



IPC LICENSING: FAQ DOCUMENT

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What is an IPC License?

The International Paralympic Committee is the international governing body for Paralympic sport across the World. In order to compete in a World Para Athletics (WPA) organised competition, they require an athlete to have an IPC license to be entered for their events. The license costs £15 for administration and the license fee for the season, running from January 1st to December 31st in any given year.

Who needs an IPC License?

Only athletes who are planning to compete abroad in a World Para Athletics (WPA) Grand Prix and/or is close to meeting selection standards for British Athletics Teams or Paralympic Games. Any athlete not travelling abroad or not yet at a level to be selected for teams, does not need a license and it would be an unnecessary expense to the athlete for no benefit. If an athlete believes they are close to selection they can apply for a license.

Please refer to Championship specific selection policies for selection criteria:

<http://uka.org.uk/world-class/2018-selection-policies/>

To obtain an IPC license, an athlete ALSO needs to be internationally classified. If you do not already hold a Confirmed or Fixed Review IPC classification, you would need to follow the International Classification Process guidance document.

How is the process changing to apply for an IPC license?

Due to the cost of the application, we are discouraging athletes from applying if they do not need it. We will only contact athletes on the World Class Programme, Futures and Talent Development, to apply for a license. It is the athlete's responsibility to apply for their license, if needed.

Athletes who we have not contacted directly are welcome to apply for a license by contacting Jan Richards, jrichards@britishathletics.org.uk To apply for a license, you must send an email answering the following:

1. Are you planning to compete abroad this year and if so, where?
2. And/or are you are close to meeting selection criteria for British Athletics team selection or any other competition requiring you to be IPC licensed? If so, which competition?

Once we have this information, we can process your application for the previously mentioned fee.



Why do I not need an IPC licence yet?

If you are an athlete who isn't planning to compete internationally during the year, especially newer or developing athletes with enough appropriate national and local competition for your development, then you do not need a license. All of your performances in permitted competitions will be logged on Power of 10, which will be regularly checked prior to team selection. Power of 10 is also the data used to select Event Academy and Talent Development Squads. You will therefore not gain any benefit from an IPC licence.

You only need to ensure you have your **National Affiliation**, needed to compete in the UK, to access all UK competitions that you meet the standard for.

If you need any more information on appropriate competitions, please speak to your Parallel Success Coordinator who can direct you and your coach to local competition.

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What is a National Affiliation Fee and why do I need it?

In order to compete in the UK, all athletes are required to have a Home Country affiliation. Further information can be found on the UK Athletics Website, under Parallel Success as the process is slightly different in each Home Country.

<http://www.uka.org.uk/world-class/british-athletics-parallel-success/ps-competitions/>

When you have registered, you will be given an affiliation number and you will be asked for this number when entering any England based competitions. You therefore do not need an IPC license for these, only a National Classification and an affiliation number (*unless you are close to selection, as outlined at the beginning of this document*).

For further information on other areas discussed in this document, see also Classification Process 2018 document and Competition FAQ document.