



## APC Charter

### Chapter 2.7 – Rights and Obligations of Members

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## 1 Preamble

The APC membership is composed of:

- National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) from the Asian region, members of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC);

The assembly of the APC members is the ultimate governing body of the APC. The APC management team shall keep an accurate record of the status of each organisation in membership with APC, and shall keep public an updated official list of current membership.

## 2. The different categories of APC members

### 2.1 Full members

A National Paralympic Committee based in the Asian region and that has been ratified by the IPC General Assembly.

### 2.2 Provisional members

NPCs that are provisional or full members of the IPC shall automatically become members of the APC, with the same membership status as the IPC's (i.e., provisional member until ratified as full member by the IPC GA), provided they pay annual membership fees as defined in 5.2.2)

## 3. Rights

### 3.1 Full members

All APC full members shall have the right to:

- Vote and be heard at any meeting of the members of the APC, including the APC General Assembly, subject to their delegates being duly mandated in writing and in accordance with the published procedures;
- Nominate candidates for membership to the APC Executive Board, and propose to the APC Executive Board candidates for membership into the APC Standing Committees, subject to compliance with the procedures published by the APC;
- Submit motions to the APC General Assembly, in accordance with the relevant APC standing order. The APC Executive Board will provide the APC General Assembly with its recommendations on such motions;
- Participate in APC activities such as congresses/conferences and any other scientific, educational or promotional activities organised by the APC, subject to meeting the relevant eligibility conditions established by the APC for each particular activity.
- Enter their athletes in the Asian Para Games, Asian Youth Para Games and all

competitions sanctioned by the APC, subject to compliance with the APC rules and regulations and the decisions of the APC;

- Nominate one athlete for election onto the APC Athletes' Committee, subject to compliance with the nomination and election procedures as outlined in the APC bylaws;

### 3.2 Provisional members

Provisional members shall have all the privileges of full membership, with exception of the following rights:

- i) the right to vote at the General Assembly,
- ii) the right to submit motions,
- iii) the right to submit nominations for election to the APC Board,
- iv) the right to submit nominations for the APC Athletes' Committee elections.

Provisional members must still comply with all other rights and obligations of APC members

## 4. Obligations

### All members

#### 4.1 General Obligations

- Respect and abide by the APC Constitution, the APC bylaws, codes, rules, regulations and any other decisions taken by the APC General Assembly and the APC Executive Board;
- Contribute to the development of the vision, mission, objects, purposes and goals outlined in the APC Constitution and Strategic Plan;
- Pay the annual membership fee approved by the APC General Assembly. Under special circumstances the APC Executive Board may consider a request for reduction or waiving of the annual membership fee. Any such formal request must be submitted in writing prior to the established deadline for payment. As per the terms of the IPC Handbook, Chapter 2.1, section 1.5.6, 'non-payment shall not be a reason for withdrawing an NPC's speaking and voting rights at General Assemblies of the region on all topics related to IPC activities and/or preventing their athletes from participating in a regional games or any other regional sport event', however the APC Executive Board might decide on other sanctions to apply, including removing nominating, speaking and voting rights in relation to APC business at APC General Assemblies;
- Inform the APC of any changes to the composition of the respective APC member Board/Executive Committee and the APC members official contact details as soon as they occur;
- Inform the APC on any matter coming to their attention which may hinder the effective development of the Paralympic Movement or which may adversely affect the APC or the Asian Para Games;
- Maintain regular and on-going communication with the APC and, in particular,



- respond to their official requests in a timely manner;
- Promote towards their respective individual members the principles outlined in the APC Code of Ethics;
  - Submit a report on the usage of any financial contribution granted by the APC and to comply with the terms and conditions agreed for the funding.