and store all items submitted in the Athlete Evaluation packet, and accompanying supporting documentation, with responsible principles relating to processing of personal data, including Individual Evaluation Forms assessed by the Classification Panels.
- 6.2.5. Deliver an annual report for the Fédération Française de Parachutisme, including:
  - a. an accurate and updated list of certified Expert Classifiers, from which the Fédération Française de Parachutisme will appoint members for the following year's Classification Board.
  - b. an accurate and updated list of all individuals who have submitted an Athlete Evaluation packet, including eligibility status and assigned Compensation Coefficient, if applicable, and number of countries represented.
- 6.2.6. Assign a Classification Panel for each competition scheduled.

**Classification Panel**

- 6.3. The Classification Board will designate a Classification Panel to manage the individual Athlete Evaluation and assessments for each specific competition. The Classification Panel may consist of any members of the Classification Board, including the member from the Fédération Française de Parachutisme.
- 6.3.1. The Classification Panel will liaise with the competition organizer and provide them with an updated list of Competitors with completed Athlete Evaluations deemed eligible for competition at least 3 days before the competition start date.

**Classification Personnel**

- 6.4. The Fédération Française de Parachutisme will appoint members to the Classification Board, each of whom will play a critical role in the organization, implementation, and administration of Classification for Indoor Para Skydiving World Series. The appointed members include one member from the Fédération Française de Parachutisme.
- 6.5. The roles and responsibilities of the Classification Personnel include to:
  - a. have a complete working knowledge of all applicable policies, rules, and processes established by the IPS World Series Competition Rules and Classification Code;
  - b. use their influence to foster a positive and collaborative Classification attitude and communication;
  - c. assist in the development, management and implementation of Classification Systems, including participation in education and research; and
  - d. co-operate with any investigations concerning violations of these Classification Rules.



## **Head of Classification**

- 6.6. The Fédération Française de Parachutisme will appoint one member from the Fédération Française de Parachutisme as Head of Classification. The Head of Classification is a person responsible for the direction, administration, co-ordination and implementation of Classification matters for Indoor Para Skydiving World Series.
- 6.7. The Head of Classification is responsible for:
- a. the development, management and implementation of Classification Systems, including participation in education and research.
  - b. identifying those Athletes who will be required to attend an Evaluation Session; supervise Classifiers to ensure that these Classification Rules are properly applied during Classification;
  - c. managing Protests in consultation with the Fédération Française de Parachutisme;
  - d. liaising with the relevant Competition organizers to ensure that all travel, accommodation and other logistics are arranged in order that Classifiers may carry out their duties effectively during competitions;
  - e. overseeing the training program for Trainee Classifiers, reviewing individual applications, and conducting evaluations for individuals seeking to become Expert Classifiers;
  - f. maintaining an accurate and updated list of certified Expert Classifiers, to be shared with the Fédération Française de Parachutisme; and
  - g. appointing a Classification Panel for each Indoor Para Skydiving World Series competition with members selected from the list of approved Expert Classifiers.
- 6.8. The Head of Classification may delegate specific responsibilities and/or transfer specific tasks to designated Expert Classifiers, or other persons authorized by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme.

## **Chief Classifier**

- 6.9. The Fédération Française de Parachutisme may appoint a Chief Classifier, if possible, who may be a qualified physician. The Chief Classifier is an Expert Classifier appointed to direct, administer, coordinate, and implement Classification matters as it relates to Athlete Evaluation criteria. The Chief Classifier may be an expert in the IPC's Classification Code and International Standards.

## **Expert Classifier**

- 6.10. An individual who has been evaluated and accredited by the Classification Board to conduct Athlete Evaluations for determining eligibility to compete in Indoor Para Skydiving World Series. The individual must possess technical or medical expertise in Aerodynamic Motor Skills and demonstrate proficiency in assessing the impact of Eligible Impairments on indoor skydiving body flight skills.

## **Trainee Classifiers**

- 6.11. A Trainee Classifier is a person who is in the process of formal training by the Classification Board.
- 6.12. The Classification Board may appoint Trainee Classifiers to participate in some or all components of Athlete Evaluation under the supervision of a Classification Panel, to develop Classifier Competencies.

