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Para Kyorugi Matchplay Guidelines



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Guidelines for the implementation and organisation of Para Kyorugi

Matchplays

This policy is enacted in accordance with Clause 15.10 of AT's Constitution as at the date of this policy.

1. Background

Owing to the limited number of Para Kyorugi athletes in Australia, standard Para Kyorugi matches cannot be conducted. Consequently, Australian Para Kyorugi athletes lack essential exposure to competitive environments. The implementation of organised Match Play at club, state, and national competitions is crucial for fostering the development of Para Kyorugi athletes within Australia.

Given the matchplays are conducted under Para Kyorugi rules

This policy outlines the process to be followed at all AT sanctioned events where an Australian Para Athlete will compete against an able body person.

2. Procedures for Organising Para Kyorugi Matchplay

All Match Plays must be arranged and authorised in advance of the competition and formally incorporated into the official competition draw and schedule.

2.1 All parties must agree to abiding by Para Kyorugi Competition rules as outlined in *WT Para Competition Rules 02.05.2023*.

2.2 All parties must agree to only conduct the Match Play officiated by an experienced Para Kyorugi Referees, where available. Where this is not possible, the Tournament Director must approve an alternative Referee with demonstrated ability.

All parties must agree to wear additional Para Kyorugi Protective Gear i.e. head guards with face shield.

All parties must agree that at any time the Match Play may be suspended by officials if the risk of injury to either party is deemed too high.

Para Kyorugi Coach must directly work with the competition Tournament Director to select a '*suitable and experienced opponent*' from the nominated athletes in that competition.

'*Suitability*' denotes an opponent whose participation does not elevate the risk or likelihood of injury to any athlete, as compared to the norms established for a standard Para Kyorugi Match.

The suitability of the Match Play opponent will be evaluated using the '*Para Kyorugi Match Play Risk Assessment*' document, taking into account each athlete's physical attributes, experience level, and the experience level of their respective coaches.

Where the Match Play opponent or coach has limited Para Kyorugi experience, the Tournament Director may implement appropriate risk-mitigation measures, such as but not limited to, pre-match briefing, oversight by the Tournament Director, or involvement of the experienced Para Kyorugi Referee or coach, etc.

The competition Tournament Director may request a review and recommendation of the Match Play Risk Assessment by an official WT International Classifier.

Final approval of the Match Play lies with the competition Tournament Director.

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