



**Sitting Volleyball
Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games
Men and Women**



**Competition dates:
27 August to 5 September 2021**

Specific Competition Regulations

1. Competition Information – Paralympic Games – Men and Women

- 1.1. Eight (8) Men’s teams will participate in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (PG or The Event), these being, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, P.R. of China, Egypt, Germany, I.R. of Iran, Japan, RPC¹.
Eight (8) Women’s teams will participate, these being, Brazil, Canada, P.R. of China, Italy, Japan, RPC¹, Rwanda, United States of America.

Note RPC¹ - The Russian Paralympic Committee will compete as a ‘neutral athlete team’ in line with the revised post-reinstatement criteria for the Russian Paralympic Committee published by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) on 8th February 2021.

- 1.2. Team Eligibility for the Paralympic Games has been determined according to the previously published IPC Qualification Regulations and the relevant qualifying events.
- 1.2.1. Participation of the team in The Event is allocated to the NPC who must be in “good standing” as a member of World ParaVolley prior to the allocation of slots and the commencement of competition.
- 1.2.2. An NPC may only enter one (1) Men’s team and one (1) Women’s team dependent on the allocation of qualification slots.
- 1.3. In the event that a Team withdraws from the Paralympic Games, efforts will be made to reallocate the qualification slot.
- 1.3.1. Should a withdrawal occur at a point whereby it is no longer possible to reallocate the qualification slot the Competition Schedule will be adjusted accordingly. The Technical Delegate will advise Teams of any changes required in these circumstances.
- 1.4. The Paralympic Games shall be played according to World ParaVolley’s [“Official Sitting Volleyball Rules 2017-2020”](#).
- 1.4.1. Technical Timeouts will be used.
- 1.4.2. It should be noted that if there is a request from Broadcast to reduce the number of Technical and Team Timeouts per set to 1, as per the Rules, World ParaVolley will consider this request and inform the Teams of the decision accordingly.
- 1.5. The Serpentine System has been used to allocate the teams of each gender into two (2) pools of four (4) teams each;
- 1.5.1. The Host NPC have been allocated position 1 in Pool A.
- 1.5.2. The other qualified NPCs have been allocated their position according to the World ParaVolley World Rankings updated on 1st January 2020.
- 1.5.3. The Pool Groups are confirmed as below;

Men’s Pool Groups:

Pool A (seeding)	Pool B (seeding)
JPN (1)	IRI (2)
EGY (4)	BRA (3)
BIH (5)	CHN (6)
RPC (8)	GER (7)

Women’s Pool Groups:

Pool A (seeding)	Pool B (seeding)
JPN (1)	USA (2)
BRA (4)	CHN (3)
CAN (5)	RPC (6)
ITA (8)	RWA (7)

- 1.6. The Berger Table provided the basis for the order of matches in the Pool phase. The IPC, Tokyo 2020 and OBS, under World ParaVolley Regulations, may change the order of matches to meet the needs of television broadcasters and the potential for local spectator attendance. Changes can be made at any point until the end of the Competition.
- 1.7. Matches shall commence as described in the match schedule published by Tokyo 2020 unless otherwise determined by the Technical Delegate (or appointed representative), Tokyo 2020, and the IPC.
 - 1.7.1. In the event that the published match schedule needs to be amended, for whatever reason, the Technical Delegate (or appointed representative) will update the Teams as soon as practically possible.
- 1.8. A minimum of five hours shall be allowed between the commencement time of any two matches for a team if they are required to play two matches on the same day.
- 1.9. The teams will play as described below:
 - 1.9.1. Both the Men's and Women's Tournaments will play a round robin pool (preliminary) phase and a direct elimination (knockout) phase. Two Pools of four (4) teams will play a round robin format within each Pool where all teams play each other once. The top two (2) teams in each pool will advance to the semi-finals.
 - 1.9.2. Teams finishing third in each Pool will playoff against each other to determine 5th and 6th place. Teams finishing fourth in each Pool will playoff against each other to determine 7th and 8th place.
 - 1.9.3. Semi-final Phase:
 - 1.9.3.1. The first placed team in Pool A will play the second placed team in Pool B in a semi-final.
 - 1.9.3.2. The first placed team in Pool B will play the second placed team in Pool A in a semi-final.
 - 1.9.3.3. The order of the matches to be played in the semi-finals will be determined by World ParaVolley, Tokyo 2020 and the IPC, once requests from Broadcasters have been considered.
 - 1.9.4. The losers of the semi-finals will playoff for 3rd and 4th in the Bronze Medal Match.
 - 1.9.5. The winners of the semi-finals will playoff for 1st and 2nd place in the Gold Medal Match.
- 1.10. Matters not covered in these Regulations shall be resolved by reference to World ParaVolley, IPC and Tokyo 2020 documentation, where relevant.

