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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. The World Cups (Basketball and 3x3) may take place every four (4) years.
- 1.2. In no case may a World Cup take place during the same year as the Summer Deaflympics where the Cup is a Summer Deaflympics sport.
- 1.3. In no case may the World Cups be postponed to another year.
- 1.4. The date in the year during which the World Cups is to take place is not predetermined. The hosting of a WC must be proposed to the Central Board of the Deaf International Basketball Federation (DIBF) by the candidate Federation and the Central Board shall inform the World Congress.
- 1.5. The World Cup can only take place where there are five (5) or more DIBF members from at least two (2) zones taking part. Where there are less than five (5) DIBF members from at least two (2) zones taking part in the event, the host nation shall have the responsibility of terming the sporting event as an international competition or cancelling the event.
- 1.6. The World Cup is the exclusive property of the DIBF. The DIBF may, amongst other things, grant licenses in respect of these Cups.
- 1.7. Participation in the World Cups shall be restricted to persons who are:
 - 1.7.1. deaf, defined as a hearing loss of at least 55dB in the better ear (3 tone frequency average of 500, 1,000 and 2,000 Hertz, ANSI 1969 standard), and
 - 1.7.2. members of a national member of the DIBF.
- 1.8. Athletes taking part in the World Cup shall be forbidden from using any hearing aids or cochlear implant aids during competitions.
- 1.9. There is no age limit for competitors except where stated in the rules of the Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA).

2. BIDDING PROCEDURES

- 2.1. Only members of the DIBF are eligible to bid for the World Cups in basketball and 3x3 that are officially recognized by the DIBF.
- 2.2. Bids for World Cups can also be accepted from cities of nation members (i.e. Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau).
- 2.3. An DIBF member applying for the World Cups event must submit its bid application ([Basketball/3x3](#)) to the DIBF Secretariat at least four (4) years prior to the Cup and is subject to approval by the DIBF Central Board.



- 2.4. A bidding application to host the World Cups shall be accompanied by the following:
 - 2.4.1. a certification of support from the proposed city;
 - 2.4.2. a certification of support from the National Deaf Sports Federation and;
- 2.5. An application for the World Cups must contain details as to the:
 - 2.5.1. location of the Cups;
 - 2.5.2. dates of the Cups; and
 - 2.5.3. current price list for hotels, meals and transport for that city.
- 2.6. An DIBF member applying to host the World Cups must in writing agree to abide with the existing DIBF Internal Regulations.
- 2.7. The bidder for a World Cups must arrange for a site visit to the city by the DIBF Secretary General or the DIBF Technical Director in respective sports prior to the World Congress at which the bid will be presented. The site visit shall be taken place during the same month in which the proposed Cup is to take place. At World Congress, the Central Board's decision as to the conferral of the right to host the World Cup will be presented for ratification.
- 2.8. In the event that a bid is accepted, the host organiser shall also arrange for a site visit by the DIBF Technical Director not less than two (2) years prior to the Cup. The visit must take place during the month in which the Cup is to take place.
- 2.9. The Bidding Committee may be required to make a presentation to the Central Board with information pertaining to its application.

3. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- 3.1. The bidder awarded the World Cups may appoint an Organising Committee (OC) and delegate to it the responsibility of organising the Cups.
- 3.2. The OC shall be comprised of persons with management experience (deaf and hearing). The OC shall enter into direct dialogue with the DIBF Secretariat by electronic communication facilities.
- 3.3. The OC may form a centralised Secretariat with video telephone and electronic communication facilities. The numbers of these communications should be advertised on the Organising Committee's letterheads and web site, if any.
- 3.4. The OC is responsible for the organisation of the Cups and shall enter into dialogue with the National and Deaf International Basketball Federations (NBF/DIBF) in regard to obtaining support for the work of the Committee.



- 3.5. The OC shall seek, whenever appropriate, sanction and support from National and Deaf International Basketball Federations. Request to put the WC event in the NBF's DIBF's, FIBA's and ICSD's Calendar of Event.

