

All Participating NPCs

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### **WPPO Tokyo 2020 Qualification Pathway update**

Dear NPCs,

We write further to our previous update dated 10 March 2020 and the IPC's coronavirus regular advisory updates.

As you are aware, due to the current situation and related event bans and travel restrictions, unfortunately it became impossible to rearrange the Bogota 2020 and Dubai 2020 World Cups to take place in 2020, and these events have been cancelled. WPPO (in consultation with the IPC) hereby confirms that all athletes who were registered in the final entry list by name for either of these events will be considered to have satisfied the eligibility requirement to have competed in one WPPO sanctioned competition between 1 January and 23 April 2020 for the purposes of the Qualification Criteria for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

The IPC has confirmed that the postponed Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will now take place from 24 August - 5 September 2021. The IPC will shortly publish the updated Qualification Criteria for these Games in line with these new dates. These will contain details of the updated Athlete Eligibility Criteria and timelines for athletes to increase their Paralympic Rankings, achieve the MQS and the bipartite invitation process for the Games.

In line with these updated criteria, WPPO is in constant communication with LOCs regarding the best dates for hosting World Cups within the amended qualification timeframe in the run up to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in 2021, as well as in relation to the WPPO 2021 World Championships and other WPPO competitions. We will provide further updates as soon as the situation is clearer in this respect.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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Kind regards

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