2. Teams Ranking System during the Event

2.1. Ranking by matches won and lost

The ranking of teams during the Preliminary Phase is determined by the results of matches on the basis of matches won as the first criteria.

The rank position within the Pool will be determined by the following criteria in order of application:

- 1st: Matches won
- 2nd: Sets Quotient
- 3rd: Points Quotient
- 4th: Direct result of the match between the teams

2.2. Results Table

The Results Table shall contain the following elements:

- Matches played
- Matches won
- Sets Quotient
- Points Quotient
- Rank position within the Pool

2.3. In the case of a tie between two teams

2.3.1. **Sets quotient** In the case of equality in the number of matches won and lost by two teams, the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.

2.3.2. **Points quotient** In the case of equality in the number of sets won and lost by two tied teams, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of all points lost during all sets.

2.3.3. If the tie continues as per the points quotient (2.3.2) between the two teams, the ranking priority will be given to the team that won the last match between them.

2.4. In the case of a tie between three or more teams

2.4.1. When the tie in matches won, sets points quotients is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other. In the case that the tie is still not resolved the team(s) will be ranked according to their current World ParaVolley World Ranking.

2.5. Forfeits

2.5.1. If a team voluntarily declares a forfeit or refuses to play a match or does not appear on the competition court on time (excluding cases related to COVID-19, which will be dealt with in accordance with 2.7 below), it will be declared in default **and** excluded from the competition and:

2.5.1.1. All the team's remaining results during the respective round or section of the competition will be nullified;

2.5.1.2. The opposing team will be declared the winner of the match 3 sets to 0 and 25-0 for each set;

2.5.1.3. The team may face disciplinary action by the Technical Committee of the event and the World ParaVolley Board following the event.

2.5.1.4. If a team is declared incomplete for the set or the match, the team loses the set or the match and the opposing team is given the points, or the points and the sets needed to win the set or match. The incomplete team keeps its points and sets.

2.6. Disqualification

2.6.1. If a team is disqualified from the competition as a result of breaching World ParaVolley competition rules or unsportsmanlike behaviour;

2.6.1.1. All the team's results during the competition will be nullified;

2.6.1.2. The opposing team(s) will be declared the winner(s) of the match(es) 3 sets to 0 and 25-0 for each set;

2.6.1.3. The team shall face disciplinary action by the Technical Committee of the event and the World ParaVolley Board following the event.

2.7. Continuity of competition operation upon positive Covid-19 test cases

- 2.7.1. Team Delegation members who are confirmed to have tested positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed to compete/continue in their role.
- 2.7.2. Team Delegation members who are identified as Close Contacts of individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will need to comply with the "Principles for the Management of Athletes and Team Officials" set out by Tokyo 2020 and may not be allowed to train or compete.
- 2.7.3. Any Team Delegation members who fail to submit to a COVID-19 Test, as required by Tokyo 2020 will be considered to be suspended and will not be able to take part in training or matches during this time, until such time that they have completed the required tests. Failure to submit to a COVID-19 Test when required could result in the removal of Accreditation and a requirement to leave the Athletes Village.
- 2.7.4. In the Pool Phase, if a team does not have 6 players available to participate in a match, it will be declared as Did Not Start (DNS), the opposing team will be declared the winner of the match 3 sets to 0 and 25-0 for each set.
 - 2.7.4.1. The Team will continue in the competition if a test is proven to be a false positive test, a close contact does not test positive, and the team have 6 players available to play.
 - 2.7.4.2. Matches decided due to rule 2.7.4 will not be replayed.
- 2.7.5. In the Pool Phase, if both teams in a match do not have 6 players available to participate in a match, both teams will be declared as Did Not Start (DNS), the match will be decided by World Ranking, with the higher ranked team declared the winner of the match 3 sets to 0 and 25-0 for each set.
 - 2.7.5.1. The Team(s) will continue in the competition if a test is proven to be a false positive test, a close contact does not test positive, and the team have 6 players available to play.
 - 2.7.5.2. Matches decided due to rule 2.7.5 will not be replayed.
- 2.7.6. In the knockout phase, if a team does not have 6 players available to participate in a match, the IPC "Sport Specific Regulations" will be followed to determine the outcome. It is recommended that all NPCs study these Regulations carefully, and be aware of the possibilities to be called to play a match that you might not have ordinarily expected to play in.

