

## 2026 WPA HEYBALL PARASPORT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Oslo, Norway, 12–17 June 2026

We are delighted to welcome parasport athletes from around the globe to the 2026 WPA Heyball Parasport World Championship, set in the scenic city of Oslo, Norway. From 12–17 June, 80 of the world's most promising parasport athletes will come together to compete at the highest level of parasport cue sports – at this year's venue, the **Norwegian School of Sport Sciences**.

This guide provides all the essential information participants need — including details on **travel, accommodation, tournament format, rules, dress code, and athlete responsibilities**. We encourage everyone to read it thoroughly and refer to it as the event approaches.

Together, let's ensure a world-class championship experience that is competitive, professional, and unforgettable — a true celebration of talent and international sportsmanship.

### **COMPETITION CATEGORIES**

The championship will feature three categories:

**Women** Wheelchair & Standing Mixed (Class 1-4) - 16 participants

**Men** Wheelchair (Class 1+2) - 32 participants

**Men** Standing (Class 3+4)- 32 participants

### **CONTINENTAL ALLOCATIONS**

**Women** Wheelchair & Standing Mixed (Class 1-4)

For this category only, places will be allocated to the continental federations based on the number of entries and geographical representation. The reigning champion is automatically qualified.

**Men** Wheelchair (Class 1+2)

Reigning Champion: 1

Africa (AAPA): 4

Asia (ACBS): 6

Europe (EPBF): 8

North America (BCA): 5

Oceania (OPBA): 4

South America (CPB): 1

Host Country (NB): 1

Wild card: 2

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**Men** Standing (Class 3+4)

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If the reigning champion is unable to compete in the current championship for any reason, the spot will be returned to the WPA.

If the reigning champion competes, the respective Continental Federation may nominate an additional athlete from the same nation. The Continental Federation may also nominate one athlete from the host nation without affecting the host nation spot.

Nominations will be accepted through WPA Continental Members. Once nominations are submitted to the WPA, the athletes' names will be added to the official online registration system.

**All online registrations must be completed no later than 30 April 2026.**

### ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

All athletes are required to arrive no later than on **12 June 2026** and depart on **17 June 2026**, in accordance with the official tournament schedule. Athletes who wish to arrive earlier or extend their stay beyond these dates are welcome to do so.

### EXPENSES

Athletes will receive an allowance of USD 1,000 (in local currency) upon arrival in Oslo to contribute toward their expenses. **All costs**—including accommodation, meals, local and international flights, and shuttle services—are the sole responsibility of each athlete to arrange and fund. Any additional expenses, including those related to an assistant, must also be covered by the athlete.

### ACCREDITATION AND ATHLETE'S MEETING

Accreditation will take place at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences on **12 June** between 09:00 and 15:00. Later that day, a mandatory athletes' meeting is scheduled for 16:30 at the same venue and will be led by the Tournament Director.

 Athletes who do not attend may be replaced by local players on the waiting list.

### OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will be held in the competition arena at the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences on **12 June at 19:00**. All athletes are required to attend and must be dressed in accordance with the **dress code** specified later in the Athletes' Guide.



## TRAVEL DETAILS

The official arrival airport is **Oslo Airport, Gardermoen (IATA: OSL)**.

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Trains are also available from Oslo Airport, Gardermoen to Oslo Sentral Station. The Airport Express Train is the easiest route and cost NOK 268 for adults. The train to the Sentral Station takes 20 minutes.

The best way to get around Oslo is by metro. The metro provides easy access to Ullevaal Stadion, Sognsvann (where the arena is located), the city center, and many other parts of the city. A **weekly metro pass** can be purchased for NOK 190 with a concession (disability) ticket. A valid disability card or ID must be presented to receive this discounted price (regular price NOK 380). Visit [ruter.no](http://ruter.no) to download the app and get started.

Metro lines 4 and 5 (westbound) run from the city center to Ullevaal Stadion. From Ullevaal Stadion, you can continue westbound on line 5 towards Sognsvann to reach the arena. Metro services to and from Sognsvann operate every 15 minutes. Ullevaal Stadion to Sognsvann is only an 8 minute ride.

## PLAN YOUR TRAVEL CAREFULLY

We strongly encourage all participants to allow ample time when traveling to the airport. Please be aware that the **organizers are not responsible** for any travel-related issues, including airline delays, lost luggage, traffic congestion, or other unforeseen circumstances that may result in missing the Athletes' Meeting or forfeiting your place in the event. All flights arranged by the sponsors are non-refundable; if a flight is missed, the individual will be responsible for rebooking their own travel at their own expense.