## **Classifier Training and Certification**

- 6.13. All Classifiers must be certified by the Classification Board as having the relevant Classifier Competencies.
- 6.14. The Classification Board must provide training and education to Classifiers to ensure Classifiers obtain and/or maintain Classifier Competencies.
- 6.15. The Classifier Competencies must include that a Classifier has:
- a. a thorough understanding of these Classification Rules;
  - b. an understanding of Indoor Para Skydiving, including an understanding of the Indoor Para Skydiving Rules and Regulations;
  - c. an understanding of the IPC Classification Code and the International Standards; and

- d. a professional qualification(s), level of experience, skills and/or competencies in order to act as a Classifier for Indoor Para Skydiving. These include that Classifiers must either:
  - i) be a certified health professional in a field relevant to the Eligible Impairment category which Indoor Para Skydiving at its sole discretion deems acceptable, such as a physician or physiotherapist for Athletes with a Physical Impairment; or
  - ii) have an extensive coaching or other relevant background in Indoor Para Skydiving; or a recognized and reputable academic qualification which encompasses a requisite level of anatomical, biomechanical, and sport-specific expertise, which the Classification Board in its sole discretion deems to be acceptable.

6.16. The Classification Board must establish a process of Classifier Certification by which Classifier Competencies are assessed. This process includes:

- a. a process for the certification of Trainee Classifiers;
- b. quality assessment for the period of certification;
- c. a process for handling substandard performance, including options for remediation and/or withdrawal of certification; and
- d. a process for Re-certification of Classifiers.

6.17. Expert Classifier certification shall be valid for a period of three (3) years.

#### **Classifier Code of Conduct**

6.18. The integrity of Classification in Indoor Para Skydiving depends on the professional conduct of Classification Personnel. The Classification Board has therefore adopted a set of behavioral and ethical standards that all personnel must comply with, referred to as the 'Classifier Code of Conduct.'

6.19. The Classifier Code of Conduct ensures that Personnel comply with the Classifier Code of Conduct and the IPC Integrity Code.

6.20. The Classification Board, Expert Classifiers, Trainee Classifiers, and all Personnel must:

- a. act as neutral evaluators in all aspects of Classification, including (but not limited to) in determining whether an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment, meets the Minimum Impairment Criteria for Indoor Para Skydiving, and allocating an athlete's Compensation Coefficient;
- b. have high regard for the dignity of all Athletes;
- c. have high regard for the physical and mental welfare of Athletes;
- d. perform their duties courteously, respectfully, competently, consistently, and objectively for all athletes;
- e. respect all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel and strive to uphold a courteous environment during the Classification process;
- f. maintain excellent hygiene and sanitation during the Classification process;
- g. maintain confidentiality of Athlete information in accordance with the Classification Code and data protection policies;
- h. must not abuse their position to obtain advantage or benefit for themselves or third parties; and
- i. comply with the Classification Code and the International Standard for Classification Data Protection.

6.21. Any person who believes that any Classification Personnel may have acted in a manner that contravenes the Classifier Code of Conduct must report this to the Fédération Française de Parachutisme.

6.22. If the Fédération Française de Parachutisme receives such a report it will investigate the report and, if appropriate, take disciplinary measures.

6.23. The Fédération Française de Parachutisme has discretion to determine whether or not a Classifier or Trainee Classifier has an actual, perceived, and/or potential conflict of interest.

## ANNEX 2 – DECLARATION AND CONSENT FORM

### INDOOR PARA SKYDIVING WORLD SERIES ATHLETE EVALUATION, MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC, AND AGREEMENT FORM

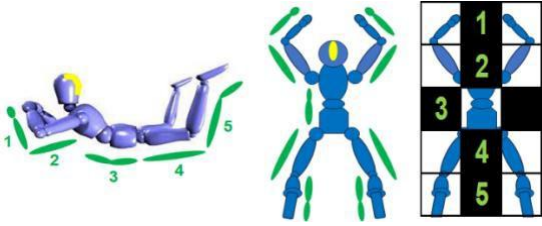
Family Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____
First Name: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Country: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Male

#### Athlete Self-Assessment Table

Please use the table below (on the left) to indicate the impact/effect of any Impairments on the athlete's Main Aerodynamic Surfaces (areas numbered 1 to 5) during flight. Use the following notation: **[blank]** – No activity limitation; **0** – Limited mobility; **X** – Surface non-functional.

The reference diagram on the right indicates the surfaces analyzed during athlete evaluation for the assessment of the impact/effect of any Impairments. The numbered areas are (1) hand-forearm, (2) arm, (3) torso, (4) leg, and (5) tibia-foot, shown in green on the reference diagram.