3. Team Quotas

- 3.1. The Team Delegation is comprised of up to eighteen (18) persons, including the Team Manager.
- 3.2. The Team Manager may not sit on or behind the bench in the Control Area during matches.
- 3.3. Teams are permitted to have up to twelve (12) athletes.
- 3.4. Up to two (2) athletes may be designated as Libero players for a match, with only one (1) being allowed on the court at a time. Libero players designation may be changed one and half hours before each match. Upon entry to the Competition Venue and during the process to confirm the Team Roster for the match, the Coach must indicate Libero 1 (starting Libero) and Libero 2.
- 3.5. Up to two (2) athletes may be classified as the team's VS2 players, with only one being allowed on the court at a time.
- 3.6. Teams may have one (1) Coach.
- 3.7. Teams may have up to two (2) Assistant Coaches.

- 3.8. Teams may have one (1) qualified Team Doctor who has been accredited by World ParaVolley.
- 3.9. Teams may have one (1) qualified Team Therapist who has been accredited by World ParaVolley.
- 3.10. Teams may designate a person from the above or an additional person to be the Team Manager. When an additional person is named see point 3.2.
- 3.11. The following personnel may sit on the bench during matches (up to 17 people)
- 12 Players (also allowed to sit in the warm-up zone)
 - 1 Coach
 - 2 Assistant Coaches
 - 1 Accredited Doctor
 - 1 Accredited Therapist
- 3.12. Team members may change up to the **Technical Meeting** in line with the Late Athlete Replacement process. Replacements may only be made for athletes who withdraw due to injury, illness, or other special circumstances. All Replacements are subject to review and approval by World ParaVolley and the IPC.
- 3.13. Teams are additionally allowed to have Team Statisticians. The Team Statisticians should sit at the Team Statistician table provided. Team Managers are not allowed to sit at the Team Statistician table, unless they are also a Team Statistician.
- 3.14. Following approval of the Technical Delegate (or appointed representative), where justified the team may have an Interpreter who shall be located behind the team bench.
- 3.15. To be eligible for The Event an athlete must:
- 3.15.1. Be internationally classified, in accordance with the World ParaVolley Classification System, with a 'Confirmed' Sport Class status or a 'Review' Sport Class status with a fixed review date post 31st December 2021, or a 'New' Sport Class status.
- 3.15.2. Be a national of the country he/she is representing. As per the IPC and World ParaVolley Athlete Nationality Policies, the appropriate evidence that a competitor is a national of any country will be that he/she holds an official passport issued by the respective country. Evidence of legal residence or domicile will not be accepted as evidence of 'nationality'.

4. COVID-19 Regulations

- 4.1. Team Delegations are required to conduct themselves in line with the Playbooks, published by the IPC and Tokyo 2020 – They can be found here - <https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/playbooks>.
- 4.2. The Playbooks may be updated as required by the IPC, Tokyo 2020, and the Government of Japan. It is your duty to ensure that you are up to date with the information in the Playbooks.

- 4.3. Failure to adhere to the Playbooks could result in your Accreditation being removed and you being removed from the Athletes Village. Further sanctions in line with the Playbooks may also be applied.
- 4.4. Failure to adhere to the Playbooks could result in further sanctions applied by World ParaVolley.