 Matches will not be delayed or rescheduled to accommodate individual travel challenges.

## VISA INFORMATION

Norway is part of the Schengen Area. Citizens of many countries can enter Norway visa-free for short stays (typically up to 90 days within a 180-day period) for tourism, business, or participation in sporting events. However, visa requirements vary depending on nationality. Athletes are strongly advised to carefully check the entry requirements that apply to their country well in advance of travel.

If in need of a visa support letter, please provide a copy of the passport and submit this to [events@wpapool.com](mailto:events@wpapool.com) as soon as possible.

## MANDATORY HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

**All participants** must hold valid health and travel insurance covering the full duration of travel and participation in the championship. Written confirmation of such insurance is mandatory. Failure to provide adequate insurance may result in visa denial or refusal of participation, for which the Organizer accepts no responsibility.

## HOTEL RECOMMENDATION AND MEALS



## Thon Hotel Ullevaal Stadion

Sognsveien 77C, 0855 Oslo

This is the same hotel where the juniors will be staying and it is located only 8 minutes from the arena by metro, but you are of course free to choose whichever accommodation you prefer. Food can be purchased at the arena if desired.

### 8 OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT EQUIPMENT

- Table: JOY Billiards Heyball Table
- Rack: Triangle
- Cloth: LiberWin
- Balls: Dynaspheres Balls

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### FORMAT

Double elimination until half the field is eliminated, then single elimination. The full match schedule and format will be determined before the event and communicated during the athletes' meeting. We will use **Digital Pool** for play schedule and live scores.

### RACES

Men will play a race to 5 in both categories, while women will play a race to 4. However, if the match reaches the 100-minute time limit, the athlete leading at that point will be declared the winner.

### AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to the top 4 finishers (1st, 2nd, and two 3rd places). Additionally, a total prize fund of USD 60,000 will be distributed across the three categories and two divisions as follows:

- 1st Place: USD 10,000
- 2nd Place: USD 4,000
- 3rd Place: USD 1,500
- 5th Place: USD 750

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The prize money will be disbursed by WPA through electronic transfer within 30 days following the event. Payments will be made to the bank accounts provided by athletes during the online registration process.

**Note:** It is important to ensure that the bank details you provide are accurate and that your account is able to receive USD international transfers. The account holder's name must match your bank records exactly; otherwise, the transfer will be rejected. Should incorrect information be submitted and the transfer need to be resubmitted, any additional bank charges incurred will be for your account.

### TAXES

There is no withholding tax to be paid.

### BROADCAST INFORMATION

This event will be broadcast live on <https://wpalive.tv/wpalive-tv>



## REGISTRATION

Athletes must complete their registration through the online portal. Entries will only be processed and confirmed once the registration is submitted, and all required documents have been successfully uploaded. **All online registrations must be completed no later than 30 April 2026.**

Link: <https://wpapool.com/wpa-heyball-parasport-world-championship/>

Once your national federation nominates you as a participant in the 2026 WPA Heyball Parasport World Championship, you will receive a link to complete your event registration. Registration via this link is mandatory, and your entry will only be confirmed once it has been processed online and you have received official confirmation from the WPA.

**Medical Certificate:** You will be required to upload your medical certificate during the registration process. The certificate is necessary to determine your eligibility and category for participation.

**All players** must hold a valid WPA player license and have completed WADA's anti-doping education program, for which a certificate must be obtained. Links to both requirements can be found below.

Players who already hold a valid WPA license and a WADA certificate do not need to complete these again.

ADEL: [https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/learning-plans/1/international-level-athletes-education-program-english?hash=b55712d873cc5015a9ae5091ff11e7e37724c771&generated\\_by=113429](https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn/learning-plans/1/international-level-athletes-education-program-english?hash=b55712d873cc5015a9ae5091ff11e7e37724c771&generated_by=113429)

WPA License: <https://wpapool.com/register/wpa-player-license/>

Visit [www.wpapool.com](http://www.wpapool.com) or contact [events@wpapool.com](mailto:events@wpapool.com) for help.



## IPC CLASSIFICATION DEVELOPMENT

The WPA is currently working on the development of a classification system aligned with the recommendations of the IPC. During the event, a classification expert will be present to interview **selected players** regarding their physical conditions and functional abilities related to playing our sport. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping us establish a framework aimed at creating the fairest possible competitive conditions for our athletes. This work is also an important step toward the long-term goal of achieving inclusion in the Paralympic program.

In addition to the medical information collected, **all players** are required to complete the following questionnaire, which will assist us in the overall mapping and evaluation process.