4. REPORTING

- 4.1. Progress reports shall be submitted with the DIBF Secretariat in March and September of each year leading up to the Cup.
- 4.2. A report detailing the technical organisation of the Cups shall be submitted with the DIBF World Congress that is held prior to the conduct of these Cups.
- 4.3. A final report outlining the following:
 - 4.3.1. complete results;
 - 4.3.2. competition report;
 - 4.3.3. operational report;
 - 4.3.4. finances (including revenue and expenditure details) within six (6) months after the event; and
 - 4.3.5. statistical information including the number of competitors, officials and spectators at country, athlete/spectator and gender level shall be presented to the DIBF Secretariat within one (1) month after the conduct of the Cup.
- 4.4. The National Federation (or its OC) shall forward to the DIBF within thirty days, a provisional result for the Cup, which then will be published by the DIBF.

5. FORMAL INVITATIONS

- 5.1. The invitations to take part in the Cups must be sent out by the National Federation (or its OC) at least two (2) years prior to the Cup.
- 5.2. All documents (including invitations, competition lists, entry cards and programs) printed for the Cups as well as any promotional products including badges, posters and prizes must carry the logo and/or initials of the DIBF and the ICSD on the front where applicable.

6. PROGRAM

- 6.1. The DIBF Technical Director for the respective sports shall approve the final competition schedule at least six (6) months prior to the Cup.



- 6.2. The OC shall consult with the DIBF Secretariat on the proposed dates of the Cup. The consultation shall decide on the exact dates of the Cup on the basis of eliminating any potential conflicts with other DIBF recognised sporting events and shall be finalised not less than eighteen (18) months before the Cup.
- 6.3. The official date of the Cup shall be the day of opening and the day of closing.
- 6.4. Cup events with preliminary registration from at least five (5) countries from at least two (2) regions shall remain on the official program. Should the final number of entries be four (4) participants or less for a particular event in the Cup, this event shall be cancelled.
- 6.5. In the case of cancellation of an event due to the above rules, the DIBF Secretariat must notify the affected federations after the deadline for the final registration.

7. PARTICIPATION

- 7.1. No discrimination shall be permitted against a federation or a person on the ground of race, religion, gender or politics.
- 7.2. If an athlete has represented a country previously he can represent another country only once, after a two (2) year waiting period and may not compete for the original country or a new country.
- 7.3. The registration form must include the text of the eligibility code (refer to 1.7.1 and 1.7.2), and the following declaration to be signed by the two (2) officials (President and Secretary) of the National Federation:

"We and our athletes declare that we have read the eligibility conditions for the World Cups and that we will comply with them. We agree to be filmed or photographed during the World Cups for the purposes authorised by the DIBF."
- 7.4. No registration form shall be valid unless the above rules have been complied with.
- 7.5. Only Members of the DIBF may register competitors in the World Cups.
- 7.6. Teams from small countries without strong evidence of ability to establish national deaf sports federation may compete in World Cup pending authorization from its National Olympic Committee or Sports Department.
- 7.7. A Provisional Member of the DIBF shall not participate in a World Cup twice.
- 7.8. The registration forms for the World Cup will be supplied by the DIBF.

8. IDENTITY CARDS

- 8.1. The National Federation (or its OC) of the World Cups must supply an identity card for each participant and official.



- 8.2. The OC shall verify all athletes' citizenship by checking appropriate documentation (passport or government issued photo identity card) to make sure all points below matches athletes' profile prior to issuing identity card to athletes.
 - 8.2.1. Full name
 - 8.2.2. Date of birth
 - 8.2.3. Nationality
- 8.3. The identity card shall contain the following particulars for the individual:
 - 8.3.1. Title, date and location of the World Cups
 - 8.3.2. Surname
 - 8.3.3. Given name(s)
 - 8.3.4. Nationality (except where the individual is a member of the DIBF Central Board or an DIBF Technical Director)
 - 8.3.5. Date of Birth (which will be required only of competitors), and
 - 8.3.6. Role (which will be required of officials, for example, manager, trainer, interpreter and any other such individual); and a
 - 8.3.7. Photograph (which is no more than 12 months old)
- 8.4. The National Federations shall ensure that information given to the OC for these to be included on the identity cards is accurate.
- 8.5. The OC may use alphabet or colour codes on the identity card for identification purposes. Particulars on identity cards cannot be amended without agreement from the Organising Committee.

9. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS

- 9.1. An athlete, whose audiogram has not been approved by International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) or has not previously been tested by the ICSD Audiologist, must submit to the ICSD at least three (3) months before the Cups an audiogram that is not more than one (1) year old. This must be arranged prior to participation in any qualifying round or in the Cups. If not provided, the hearing test will be conducted at the site of Cups at the national federation's expense.
- 9.2. The audiogram form for this will be supplied by the ICSD via its [official website](#).
- 9.3. ICSD supports the work of the World Anti-Doping Agency in developing the World Anti-Doping Code and shall follow the most up to date Code.



- 9.4. ICSD has established the [ICSD Anti-Doping Rules](#), in accordance with the Code, which will apply to the Cups and other relevant international events.
- 9.5. Any athlete participating at the Cups may be requested to submit to a doping control at any time during the Cups.
- 9.6. In the event of an anti-doping rule violation DIBF may impose sanctions as outlined in the [ICSD Anti-Doping Rules](#).
- 9.7. The OC is responsible for all expenses for doping controls conducted.
- 9.8. The OC is responsible for setting up the infrastructure (including trained personnel, appropriate sample collection facilities, access to WADA Accredited Laboratory) to enable a doping control program to be conducted at the Cups.
- 9.9. The OC is required to distribute a Doping Control Guide, outlining the technical processes involved in the sample collection to all member nations.
- 9.10. All member nations are responsible for ensuring that their athletes are informed about the [ICSD Anti-Doping Rules](#) and its requirements.
- 9.11. The athletes may be required to take additional hearing tests during the Cups.
- 9.12. The athletes may be required to undergo doping tests.
- 9.13. Any competitor refusing to take any tests shall be removed from the Cups.
- 9.14. Any athlete who fails any of these tests shall be excluded from all World Cups, DIBF and ICSD competitions for a fixed time or for life as determined by the ICSD Executive Committee. The entire team where banned athlete shall be removed from all official documents and any prizes awarded shall be confiscated.
- 9.15. In the case of a fraud on the part of a team, the Member Federation in question shall be obliged to pay all expenses and fines as determined by the Central Board.
- 9.16. In the event that a World Cup team is disqualified, his prize and diploma must be returned to the DIBF. If this is not done, his National Federation shall be liable to suspension.
- 9.17. All expenses for hearing and doping tests, when mandated by the DIBF, taken during the World Cups shall be covered by the host National Federation or the Organising Committee.

10. SPORTS (GENERAL)

- 10.1. A sport must be practised by at least five (5) DIBF members and these members must be from at least two (2) regions in order for the sport to be eligible for a World Cup.



- 10.2. The DIBF Secretary General, in consultation with the zones wherever applicable and the DIBF Technical Director for the sport as per 10.1, shall determine the format and structure of the Cup at least one (1) year prior to the Cup.

11. TEAM REGISTRATIONS

- 11.1. The preliminary team registration must be made two (2) years prior to the Cups.
- 11.2. The final team registration must be submitted one (1) year before the Cups.
- 11.3. Only one (1) team per National Federation shall be admitted to the Cups (Basketball) and two (2) teams per National Federation to the Cups (3x3).
- 11.4. The number of teams for the final round, in each sport and gender will, as a rule, be up to sixteen (16) teams (Basketball) and to twenty (20) teams (3x3), to be determined by the Central Board, based on the recommendation of DIBF Technical Directors and the nature of sports.
- 11.5. Qualification for participating in the Cup should automatically follow the results of cups within the zones unless a zonal federation chooses to have qualifying rounds.
- 11.6. A fine shall be levied for the withdrawal of a team after the deadline of the final team registration and after the draw result. The World Congress shall determine the amount of this fine.

