



**SPORT SPECIFIC  
REGULATIONS  
TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES  
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The Tokyo 2020 Sport-Specific Regulations (SSR) have been developed between the IOC, the IPC and the respective International Federations to determine how any impacts of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case would be managed in competition formats and structures.

For the Paralympic Games the IPC adopts the following three main principles to provide consistency across sports where possible:

1. No athlete or team should be designated as “disqualified” for COVID-19 reasons, instead “Did Not Start (DNS)” or an equivalent sport-specific designation will be used where the athletes or team cannot take part in competition
2. The minimum result of the athlete/team will be protected, considering the phase of competition at which they could not compete
3. Where possible the place of an athlete or team unable to compete will be filled by the next most eligible athlete or team, allowing events to go ahead where possible and medals to be competed for on the field of play

Based on this, the summary below per sport indicates how the principles will be reflected on a sport-by-sport basis if there is a confirmed COVID-19 case.

The Tokyo 2020 Playbooks and COVID-19 countermeasures provide the framework for a safe and secure Paralympic Games. These SSRs are therefore contingency plans that will be activated in case a confirmed case appears so that all stakeholders are ready to implement this and not impact the athletes experience or delay the competition. The implementation is subject to the individual circumstances of each situation and in particular the timing at which the COVID-19 cases are confirmed relative to the start of the respective competition impacted, as well as the applicable International Federation’s rules and regulations.

## **ARCHERY**

In Archery, an athlete who is not able to compete due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

In individual events, if an athlete can no longer compete after the ranking round is completed and before the start of the elimination round, the athlete will be replaced, if possible, by the next best ranked athlete from the ranking round. This replacement will take place only if confirmation is received at least 24 hours prior to the start of the elimination round. Once this deadline has passed, there will be no changes to the brackets and no replacement. The athlete that was supposed to compete against the impacted athlete will be awarded a bye and will progress to the next phase of competition. In case an athlete can no longer compete in subsequent phases of the elimination round, where possible, the athlete they eliminated in the previous phase will be brought forward to compete.

For the mixed team event, the top 16 teams from the ranking round will qualify. The mixed team event takes place over one day and therefore the results of the daily COVID-19 test will determine if a team can start. Where possible the event will start with 16 mixed teams. In case an athlete can no longer compete, an NPC may use another athlete on site to complete the mixed team on condition that the eliminations have not started.

## **ATHLETICS**

In Athletics, athletes unable to compete due to COVID-19 reasons will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

For events which are held over multiple days, in case of an athlete being unable to compete because of COVID-19, if possible, the next-best placed athlete by time across all races within the previous round will be brought forward to replace the impacted athlete in the next phase.

For events that take place as a single race or on a single day, the results of the daily COVID-19 test will determine if an athlete can start - otherwise the event will go ahead with one less athlete.

## **BADMINTON**

In Badminton, athletes unable to start the competition due to COVID-19 reasons will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

In case the athlete has started the competition and is no longer able to compete due to COVID-19 will be marked as Withdrawn (WDN). The opponent will receive a bye and the minimum result of the athlete is protected.

## **BOCCIA**

In Boccia, athletes/teams/pairs unable to start the competition due to COVID-19 reasons will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

In case an athlete/team/pair can no longer compete due to COVID-19 in the elimination phase, as far as possible, the athlete/team/pair they eliminate in the previous round or the next best placed athlete/team/pair from their pool will fill the vacant place.

In case an athlete/team/pair that qualified for the final is no longer able to compete, as far as possible, the athlete/team/pair that was eliminated by the COVID-19 impacted team will be brought into the final and the loser of the other semi-final match will be awarded the bronze medal.

The minimum level of results achieved by the athlete/team/pair affected by COVID-19 will be protected.

## **CANOE**

In the case an athlete qualified for the next competition phase (e.g. quarter finals, semi-finals or finals) can no longer compete due to COVID-19 and no substitution can take place and up to one hour prior the start of the races for the concerned event, the next best ranked athlete/boat from the previous competition phase by time will progress to the next phase as a replacement of the COVID-19 affected athlete.

All other situations for DNS and withdrawal of an athlete will result in the race starting with one less athlete/boat. For example, if an athlete withdraws from a final due to injury, the final will take place with no replacement.

If an athlete competes in a heat or semi-final and then withdraws due to COVID-19, they will not lose the minimum result they obtained at that particular phase of competition. For the results it will show the COVID-19 affected athlete as DNS and no rank for that athlete on the specific competition phase that they qualified for.

For the races the COVID-19 replacement athlete will be awarded the same lane as the athlete that was COVID-19 affected.

## **CYCLING**

In Cycling (Track and Road), an athlete who is unable to start the event due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

The events take place over one day and therefore the results of the daily COVID-19 test will determine if an athlete can start otherwise the event will go ahead with one athlete less.

**EQUESTRIAN**

In Equestrian, in case an athlete/horse combination cannot compete due to COVID-19 the combination will not be disqualified and be marked as DNS.

In case an athlete/horse combination cannot compete in the Individual final the highest ranked athlete from the qualification phase will fill the vacant position.

**FOOTBALL-5-A-SIDE**

In Football-5-a-side, teams unable to compete due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

In case a team can no longer compete in the semi-final, the best placed team from the respective group will be brought forward to compete. In case a team can no longer compete in a placement final the match will not be played and the opposing team will be awarded the win. In case a team that qualified for the final is no longer able to take part, the team that was eliminated by the COVID-19 impacted team will be brought into the final to compete for the medal on the field of play. The bronze medal match will in that case not be played.

