

IPC POLICY

PARALYMPIC HALL OF FAME

At the time of the Torino 2006 Paralympic Winter Games, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) launched the Paralympic Hall of Fame (PHF). This follows the decision by the IPC Management Committee in its meeting of June 2004 (item 4.4), approving this concept. The PHF concept has since been slightly revised in order to maximize its impact, as well as to account for sponsor recommendations.

The PHF will initially exist primarily on the IPC website (in addition to a commemorative signboard at the IPC Headquarters), being therefore a 'virtual' Hall of Fame. Until 2008, Visa has agreed to be the Presenting Sponsor of the PHF.

Purpose of the PHF

The PHF will ensure that a permanent record and institutional memory is kept of the top Paralympic athletes and coaches of all time, thus honouring athletes/coaches who have achieved a high and sustained level of success in Paralympic competition, as well as an exemplary contribution to the Paralympic Movement.

Authorization

By authorization of the IPC Governing Board (GB), the IPC will hold elections to induct new members to the PHF every two years.

Induction Process

Elections will be held every second year, to coincide with the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games.

Categories

The PHF will initially include three categories: Male Athlete, Female Athlete, and Coach. A nominee may be a participant in individual sports or a member of a team.

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Criteria

All candidates will be nominated and elected based on the following criteria:

a) Athlete:

- **Athletic Performance:** playing record, results and abilities in Paralympic competition, including number of Paralympic Games and World Championships in which the nominee took part as well as total number of medals won
- **Fair Play:** demonstration of integrity; sportsmanship; clean (drug-free) record; contribution to a team/team spirit
- **Service to the Paralympic Movement:** activities undertaken outside sporting achievements that contributed to the development of their sport and/or to the dissemination of the values of the Paralympic Movement.

b) Coach:

- **Outstanding coaching performance, demonstrated by:**
 - Team/athlete success at Paralympic Games over their entire career or consistent development of athletes to compete and achieve results at Paralympic Games
 - Athlete/team satisfaction
 - Contribution to sport development
 - Technical innovation, and
 - Contribution to the Paralympic Movement.

The coach must also have been the coach responsible for the full time training of the athlete or team and does not necessarily have to have been the coach of the Paralympic team.

Eligibility

To be eligible, candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. An athlete/coach must have participated in a minimum of two Paralympic Games and must have won a number of medals, either directly or, in the case of a coach, through the athlete(s) or team(s) they coached.
2. An athlete/coach shall have ceased to be an active participant in the Paralympic Games at least four years, or one Paralympic cycle, prior to the year of election.
3. An individual can be nominated and inducted into the PHF posthumously.
4. Active IPC Governing Board Members or members of the PHF Screening Committee are not eligible.

Method of Election

Nominations: Nominations for eligible candidates in all three categories (Male Athlete, Female Athlete, Coach) will be received from members of the Paralympic Family (NPCs, IOSDs, IFs, Regional Organizations, IPC Sport Committees, IPC Regional Committees and IOSD Sports) as advertised by the IPC. Nomination forms will be distributed by the IPC, and completed forms should be sent to the IPC by the stated due date.



Screening Committee: A Screening Committee will be established (maximum three persons) by the IPC President for every PHF nomination and induction cycle. The duty of the PHF Screening Committee shall be to prepare a ballot listing a maximum of five eligible candidates in each of the three categories.

Number and type of Inductees: For the election/induction coinciding with the Summer Paralympic Games, only athletes and coaches who were primarily involved in summer sports are eligible. A maximum of two male athletes, two female athletes and one coach will be elected and inducted at that time. For the induction ceremony coinciding with the Winter Paralympic Games, a maximum of one male athlete, one female athlete and one coach (all primarily involved in winter sports) will be elected and inducted.

Governing Board: Each member of the GB will vote for no more than the numbers of athletes and coaches mentioned above.

Election Procedure: The candidates receiving the highest number of votes from the GB members will be elected into the Paralympic Hall of Fame, with a maximum number of inductees as described above for each category.

Election Cycles

Summer Paralympic Games: Nominations will be open until 31 December of the year preceding the Games. The final list of nominees from the Screening Committee shall be distributed to the GB by 31 March of the following year. The GB shall conduct the election in its June/July meeting.

Winter Paralympic Games: Nominations will be open until 30 June of the year preceding the Games. The final list of nominees from the Screening Committee shall be distributed to the GB by 30 September. The GB shall conduct the election in its last meeting of the calendar year preceding the Games.

Induction Ceremony

The Induction Ceremony shall take place in conjunction with the Paralympic Summer or Winter Games, depending on the year. Inductees shall be invited and flown with one guest to the location of the Induction Ceremony. At the Induction Ceremony, each inductee will receive a PHF plaque with his/her name engraved in it.

Rights and Benefits of Members of the PHF

Every inductee into the PHF shall be referred to as 'Member of the Paralympic Hall of Fame' by the IPC in all its communications. Inductees shall also have the right to use these designations, or to grant use of these designations to third parties when referring to them, *for editorial purpose only*.

All new inductees to the PHF shall sign a release form allowing the IPC to use their name and image for the promotion of the IPC and the Paralympic Movement.



Members of the PHF shall be invited by the IPC to every future Summer or Winter edition of the Paralympic Games (no costs covered, only Games accreditation).

Amendments

The Governing Board of the IPC reserves the right to revoke, alter or amend this policy at any time.