12. NAME REGISTRATIONS

- 12.1. The preliminary name registration with an indication of the approximate number of athletes confirmed for each event must be submitted with the DIBF Secretariat at least three (3) months prior to the Cups.
- 12.2. The final name registration list with the names of each athlete and his event entered must be submitted with the DIBF Secretariat at least one (1) day prior to the opening of the Cups. The submission may be made by e-mail if immediately followed by the official registration form.
- 12.3. In consultation with the DIBF Secretariat, the DIBF Technical Director for the respective sports shall determine the closing dates for preliminary and final registrations. The OC will then be immediately informed.
- 12.4. Final registrations received after the closing date shall not be accepted.

13. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- 13.1. The National Federation (or its OC) or any agency must offer accommodation facilities, meals and local transport at reasonable prices for all National Federations participating in the World Cups.



- 13.2. Each sporting team shall be responsible for the cost of its travel, accommodation and other arrangements.
- 13.3. A penalty fee to be determined by the World Congress shall be imposed when a National Federation withdraws after submitting the final registration list.
- 13.4. The National Federation (or its OC) must arrange and fund:
 - 13.4.1. one (1) visit of the DIBF Secretary General to the site of the World Cup approximately four (4) years before the Cup;
 - 13.4.2. one (1) site visit of the DIBF Technical Director one (1) year before the Cup and;
 - 13.4.3. for the period of the World Cup, the travel, accommodation, and per diem expenses of the:
 - the DIBF President and the DIBF Secretary General, and
 - the DIBF Technical Director
- 13.5. The National Federation (or its OC) shall pay the DIBF a fee for hosting the Cup as determined by the World Congress.
- 13.6. The National Federation shall retain any surplus derived from the conduct of the World Cups.
- 13.7. Where the expenses of the Cups are greater than the income derived, the National Federation (or its OC) shall be fully responsible for making good the difference.

14. PRIZES, DIPLOMAS & POSTERS

- 14.1. The proposed design of posters, prizes and diplomas must be submitted with the DIBF Secretariat for approval no later than two (2) years before the World Cups. Posters shall carry the logo of the DIBF in a prominent position.
- 14.2. In all sports and events the first prize will be a gold medal and a diploma, the second prize a silver medal and a diploma, and the third prize a bronze medal and a diploma. All medals shall have engravings stating type of sport and event for which the medal or diploma shall be conferred.
- 14.3. The teams placed fourth (4th) to eighth (8th) shall receive diplomas.
- 14.4. The type and format that the prizes will take shall be at the discretion of the National Federation (or its OC). However, prizes must include the wording and/or logo of the DIBF and ICSD in any engraving.
- 14.5. The diplomas shall carry the logo of both the DIBF and the National Federation (or its OC). The DIBF President or the DIBF Secretary General and the President of the



National Federation (or its Organising Committee) shall sign these diplomas. Names of competitors shall be printed.

- 14.6. The National Federation (or its Organising Committee) shall forward to the DIBF Museum two (2) specimens of diplomas, and one (1) specimen of prizes, trophies or medals.
- 14.7. All surplus prizes and diplomas shall be destroyed.
- 14.8. All participants (competitors and officials) are to be given a certificate to acknowledge their participation in the Cup.

15. PROTOCOL

- 15.1. The Opening and Closing Ceremony of the World Cups must be implemented obligatory according to the International Sport Federation rules.
- 15.2. The symbolic transferal of the DIBF flag at the Cup shall always be observed.
- 15.3. The official ceremony for the presentation of medals is the sole responsibility of the DIBF President or the DIBF Secretary General. The DIBF Technical Director shall be master of the medals awarding ceremony.