5. World ParaVolley Rule and Regulation amendments as a result of COVID-19

- 5.1. World ParaVolley reserve the right to amend Rules and Regulations as a result of COVID-19 to ensure a safe environment for all involved.
- 5.2. Amendments can be made at any time.
- 5.3. Amendments to include, but are not limited to the list below;
 - No handshakes before the match and after the match. However, after the match teams may acknowledge each other by lining up on their respective attack lines and applauding each other,
 - Teams to select a side for the duration of the match at the coin toss,
 - Teams to provide own pens to sign the Scoresheet,
 - Teams to assist in the identification of Team Delegation for the Jury, against Accreditation before the start of the match,
 - Team bench and warm-up zone to be reconfigured,
 - Referees will use electronic whistles,
 - No celebrations towards the opponent,
 - No player to physically approach Referees under any circumstances,
 - Captain to raise hand to speak to the Referee,
 - There will be no quick moppers, towels to be kept at the base of the posts, one post per team,
 - No ball retriever in front of the scorer's table,
 - Number of balls in the system to be amended depending on ball retrievers and ball cleaning protocols.

6. Volleyball Equipment

- 6.1. Teams will have the use of court equipment supplied by Tokyo 2020 for training, warm-up and matches.
- 6.2. The **Molten V5M5000 Flistatec volleyball** will be used for training, warm-up and matches. Training sessions will utilize the same volleyball and no other volleyball brand may be used by any teams.
 - 6.2.1. Teams should be aware that a "Special Edition" Molten V5M5000 Flistatec volleyball will be utilised with extended Games Look applied. The qualified Teams (at the time) voted for the ball to be used in March 2020. Option A was selected as the winner.
- 6.3. There will be one (1) competition court and two (2) warm-up courts, and four (4) training courts available for both the Men's and Women's competitions.

7. Team Familiarisation and Training

- 7.1. Team familiarisation sessions will take place on one of the competition courts at the competition venue, comprising at least one (1) hour of training per team, prior to the commencement of the Event.
 - 7.1.1. Team familiarisation for Men's teams will take place on 23rd August 2021.
 - 7.1.2. Team familiarisation for Women's teams will take place on 25th August 2021
 - 7.1.3. A schedule for Team familiarisation will be published in due course.
- 7.2. As part of the COVID-19 Countermeasures Teams may **not** share training times and/or their familiarisation time.
- 7.3. Teams shall have equal access to the Training Courts in terms of allotted total time and the time of the day according to the Competition Schedule.
- 7.4. Tokyo 2020 will implement a Training session booking process.
- 7.5. Training will be limited to 80 minutes per session due to COVID-19 Countermeasures.
- 7.6. On the day of the Opening Ceremony training will be limited to 60 minutes per session due to COVID-19 Countermeasures and transport restrictions. These training sessions will be allocated, rather than bookable.
- 7.7. World ParaVolley and Tokyo 2020 reserve the right to amend the length of training sessions.

8. Classification

- 8.1. Classification will be delivered by two panels, each of two international classifiers and a Chief Classifier. All classification processes will be as per the [World ParaVolley Classification rules](#) which are in line with the IPC Classification Code for international competition.
- 8.2. A schedule for Classification will be published once agreed by World ParaVolley and Tokyo 2020.
- 8.3. Athletes requiring Classification will need to make themselves available at the Competition Venue for their Classification in line with the published schedule.
- 8.4. The following will apply:
 - 8.4.1. All athletes with Confirmed status of classes (VS1 or VS2) on the Master list do not have to be evaluated.
 - 8.4.2. All athletes with NEW or REVIEW status, those with a Fixed Review date before 31st December 2021, and athletes who have D/MD classes from previous classifications but have not been seen under the 2018 Classification rules will be seen and given a sport class and status.
 - 8.4.3. Athletes in this competition who have OA status after the medical assessment (i.e., they require observation on court to confirm their class) will have until the end of competition day on 1st September 2021 to play at least one full rotation on court.
 - 8.4.4. When an athlete is found to be non-eligible by the panel, the athlete will be automatically re-assessed by the other panel of Classifiers at the event. The decisions made by the second panel of Classifiers together with the Chief Classifier will be final.

8.4.5. Protests regarding classification outcomes (e.g., sport class allocation) follow the procedures outlined in the [World ParaVolley Classification rules](#).

