Para Football

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Para
From the Greek preposition “para” – beside or alongside.
Para Football runs in parallel to mainstream football. Shows how all formats exist side-by-side.

Football
Any of various forms of football (soccer) involving kicking (and in some cases also handling) a ball.
Inclusion

Every person with disabilities is unique and has their own perspective on how they want to be included and how they want to interact with the game of football. Through Para Football, we aim to empower every individual to play football the way they choose which may be in the following different ways.

Mainstream Football
- Regular Rules - Open to all
  - Players that have the ability to participate in mainstream activity should be signposted to the appropriate playing opportunities where they can be fully included on an equal basis with others in football.

Modified Football
- Modified Rules - Open to all
  - There are many formats of football which support persons with and without disabilities to play together in an inclusive setting.

Pan-Disability Football
- Modified Rules - For players with variety of disabilities
  - Provides opportunities for players whose disability prevents them from achieving their potential in mainstream or modified football.

Impairment Specific Adapted Football
- Modified rules - For specific impairment group
  - Para Football is working with different types of football for persons with disabilities.
Para Football Foundation

Para Football is a new foundation and worldwide body of football for persons with disabilities. Registered in the Netherlands as a stichting (foundation) and non-profit.

- Bringing together autonomous and independent International Federations of football for persons with disabilities
- Supporting national football associations/federations to be more inclusive and develop Para Football opportunities
- Developing and showcasing opportunities for all persons with disabilities in football
Partner International Federations
Para Football is working to create a network of international federations governing the different types of football for persons with disabilities.

As recognised federations they contribute to the development of football opportunities and have goals that are aligned with the Vision and Mission of Para Football.
Communications

Our voice as a collective body will help promote the message of Para Football far and wide, showcasing the fantastic work of all our partners.

Inclusive communications is key in ensuring that persons with disabilities are aware of the opportunities available to them to be part of football.
Governance & Capacity Building
Supporting our partners for their organisation to be well-led, sustainable and inclusive of persons with disabilities.

Developing organisational capacity with the aim of strengthening partners with a wide range of support.
**Football development**

Bringing together key stakeholders and guiding partner organisations to create and develop sustainable participation opportunities and pathways for players to interact with the game of football in the way they choose.
**Business development**

Stronger together, our collaboration as Para Football will help to build strong partnerships with key stakeholders and attract support and investment to the Para Football family.

**Classification**

The International Paralympic Committee is responsible for developing, maintaining, and monitoring classification in Para sport and the compliance to the IPC Athlete Classification Code of its signatories.

Different sports require athletes to perform different activities, and therefore the impact of the impairment on each sport also differs. For classification to minimise the impact of impairment on sport performance, classification must be sport specific.
Medical & Sports Science
With a shared vision to provide 'Football for all persons with disabilities”, our partners are collaborating to combine our resources and opportunities to advance the area of medical and sports science within Para Football.

Clean Sport
Working together we aim to harmonise anti-doping policies across Para Football in all countries, providing a mechanism to assist stakeholders with their implementation of the WADA Anti-Doping Code.
National Paralympic Committees
Para Football recognises that there are a wide range of stakeholders involved in leading, developing and delivering inclusive football opportunities.

Example ways we can work together:
- Develop a strategy and development plan for Para Football
- Create a connected Para Football network
- Deliver training and education around Para Football
- Connection with International Federations
- Sharing information, experience and expertise
- Highlight good practice and knowledge between countries and regions
- Showcase Para Football opportunities