



## ***World ParaVolley***

### ***JOB DESCRIPTION***

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<b>Position Title:</b>	Chair, Athlete Health & Medical Commission
<b>Method of Appointment:</b>	Recommended by the Medical Director for Board approval
<b>Period of Office:</b>	Four years – First term until 2022
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Medical Director
<b>Date Updated:</b>	August, 2019

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#### **Organisation statement:**

*World ParaVolley* is a member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and is recognised by IPC as the sole International Federation with worldwide responsibility for volleyball for athletes with a physical impairment. The Mission of *World ParaVolley* is to encourage the growth and development of volleyball for athletes with a physical impairment in all nations of the world through an organised programme of education, instruction, promotion and competition, aimed at stimulating athletes and officials to join the worldwide volleyball family.

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#### **Description of Position:**

The Chair of the Athlete Health & Medical Commission provides leadership to the Commission, whose purpose is to provide advice for medical and health matters relating to the two focus disciplines of World ParaVolley (Sitting Volleyball and Beach ParaVolley), and provides an effective liaison with the Medical and Sport Directors and relevant Commissions within the Medical Department.

The Chair is responsible to ensure the World ParaVolley Medical Code is developed and reviewed annually as it relates to the IPC Medical Code, to monitor significant medical encounters and assess risk by sport discipline, to serve as medical advisor to World ParaVolley and develop/implement prevention programs in areas that affect the health and safety of World ParaVolley athletes, and to monitor the implementation of medical service programs at World ParaVolley sanctioned events. This position will involve liaison with the Scientific Research Commission and the Beach Volleyball Commission for areas of Medical Research relating to medical aspects of ParaVolley sport disciplines. The Chair will also

promote the education of athletes, athlete support personnel, and others on best practices to ensure the health and safety on World ParaVolley athletes

### **Reporting and Working Relationships:**

The Chair of the Athlete Health and Medical Commission reports to the Medical Director and works in co-operation with the Sports Director and other Commissions within the Medical and Sport Departments as required.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- **Administer and coordinate** the Commission on matters related to World ParaVolley Athlete Health Care by
  - collaborating with the Medical Director, providing advice and assistance to the local organizing committee/Technical Delegate at World ParaVolley sanctioned events to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for an appropriate level of medical services at Competitions
  - Chairing and providing leadership at Athlete Health & Medical Commission meetings
  - collaborating with the Medical Director, and providing operational support to Athlete Health & Medical Commission activities, eg. Team health care personnel accreditation
  - monitoring and maintaining an updated database of National member organizations accredited team health care members (Doctors and Therapists) and provide appropriate lists of accredited team health care members to the Technical Delegate of Competitions in which the National teams are participating
  - liaising with the FIVB re their accredited team health care members list
- **Communicate and Liaise**
  - regularly with the Medical Director, providing advice on all medical matters relating to the athletes and officials, e.g. athlete safeguarding, concussion policy, health and nutrition, and injury prevention
  - on behalf of World ParaVolley with other organizations, such as IPC, FIVB, LOCs, World ParaVolley Zone Medical Representatives and with other World ParaVolley Commissions on all matters pertaining to Athlete Health Safeguarding and Injury Prevention.
  - with IPC relating to the IPC Medical Code and standards and research/programs relating to Paralympic Athletes – e.g. injury surveillance
  - by representing World ParaVolley at IPC Medical conferences (budget permitting)
  - with FIVB relating to volleyball specific education and programs and team health care members
  - with LOC on organizing Medical Services for Competitions (through the TD or Medical Director of WPV)
  - with Zone Medical Representatives to increase awareness of local/zonal medical issues that arise and to ensure medical standards are implemented across Zones
  - with WPV Scientific Research Commission to plan and deliver research projects and to exchange information and knowledge related to scientific aspects of athlete health and injury prevention

- **Plan and Develop**

- clear strategic priorities related to Medical services and programs that align with the World ParaVolley strategic plan
- the World ParaVolley Medical Code (with consideration to the most recent and upcoming IPC Medical Code standards)
- educational materials for World ParaVolley stakeholders as required
- Medical /Health Activities that will require Budget allocation for the subsequent year annually with the Medical Director or as requested by the World ParaVolley Board.
- potential sources of revenue such as grants etc. for programs and research related to Athlete Health and Injury Prevention in collaboration with the Medical Director and Scientific Research Commission

- **Monitor**

- activities to ensure proper medical-related processes are followed by complying with the constitution and policies established for the conduct of World ParaVolley activities.

Undertake any other reasonable duties as requested by the Medical Director.

**Eligibility to Apply for Position:**

Persons must not currently be serving in an official position on the Zone or World ParaVolley Boards.

**Skills and Knowledge:**

Essential:

1. An advanced medical and scientific knowledge of all disciplines of ParaVolley offered by World ParaVolley
2. An advanced knowledge of the IPC Medical Code
3. A working knowledge of the WADA Anti-Doping policies and procedures and a detailed working knowledge of the testing procedures undertaken at international events
4. An appropriate level of medical/allied health training and qualification
5. Ability to provide leadership to a variety of multidisciplinary medical/allied health professionals
6. Efficient and effective communication skills and a working knowledge of information technology
7. An understanding of the structure, processes and procedures of World ParaVolley
8. A respect and appreciation of the cultural differences within the World ParaVolley community
9. Competencies in the English language, verbal and written.

Desirable:

1. An understanding of the rules of the game of all disciplines of World ParaVolley as it relates to medical conditions of athletes and requirements for the sport.
2. An understanding of the current Strategic Plan of World ParaVolley and its relevance to this position.

**Experience:**

1. Extensive medical and/or allied health professional experience with a focus on the assessment and management of medical disability.

**World ParaVolley Organisational Chart:** See attached chart for the relationship of this position to the organisation as a whole.