Link to questionnaire:

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## RULES

### Breaking:

- Alternate breaks; lag for the first break of the opening set
- Referee racks all tables — athletes may not inspect racks

### Schedule:

- Late athletes will be penalized one frame and put on the clock
- One game will be forfeited for every additional 5 minutes
- After 15 minutes, the match is forfeited

### Practice:

- No open practice on the feature table
- The two players scheduled may shoot one rack each
- Other tables may be used for one rack each before matches

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### Shoot-out:

If the match is a tie at full time (100 minutes) there will be a shoot-out in order to determine the winner. The athletes will take turns and are given 5 shots each. In case of a new tie, “sudden death” will follow.

## RULES & REGULATIONS PARASPORT

### Rules & Regulations for Parasport Competition

#### 10.1. Introduction

In addition to the official rules of Pool, athletes are bound by the current WPA Standard Terms and Conditions of Entry when they enter any WPA competition at an international, regional, or national level. Athletes are also bound to “WPA Event Rules Adaptations” published occasionally, which contain additional rules specific to Parasport tournaments.

#### 10.2. Player’s Eligibility

These Rules & Regulations cater to athletes with musculoskeletal disorders divided into two categories:

- Wheelchair Athletes
- Standing Athletes

The impairment must be permanent and apply to all categories (wheelchair and standing). The functions mentioned in the criteria below must be certified by a medical professional, ensuring that the impairment cannot be improved with rehabilitation.

#### 10.3. Use of medical aids

The use of special implants, bioprotheses, and technical aids to compensate for physical impairments affecting the athlete’s ability to move around the table and perform strokes is permitted, provided it does not conflict with WPA Regulations on using auxiliary equipment and devices. Aids that assist in aiming are prohibited.

Referees can assist athletes with equipment setup but cannot assist with aiming or executing a stroke.

### Rules & Regulations for Wheelchair Athletes

#### 10.4. Rules & Regulations for Wheelchair



#### 10.4.1. Athlete's Eligibility

The criteria for an Athlete to be eligible for a Wheelchair Competition is that the Athlete:

- is not able to walk without support (braces or crutches),
- is not a functional walker with or without support,
- is not able to step sideways functionally,
- has a limb deficiency being a single above-knee amputation with stump length no longer than 1/3rd (or similar dysmelia) and/or
- has a limb deficiency, one above-knee amputation in one leg plus one below-knee amputation on the other leg (or similar dysmelia).

Athletes who do not fulfill at least one of the above requirements and the additional criteria set out below cannot be allocated to sitting classes:

- the athlete must be unable to walk or participate in sports while standing and
- the athlete uses an electric (power) chair or manual wheelchair for mobility.

A medical certificate should be produced to determine eligibility for wheelchair category.

#### 10.4.2. Wheelchair Class 1

Additional classification criteria also apply to wheelchair users with severe impairment including poor trunk control and impairment in upper limbs function (one or both arms) causing reduced reach.

- a) At least three limbs and the trunk must be affected.
- b) Unable to make a traditional bridge with their hand anywhere on the table for their cue.
- c) May be able to make a bridge but with limited arm movement.

#### 10.4.3. Wheelchair Class 2

The following additional classification criteria also apply: Wheelchair users with better trunk and arm function than those in class 1 Functional trunk and upper limbs.

- a) Can make a traditional bridge with their hand for the cue.
- b) Have sufficient arm movement to control the direction and power of the cue ball adequately, along with good upper body control.

#### 10.5. Violations resulting in fouls

##### 10.5.1. Seated

The athlete must remain seated while playing a shot (at least one cheek on the seat or seat pad). If a seat pad is used, it must remain flat and cover the seat of the wheelchair evenly. The seat pad cannot be bunched up on the seat straddled by the athlete with the athlete's legs or stumps. The athlete may not sit on the wheel or armrest. The point where the athlete's buttocks rest on the seat or seat pad must not be higher than 27 inches / 68.5 centimeters from the surface on which the wheelchair rolls in its normal operating position.

##### 10.5.2. Feet on floor

Athletes must not have their feet on the floor while playing a shot, and they must not use their legs or stumps as leverage against any part of the table or the wheelchair while playing a shot.

##### 10.5.3. Aids

Athletes can use help aids such as cue extensions, special bridges, etc.

##### 10.5.4. Assistance

Athletes may not be assisted when shooting (however, another person may hold the bridge but must not help with the stroke of the cue). If an athlete requires assistance to roll around the table, another person may help them but must not touch the wheelchair during the actual shot.