9. Anti-Doping

- 9.1. The IPC will be applying the anti-doping procedures at the Paralympic Games. You can find more information on the [IPC Tokyo 2020 anti-doping dedicated webpage](#), please ensure that you read this information in full (including the [IPC Anti-Doping Code](#) and [Tokyo 2020 Doping Control Guidebook](#)).
- 9.2. You should pay specific attention to the Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) requirements; a copy of any currently valid TUE approval certificates and supporting documentation must be submitted to the IPC for review, in ADAMS, by 3rd August 2021, and from 3rd August 2021, all new TUE applications with supporting medical documentation must be submitted to the IPC TUE Committee for approval, either through ADAMS or by email to tue@paralympic.org.
- 9.3. Individual athletes are held totally responsible for any substance entering their bodies. Athletes are subject to testing at any time during the Games, not just after matches.
- 9.4. Teams will be notified at the end of a match which of their players have been selected for anti-doping testing by the Game Jury Member.
- 9.5. Players who refuse to undergo the anti-doping test will be automatically disqualified from the tournament and the team concerned will lose the current match by default.
- 9.6. Anti-Doping Education Program:
All athletes and athletes support personnel are required to undertake an Anti-Doping Education Program in 2021, which must include the following topics;
- Principles and values associated with clean sport,
 - Athletes', Athlete Support Personnel's and other groups' rights and responsibilities under the Code,
 - The principle of Strict Liability,
 - Consequences of doping, for example, physical and mental health, social and economic effects, and sanctions,
 - Anti-doping rule violations,
 - Substances and Methods on the Prohibited List,
 - Risks of supplement use,
 - Use of medications and Therapeutic Use Exemptions,
 - Testing procedures, including urine, blood, and the Athlete Biological Passport,
 - Requirements of the Registered Testing Pool, including whereabouts and the use of ADAMS,
 - Speaking up to share concerns about doping.
- Anti-Doping Education Programs can be delivered through National Anti-Doping Organisations, through WADA's ADEL online platform or if requested through World ParaVolley. The WADA ADEL Programs recommended are [the International-Level Athletes Education Program for Athletes](#), [the High Performance Coaches' Education Program for Coaches](#), and [the Medical Professionals Education Program for Athlete Support Personnel](#).

- 9.7. NPCs are expected to send confirmation of completion of an Anti-doping Program in the form of a letter to World ParaVolley that their participants, including Athletes, Coaches and Athlete Support Personnel have completed relevant Anti-Doping Education Programs ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. The letter should be sent via email to paralympictd@worldparavolley.org by **3rd August 2021**.
- 9.8. All Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel are strongly recommended to complete the [WADA ADEL Tokyo 2020 Paralympics e-learning course](#) prior to departing for Japan (the course is currently available in a number of different languages).

10. Preliminary Inquiry

- 10.1. Preliminary Inquiries will be scheduled in line with Team familiarisation and will occur at the Competition Venue
- 10.1.1. Preliminary Inquiries for Men's teams will take place on 23rd August 2021.
- 10.1.2. Preliminary Inquiries for Women's teams will take place on 25th August 2021.
- 10.1.3. A schedule for Preliminary Inquiries will be published in due course.
- 10.2. At the beginning of the Preliminary Inquiry, the Team Manager must present the following to the Jury member(s):
- 10.2.1. Passport of each player and member of the delegation.
- 10.2.2. Accreditation cards.
- 10.2.3. Samples of the Captain's playing uniform in all colours.
- 10.2.4. Samples of the Libero's playing uniform in all colours.
- 10.2.5. One sample of shorts, long pants, socks, compression garments, e.g., cycling shorts, leggings, for each set of kit – as applicable.
- 10.2.6. Any equipment or clothing that has any advertisement on it.
- Teams are reminded that all Uniform and Equipment must adhere to the IPC Manufacturer Identification Guidelines which can be found here - <https://www.paralympic.org/tokyo-2020/guides-and-policies>

11. General Technical Meeting

- 11.1. The General Technical Meeting will take place at 17:00 on 26th August 2021 at the Competition Venue.
- 11.1.1. Team Managers and Head Coaches will be required to attend.
- 11.1.2. Captains and Assistant Coaches are not required to attend, as we wish to keep numbers to a minimum in light of COVID-19. However, should any Captains or Assistant Coaches wish to attend, this must be confirmed at the Preliminary Inquiry.
- 11.1.3. In the event that the General Technical Meeting is required to take place online details will be published in due course.