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**GOALBALL**

In Goalball, teams unable to compete in pool or round robin phase due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS, the opponent will be awarded the win. A DNS (forfeit) counts as a loss with the winning team earning three (3) points and a ten (10) goal score.

In case a team can no longer compete in the knock-out phase due to COVID-19, as far as possible, the team they eliminated in the previous round or the next best placed team from their pool will fill the vacant place. In case one of the two teams playing in the final can no longer compete due to COVID-19, if possible, the team will be replaced by the loser from the respective semi-final and the loser of the other semi-final match will be awarded the bronze medal.

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**JUDO**

In Judo the events take place over one day and therefore the results of the daily COVID-19 test will determine if an athlete can start - otherwise the event will go

ahead with one athlete less and the opponent will receive a bye. The athlete will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

### **POWERLIFTING**

In Powerlifting, the events take place over one day and therefore the results of the daily COVID-19 test will determine if an athlete can start - otherwise the event will go ahead with one athlete less. Athletes that did not start the competition will not be disqualified and will be indicated as DNS.

### **ROWING**

In Rowing, crew or crews unable to start the next round of the regatta due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

In case a crew will not be able to compete due to COVID-19 in a repechage or final, the next highest ranked boat or boats from previous round/s may be brought forward to fill the vacant place. This will be managed on a case by case basis and may include variations from the World Rowing progression system by the World Rowing Executive Committee.

### **SHOOTING**

In Shooting, the events take place over one day and therefore the results of the daily COVID-19 test will determine if an athlete can start - otherwise the event will go ahead with one athlete less. Athletes that did not start the competition will not be disqualified and will be indicated as DNS.

### **SWIMMING**

In Swimming, the events take place over one day and therefore the results of the daily COVID-19 test will determine if an athlete can start the event. An athlete who did not start the event will not be disqualified and will be indicated as DNS.

### **TABLE TENNIS**

In Table Tennis, athletes/teams unable to compete due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS in case it happens before the competition.

Once the competition has started and an athlete/team can no longer compete, the athlete/team is marked as W/O (walkover) and, as far as possible, the athlete/team they eliminated in the previous round, will fill the vacant place. The minimum level of results achieved by the athlete/team affected by COVID-19 will be protected.

For individual events, after the round-robin is completed and before the knock-out phase, an athlete will be replaced, if possible, by the next best ranked athlete in the respective pool only if the draw is yet to be completed. Once the draw is completed, if an athlete can no longer compete in the knock-out match, there will be no replacement and the opponent will be awarded the win and progress to the next round.

### **TAEKWONDO**

In Taekwondo, athletes unable to start the competition due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS, the opponent will receive a bye and progress to the next round. Given that the events take place over one day and therefore the results of the daily COVID-19 test will determine if an athlete can start.

### **TRIATHLON**

In Triathlon, an athlete who is unable to start the event due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS. The events take place as a single race and therefore the results of the daily COVID-19 test will determine if an athlete can start otherwise the event will go ahead with one less athlete.

### **SITTING VOLLEYBALL**

In Sitting Volleyball, if a team is unable to compete due to COVID-19 the team will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

In case a team can no longer compete in the semi-final, if possible, the team will be replaced by the highest ranked team from the respective pool of the preliminary round. In case one of the two teams playing in the final can no longer compete due to COVID-19, if possible, the team is replaced by the respective losing semi-finalist and the loser of the other semi-final match will be awarded the bronze medal.

The minimum level of results achieved by a team affected by COVID-19 will be protected.

### **WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL**

In Wheelchair Basketball, teams unable to compete due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

In case a team qualified for the quarterfinal is unable to field a team, if possible, the next highest ranked team from the respective group will progress and fill the vacant place. In case a team is unable to field a team in a placement final, the

match will not be played and the opponent will be awarded the win. In case one of the teams qualified for the semi-finals is unable to field a team, if possible, the loser from the respective quarterfinal will progress and fill the vacant place.

In case one of the teams participating in the bronze medal game is unable to field a team, the match will not be played and the bronze medal will be awarded to the remaining team. In case one of the teams participating in the final is unable to field a team, if possible, the loser from the respective semi-final will progress and fill the vacant place.

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### **WHEELCHAIR FENCING**

In Wheelchair fencing, all events are completed in one day and therefore the results of the daily COVID-19 tests will determine if an athlete/team can start.

In individual events, if an athlete is not able to participate due to COVID-19, this athlete will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS, the opponent will be awarded the win and will progress to the next phase. In team events, if a team is not able to participate due to COVID-19, the team will be considered as DNS, the opposing team will be awarded the win and will progress to the next phase.

Should a complete team not be able to continue the competition at the semi-finals stage, their opponents will advance to the final and the loser of the other semi-final match will be awarded the bronze medal.

### **WHEELCHAIR RUGBY**

In Wheelchair Rugby, teams unable to compete due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS.

In case a team can no longer compete in the semi-final or a placement final, the next best placed team from the respective pool will be brought forward to compete, where possible. In case a team that qualified for the final is no longer able to take part, where possible, the highest ranked team on the IWRF World Ranking from the two losing semi-finalists will be brought into the final to compete for the medal on the field of play. The bronze medal match, in that case, will not be played and the remaining team will be awarded the bronze medal.

The minimum level of results achieved by a team affected by COVID-19 will be protected.

**WHEELCHAIR TENNIS**

In Wheelchair tennis, athletes/pairs unable to start the competition due to COVID-19 will not be disqualified and will be marked as DNS should this happen before the competition. Once a competition has started and an athlete/pair can no longer compete due to COVID-19, their opponent will receive a W/O (walkover) and the minimum result of the withdrawn athlete/pair is protected.