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Violations of the above are considered to violate Rule 6.17 Unsportsmanlike Conduct and will typically be penalized as follows:

- a) 1st offense, cue ball in hand for the opponent anywhere on the table;
- b) 2nd offense, loss of the current game; and
- c) 3rd offense, loss of the match.

The referee may choose a different penalty depending on the nature and circumstances of the offense.

### 10.6. Wheelchair requirements

No standing wheelchairs can be used in the standing position. An athlete's wheelchair should be clean and in good working order.

## Rules & Regulations for Standing Athletes

### 10.7. Athlete's Eligibility

Standing athletes are athletes with some kind of musculoskeletal disorder who are still able to stand and walk without using a wheelchair. A medical certificate should be produced to determine eligibility for a classification into Groups 6 to 10 based on an athlete's musculoskeletal disorder.

### 10.8. Standing Class 3

The following additional classification criteria also apply. Severely reduced reach and upper limbs function or/and lower limbs limitations affecting reach and control:

- a) Paralysis or severe lower limb paresis, Tetra paresis, Tri paresis, or Para paresis.
- b) Parkinson's syndrome with severe motor and postural impairments.
- c) Exarticulation of the upper limb at the shoulder or the hip.
- d) Amputation or dysmelia with;
  - short hip stump with no possibility of prosthetics,
  - stumps of both legs or the feet with no possibility of prosthetics,
  - stumps of both lower limbs above the thigh,
  - hip or leg stumps combined with deafness or loss of vision in one eye or moderate aphasia,
- e) with stumps of both upper limbs at the shoulder or lower limbs at the shin or higher, combined with an upper limb stump,
- f) with upper limb stumps at the forearm level in various combinations,
- g) severe contracture or ankylosis of the hip or knee joint or amputation at the Lisfranc joint level,
- h) paralysis of one limb combined with deafness, loss of vision in one eye, aphasia, or pelvic dysfunction,
- i) severe reduced passive range of motion of shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee, or ankle joints,
- j) diseases or nervous system injuries with irreversible motor impairment,
- k) bilateral absence of three or four fingers, including the thumb,
- l) severe reduced passive range of motion of hand joints in a functionally disadvantaged position,
- m) hand paralysis due to ineffective physical rehabilitation.

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### 10.9. Standing Class 4

The following additional classification criteria also apply.

Some limitation in upper limbs or/and lower limbs limitations affecting reach and control.

- a) Moderate paresis of upper or lower limbs, with significant limitation in active movement range.
- b) Amputation or dysmelia with upper limb stump at the level of the radiocarpal joint or above.



- c) Artificial joints in the shoulder or forearm.
- d) Absence of two to five phalanges or severe finger contracture that significantly impairs the ability to grip a cue or form a traditional bridge with the hand at any position on the table.
- e) Absence of the thumbs of both hands.
- f) Lower limb impairments: amputation or dysmelia with hip or shin stump, foot stump at Lisfranc joint or higher, bilateral foot bunions, severe joint contractures, or ankylosis.
- g) Joint dysfunctions: hip or knee contracture, congenital/acquired dislocation, false joints, or limb shortening of 7 cm or more.
- h) Endoprosthesis of the knee, hip, or large tubular bones.
- i) Scoliosis/kyphoscoliosis with pulmonary insufficiency or severe joint impairments.

#### 10.10. Violations Resulting to the Fouls

Standard WPA rules regarding fouls will apply, including those resulting from incorrect stroke execution or violations of equipment handling.

#### 10.11. Standing Athlete Requirements

Standing wheelchairs can be used in the standing category.



#### 10.12. Dress Code

##### 10.12.1. Clothing & Shoes

The following dress code applies. The Tournament Director will make final decisions on all interpretations and may require an athlete to adjust or change their outfit, even during a match, to ensure compliance.

Pants: Full-length dress pants. Women may wear skirts or dresses that must cover the knees. Acceptable colors include neutral, solid shades of beige, brown, dark blue, dark green, gray, and black. Denim is not permitted.

Shirt: Clean, collared dress or polo shirt with sleeves (long or short) in any color tucked in. Women may wear an elegant top, blouse, or dress that covers the shoulders. A full-zipped jacket is permitted if it does not have a hood. T-shirts are not allowed. The same logo rules apply to shirts, polos, and jackets. Base layers worn under the shirt must be black, white, or matching.

Shoes: Clean black, closed-toe shoes, including black soles with no contrasting logos, are prohibited. Sandals, flip-flops, Crocs, or similar footwear are also banned.

##### 10.12.2. No Visible Body Skin.

Men: Dress pants or footwear must reach the socks if worn.

Women: If dress pants, skirts, or dresses do not reach socks or footwear, a base layer (such as nylons or leggings) should be worn to ensure no body skin is visible. Tournament Management may require adjustments to meet this standard.