12. Technical Protests - Judges' Conference During a Match

- 12.1. During international official competitions, and whilst the match is in progress, a Judges' Conference can be held at the request of the Game Jury member.
- 12.2. The Judges' Conference holds official World ParaVolley authority to solve problems occurring during the game in order to re-establish a situation in accordance with the World ParaVolley rules and regulations and the Sitting

Volleyball Rules of the Game. A properly conducted Judges' Conference should avoid a formal protest being lodged by a team.

- 12.3.A Coach, or in the absence of the Coach, the Team Captain, or an Assistant Coach, as relevant, can refer a case to the attention of the Game Jury member at any moment of a game, as soon as he/she notices an improper situation or a decision not in accordance with the rules or regulations. Such cases must refer to:
 - 12.3.1. An improper decision by Referees who did not correctly apply the Rules of the Game.
 - 12.3.2. An improper decision of the Scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order, the score or generally on the scoresheet.
- 12.4.A Referee's decision that sanctions a playing action or misconduct cannot be considered a proper case.
- 12.5.A Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Captain who submits an improper case will be sanctioned by a warning. In case of repetition, the person will be disqualified.
- 12.6.The Game Jury member examines the complaint and, if he/she agrees, the Judges' Conference will be convened at the Jury table.
- 12.7.In the case of a complaint concerning a Referee's decision, the Jury member asks, the Referee Delegate, or Assistant Referee Delegate on the match, the Referee Observer and any of the Referees (including the Reserve Referee) to attend the Conference.
- 12.8.In the case of a complaint concerning a Scorer's decision, the Jury member asks the Referee Delegate, or Assistant Referee Delegate on the match, and/or Referee Observer to attend the Conference and calls the Scorer and/or Assistant Scorer to make a report. The Scorer and Assistant Scorer are not members of the Judges' Conference.
- 12.9.No other additional person (except the Technical Delegate, Assistant Technical Delegate, the Referee Delegate, and Assistant Referee Delegate) can participate in the Judges' Conference, unless specifically requested by the Technical Delegate, Assistant Technical Delegate, the Referee Delegate, and Assistant Referee Delegate. The Game Jury member must record all relevant information.
- 12.10. As soon as the issue is noticed, or a complaint is accepted by the Game Jury member, the game is interrupted.
- 12.11. The first referee will authorise the teams to leave the playing court and go to the bench. They are not allowed to leave the playing area. Players are allowed to use volleyballs but not the match balls in the free zone.
- 12.12. In the case of a complaint concerning a Referee's decision, the Game Jury member listens to the Referee who makes a report on his/her reasons for the decision concerning the application of the rules.
- 12.13. According to the rules, the Game Jury member decides either to reject the complaint or accept the complaint in which case the Referee's decision is overruled.

- 12.14. In the case of a complaint concerning a Scorer's decision, the Judges' Conference takes the scoresheet and examines it in order to reach a decision in relation to the complaint. The Game Jury member can call the Statistical Evaluation Supervisor, if available.
- 12.15. If the complaint is upheld, the scoresheet is corrected, and the score is modified, if necessary.
- 12.16. The Game Jury member may request all information from any officials and study video tapes.
- 12.17. If the case is not stated in the regulations, the Game Jury member makes the decision after listening to the other members and taking into account previously known World ParaVolley principles and practices and the World ParaVolley Rules and Regulations.
- 12.18. The decision is communicated by the Game Jury member to Referees, Scorers, Coaches, Captains, and the Announcer who informs the spectators.
- 12.19. If the complaint has been rejected, the game is resumed after having confirmed the Referee's decision. The complaint is rejected without sanction. (Exception: See "Improper cases" under Rules of the Game 9.1.1.2)
- 12.20. If the complaint is accepted, the decision of the Referee or the Scorer is overruled. The game is resumed with the new positions and/or new team scores.