Surface Areas		
	Left	Right
1	[blank]	[blank]
2	[blank]	[blank]
3	[blank]	
4	[blank]	[blank]
5	[blank]	[blank]



#### Medical Information

**Athlete's Medical Diagnosis (Health Condition):**

**Include description of body part(s) affected and limitations:**

**Medical Condition is:** ☐ Permanent ☐ Stable ☐ Progressive ☐ Fluctuating

**Year of Onset:** ☐ Congenital (birth)

**Primary Impairment/s arising from the Medical Diagnosis (Health Condition):**

<b>Impairment Type</b>	<b>Relevant Medical Diagnosis</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Impaired Muscle Power</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Cord Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Muscular Dystrophy <input type="checkbox"/> Spina Bifida <input type="checkbox"/> Poliomyelitis <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Impaired Passive Range of Movement</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Arthrogryposis <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Contractures <input type="checkbox"/> Trauma <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Limb Deficiency</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dysmelic <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Amputation <input type="checkbox"/> Bone Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Leg Length Difference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Trauma <input type="checkbox"/> Dysmelic <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Short Stature</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Achondroplasia <input type="checkbox"/> Osteogenesis Imperfecta <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Hormone Dysfunction <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hypertonia</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ataxia</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Athetosis</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cerebral Palsy <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Brain Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vision Impairment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Retinis Pigmentosa <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic Retinopathy <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Intellectual Impairment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Down Syndrom <input type="checkbox"/> Autism <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hearing Impairment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Profound Loss <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hypotonia</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prader-Willi Syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> Muscular Dystrophy <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hypermobility</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other Disabilities</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

## Medical History

Past treatments:

Current and/or future treatments:

For spinal cord injuries, please specify the affected vertebrae(s) and describe the resulting motor and sensory consequences.

Please provide additional details regarding the medical diagnosis (required):

**Diagnostic Evidence to be possibly Attached:**

*Indoor Para Skydiving reserves the right to request additional diagnostic evidence as outlined in the IPS Competition Rules and Classification Code, including, but not limited to Medical Diagnostic Report and Physical Examination results (e.g., ASIA scale for athletes with spinal cord injury, Ashworth scale for athletes with cerebral palsy, X-rays for athletes with dysmelia, photo for athletes with amputation) or report(s) from additional diagnostic testing (for example, EMG, MRI, CT, X-ray).*

Regular Medication – List dosage and reason:

Additional Comments (Optional):

☐ I CONFIRM THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND CORRECT.

Signature:

Date:

## 1.1 ATHLETE'S AGREEMENT DECLARATION AND CONSENT

1. I wish and consent to undergo the Athlete Evaluation as outlined in the Indoor Para Skydiving Competition Rules and Classification Code, conducted by the Classification Board appointed by the Fédération Française de Parachutisme. I understand that this evaluation may involve participation in wind tunnel flights and activities, including being observed during competition. I acknowledge the inherent risk of injury in participating in these flights and activities and confirm that I am physically fit to participate in the Athlete Evaluation.
2. I understand that I must comply with the requests made during the Athlete Evaluation as outlined in the Indoor Para Skydiving Classification Rules. This includes providing the necessary documentation to enable the Classification Board to assess the existence of an underlying health condition and an Eligible Impairment, determining my athlete's eligibility to compete in Indoor Para Skydiving. I acknowledge that if I fail to submit the required documentation or do not fully comply with the requested evaluation processes, my Athlete Evaluation may be suspended, and as a result, I will be deemed Not Eligible to participate.
3. I understand that the Athlete Evaluation requires me to provide an honest and accurate representation of my skills, abilities, and the extent of any physical impairments. I acknowledge that any intentional misrepresentation or dishonesty in this process may lead to my immediate disqualification from the evaluation and exclusion from the competition.
4. I understand that the Athlete Evaluation is an assessment process, and I agree to abide by the decision of the Classification Board. In the event of any disputes, I acknowledge that I have the right to submit a protest before the beginning of the non-scored flights of the competition. The protest must be submitted in writing, along with the necessary supporting documentation, directly to the Classification Board's representatives or the Event Judge. In such case, the revised decision is final and cannot be challenged further.
5. I agree to be videotaped and photographed during the Athlete Evaluation, which may include my activities both inside and outside the wind tunnel, before and during the competition. I understand that this footage and imagery may be used for evaluation, documentation, and any related purposes as outlined in the competition rules.
6. I hereby consent to the Classification Board of the Fédération Française de Parachutisme processing my personal data, including my full name, email address, nationality, date of birth, gender, Compensation Coefficient, and relevant medical information, in any format as required.
7. My personal data, including relevant medical information, Athlete Evaluation, and Compensation Coefficient, will be collected, stored, and used by the Classification Board. This may include transferring or storing data on different servers. The Classification Board, which may include members and organizations located outside the European Union and not recognized by the European Commission as providing adequate data protection, will use this data solely for purposes related to athlete evaluation and supporting my participation in Indoor Para Skydiving competitions.
8. I agree and consent to my full name, gender, year of birth, country, and Compensation Coefficient being published by the Classification Board and shared with competition organizers, and relevant third parties, including, but not limited to, the Fédération Française de Parachutisme, the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) and the International Skydiving Commission (ISC).