##### 10.12.3. Prohibited Clothing.

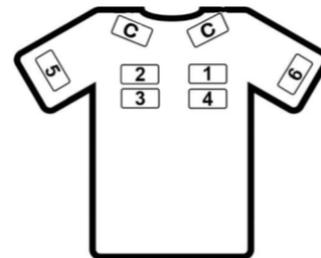
The following items will not be accepted:

Athletic wear, including but not limited to sweats, swimwear, jogging suits, uniforms, jerseys, or any pants with contrasting stripes unrelated to formal wear. Shorts of any kind, regardless of length. Pants must be of an appropriate rise and may not be excessively baggy or loose-fitting. Overalls, coveralls, jeans, hats, headphones, or earpieces (unless medically required, with proof).

##### 10.12.4. Logos & Patches



Up to six commercial sponsor spots are no more significant than six sq/inches or 38.4 sq/cm. There are up to three apparel manufacturer logos, each no larger than 3 sq/inches or 19.2 sq/cm. More prominent manufacturer logos will be counted as commercial logos. Logos must be placed in designated positions 1-6 and/or C in the provided diagram.



Text on jerseys will be treated as a sponsor logo unless it is the athlete's name, nickname, or country represented. No full-back logos are allowed; the back may only display the apparel manufacturer's logo, athlete's name, or national emblem.

WPA may provide one additional event-specific patch to be displayed in position (1) on the image.

Logos should not exceed sixty-five (65) square centimeters and should only be worn in designated positions on the uniform.

#### 10.12.5. National Emblem.

The WPA Dress Code, as outlined in the WPA Regulations, applies to all WPA-sanctioned events.

In addition to the standard dress code requirements, all athletes must have the name of their respective nation displayed on their shirts.

- The nation's name must be visibly placed on the shirt, not specifically on the back.
- While it is common practice to have the national flag on a sleeve and the country name on the back, the current WPA regulations do not mandate this arrangement. The key requirement is the presence of the country name on the shirt in a visible and appropriate manner.

#### 10.12.5.1.1. Dress Code Exemptions for Athletes with Musculoskeletal Disorders (Wheelchair and Standing Players)



To promote inclusiveness while maintaining the integrity of the tournament dress code, the following exemptions apply to athletes with musculoskeletal disorders or lower limb amputations. The Tournament Management will make all final decisions on interpretations and may require adjustments if needed.

Pants/Leg Covering: Athletes using wheelchairs or those with limited mobility are exempt from the requirement of full-length dress pants. They may wear clothing appropriate to their comfort and needs, such as custom-fitted pants or leg coverings. Players with prosthetic limbs may adjust their attire for optimal comfort and fit over their prosthetics if it remains neutral in color and aligns with the general dress code aesthetics.

Shirt and Upper Body Wear: If an athlete requires medical or supportive devices such as a corset, brace, or body harness, these items may be worn over or under the playing uniform.

The color and appearance of medical devices will not be restricted, though athletes are encouraged to select options that align with tournament standards when possible.

Shoes: Athletes with foot or leg amputations or other mobility impairments may be exempt from wearing closed-toe shoes. For example:

- An athlete with one or both lower limb amputations may participate without shoes.
- Athletes with prosthetics may wear specialized footwear or protective covers over their prosthetics if needed, even if these differ in style from typical closed-toe shoes.

No Visible Body Skin Requirement: Athletes using wheelchairs are exempt from the "No Visible Body Skin" requirement due to specific mobility and body positioning needs.



Prohibited Clothing Exception: Adaptive equipment or medically necessary clothing (such as compression garments, protective padding, or body braces) are allowed, even if they resemble athletic wear, provided they are required for the athlete's participation and do not display large logos or distracting patterns.

These exemptions aim to accommodate athletes' needs while maintaining the tournament's professional standards.

### **ATHLETE AGREEMENT**

By registering, athletes agree to:

- Follow all official tournament rules and WPA regulations
- Stay informed of updates prior to the event
- Comply with all health and safety measures

Participation is voluntary. By entering, athletes release the organizers from liability for injuries, illness, losses, or damages. Organizers reserve the right to modify the event, refuse entry, or disqualify athletes if necessary.

Participation **implies agreement** for use of names, images, and recordings for media, reporting, and promotional use. It also includes consent for all matches to be live-streamed on social media platforms and broadcast on television channels.

### **SEE YOU IN OSLO!**

We are truly excited to welcome you to Oslo, Norway, for the 2026 WPA Heyball Parasport World Championship. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out via

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