13. Protests

13.1. Lodging a Protest

13.1.1. All protests concerning the result of a match must be presented in writing to the Technical Delegate (or designated representative) within one hour after the end of the match concerned, after having been indicated on the scoresheet by the Captain as per Rules of the Game 5.1.3.2.

13.1.2. Once the scoresheet is checked and signed by all relevant participants without protest, no further team protest on technical aspects can be accepted. e.g., 7 substitutions, Scorer's error, Referee's error, etc.

13.2. Fees to Lodge a Protest

13.2.1. Any protest must be worded in English and be accompanied by a deposit of EUR 250 - in cash.

13.2.2. The deposit will be refunded immediately if the protest is upheld.

13.3. The Protest Committee

13.3.1. The Protest Committee shall be established at the General Technical Meeting by the Technical Delegate and be comprised of the Technical Delegate (the Chair), a senior member of the LOC and a team representative voted by the teams.

13.3.2. The Protest Committee must produce a written report within twelve hours from the lodging of the protest and the payment of the deposit.

13.3.3. The Protest Committee must convene to consider the protest within eight hours after the presentation of the complaint and render its verdict.

13.3.4. A member of the Protest Committee who is of the same nationality as either of the relevant teams will not be admitted to the meeting. This person's position will be replaced by another person as decided by the Technical Delegate.

13.3.5. The decision of the Protest Committee may be arrived at either by consensus or majority vote and cannot be contrary to the Rules of the Game, World ParaVolley Regulations, and the World ParaVolley Constitution.

13.3.6. The Chair of the Protest Committee may call all persons involved in the case and/or their representatives to give testimony and also consider videotape evidence.

13.3.7. All complaints concerning medical controls and classification must be made in accordance with the Medical and Classification Regulations as per the Medical Handbook.

13.4. Verdict of the Protest Committee

13.4.1. The verdict of the Protest Committee must be made within twelve hours of the lodgement of the protest and the payment of the deposit.

13.4.2. The Protest Committee must communicate in writing in English its verdict without delay to the interested parties.

13.4.3. The Technical Delegate, in the name of the Protest Committee, is the sole judge of whether or not to make a report to the press about the protest.

13.4.4. If the protesting team does not accept the decision of the Protest Committee, in the interests of "natural justice", this decision may be taken to the Jury of Appeal for further consideration by payment of EUR 600 that will be refunded if the Jury of Appeal rules in favour of the protesting team.

13.4.5. The request for this process must be made in writing to the Technical Delegate within four hours of the verdict of the Protest Committee being made.

13.5. Jury of Appeal

13.5.1. shall be established at the General Technical Meeting by the Technical Delegate and be comprised of the Assistant Technical Delegate (the Chair), a senior member of the LOC and a team representative voted by the teams.

13.5.2. A member of the Jury of Appeal who is of the same nationality as either of the relevant teams will not be admitted to the meeting. This person's position will be replaced by another person as decided by the Technical Delegate.

13.5.3. No member of a team involved in the protest may be a member of the Jury of Appeal and this person's position will be replaced by another person as decided by the Technical Delegate.

13.5.4. The processes of the Jury of Appeal will follow those of the Protest Committee, except those decisions shall be reached within six hours of receipt of the appeal.

13.6. Verdict of Jury of Appeal

13.6.1. The Jury of Appeal must communicate in writing in English its verdict without delay to the interested parties.

13.6.2. The Technical Delegate, in the name of the Jury of Appeal, is the sole judge of whether or not to make a report to the Press about the Appeal.

13.6.3. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.

14. Disciplinary Regulations

14.1. The [World ParaVolley Discipline Regulations](#) will apply to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

14.2.All Expulsions and Disqualifications from matches will automatically be reviewed in line with the Discipline Regulations and could result in further sanctions.

15. Best Player Awards

15.1. There will be no Best Player Awards given out at the Paralympic Games.

15.1.1. A 'Dream Team' of the following will be identified through the Statistics for men and women and World ParaVolley will publish the 'Dream Team';

- Best Server
- Best Receiver
- Best Setter
- Best Spiker
- Best Blocker
- Best Libero
- Most Valuable Player.