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I wish and consent to contribute to the improvement of Indoor Para Skydiving by assisting the Classification Board of the Fédération Française de Parachutisme in refining the classification system. Therefore, I consent to the use of any data collected during the Athlete Evaluation, as well as any video material recorded during training and competition, for research and educational purposes by the Classification Board of the Fédération Française de Parachutisme. I understand that I can withdraw this consent at any time.

Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian or Representative's Name (if required): \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian or Representative's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## ANNEX 3 – 2026 IPS WORLD SERIES BULLETIN

2026 Edition

Effective 1 November 2025

Ver. 1.0 2025-10-01

### 1 RULES

The rules that will be applied for the international 2026 IPS World Series Stages, with the present 2026 IPS World Series bulletin, will be:

- The 2026 IPS World Series Competition Rules - 2026 Edition
- The official Information Bulletin of each Stage's organizer.

### 2 PROGRAM

Following 7.2.1.1. of the 2026 IPS World Series Competition Rules - 2026 Edition, the international 2026 World Series Stages' program will be the following:

- **Stage 1 - Great Britain** - at Weembi Lille  
including the British National Championships
- **Stage 2 - Czech Republic** - at Hurricane Factory Prague  
including the Czech National Championships
- **Stage 3 - Belgium** - at Airspace Charleroi  
including the Belgian National Championships
- **Stage 4 - Germany** - at Hurricane Factory Berlin  
including the German and Austrian National Championships
- **Stage 5 - Italy** - at Aero Gravity Milan  
including the Italian National Championships
- **Stage 6 - Australia** - at I Fly Downunder Sydney  
including the Australian National Championships
- **Final Stage - France** - at Zero Gravity Poitiers  
including the French National Championships

Following dates are indicative and must be confirmed:



The graphic displays the logos of the event organizers on the left and a circular timeline of the stages on the right. The timeline is set against a purple circular background with a white border. The text 'World Series' is at the top, and '2026' is at the bottom. The stages are listed with their dates and locations: Nov 6-7, 2025 in Lille; Jan 16-17, 2026 in Prague; Feb 14-15, 2026 in Charleroi; March 13-14, 2026 in Berlin; June 20-21, 2026 in Milan; August 15-16, 2026 in Sydney; and Sept 18-19, 2026 in Poitiers.

Stage	Date	Location
Stage 1	Nov 6-7, 2025	Lille
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Final Stage	Sept 18-19, 2026	Poitiers

### 3 REGISTRATIONS

For each 2026 World Series' Stages, official Information Bulletins and electronic registration links will be provided by organizers and announced on the Facebook page HANDI FLY International <https://www.facebook.com/handiflyinternational>

### 4 REGISTRATIONS' RESTRICTIONS

Ideally, the goal of the 2026 IPS World Series circuit is to have no registration's restrictions in term of number of slots available, if possible.

However, the purpose of potential restrictions is to have organizers being able to control the number of participants, particularly for competitions where several events are mixed, to avoid having too many participants so that to enable the flight plan to be properly controlled.

Following 7.2.1.2. of the 2026 IPS World Series Competition Rules - 2026 Edition, the maximal registration's restrictions allowed that might eventually be defined by organizers for their Stage are the following:

- A minimum of 24 slots must be available at registration with a priority given to National competitors until a dead line no less than 30 days before the event. Registrations will be processed in chronological order.

For each 2026 World Series' Stages, refer to organizer's official Information Bulletin and follow the registrations guidelines.

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