16. TECHNICAL MEETINGS

- 16.1. The technical meeting of national sports leaders will be held at least one (1) day before the commencement of the Cup and the meeting may be held every day to review the program of the Cup.
- 16.2. The Technical Committee, the Protest Committee, and two (2) representatives from each participating country will attend the technical meetings. At least one (1) representative must be deaf.

17. AUTHORITY & JURISDICTION

- 17.1. The DIBF Technical Director shall be the final arbiter on any matter in disputes relating to any aspect of the Cup brought forward by the National Federation (or its OC) or any one (1) of the participating National Federations.
- 17.2. The competition rules for each sport shall be those of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) as amended where visual cues are to be used in place of auditory cues.
- 17.3. The international referees will be selected by the DIBF Referee Commission and the referees, judges, starters and other officials will be selected by the OC from among the most qualified in that country as agreed or directed by the DIBF Technical Director of the respective sport.



- 17.4. The OC shall submit a copy of all referees' qualifications to the DIBF Technical Director, at least fourteen (14) days before the first technical meeting.
- 17.5. The Technical Committee shall bear full responsibility for the appointment and scheduling of referees at the Cup. For the competitions and qualifying matches, one (1) independent observer from the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) shall be invited to cup or games.
- 17.6. The judges themselves shall determine protests that are lodged with ground judges. Protests will not be determined unless the protest was made in writing, in English, and submitted with a ground judge within limited time as established by International Basketball Federation (FIBA) after the results of the competition have been declared. The DIBF Regulations must be referenced for these disputes.

18. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

- 18.1. The DIBF Technical Director will establish technical regulations for each sport and, if necessary, for each event on the program of the Cup.
- 18.2. These technical regulations shall be in accordance with the Rules of the World Cups held at least one (1) year before the Cups.
- 18.3. These technical regulations shall be electronically published and sent to all competing teams six (6) months before the Cups.

19. VENUES

- 19.1. All competition venues must be followed to the FIBA Rules and have electronic scoreboards.

20. TRANSPORT

20.1. Local Transportation

- 20.1.1. The OC shall ensure that transportation is available between lodgings and venues for all officials and competitors. The officials and competitors are only provided with transport to and from the venues where they are competing or officiating. Only official members of the competing teams and officials of the OC may be permitted to use the transportation services.
- 20.1.2. Athletes and officials wishing to use the transportation service to observe sporting events for which they are not registered may, at discretion of the OC, may be charged for using the service.
- 20.1.3. This transportation service shall be available for the period from one (1) day prior to the Opening Ceremony up until after the Closing Ceremony. If



the OC so desires, it can provide transfers between Airport and competing teams' accommodation.

20.2. DIBF President, DIBF Secretary General and DIBF Technical Director

20.2.1. Transportation must be available for the DIBF President, the DIBF Secretary General and the DIBF Technical Director at all times.

20.2.2. The OC shall provide transportation for the DIBF President, the DIBF Secretary General and the DIBF Technical Director to attend the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Cups.

20.3. Transportation Plan

20.3.1. The OC must include in its regular reports to the DIBF Secretariat, information relating to the Transportation Plan outlining all transport arrangements to enable athletes and officials to commute between venues, hotels and any other relevant location.

20.3.2. The DIBF Secretariat and the DIBF Technical Director may call upon the OC to prepare progress report on Transportation Plan at any time.

21. MEDICAL CARE AND FIRST AID

21.1. The OC shall be responsible for the provision of adequate medical support (doctors, nurses, dentists and any other medical officer) during the World Cups.

21.2. All team doctors, nurses and chiefs of missions shall be informed as soon as possible upon arrival as to the resources and contact details for all medical support services.

21.3. First aid stations shall be available at all competition areas. These shall be adequately staffed with medical and first aid personnel and ambulance facilities for emergencies.

21.4. The services of a nurse shall be available 24 hours a day. There shall be a back-up physician, available, on call.

21.5. Hospital services, consisting of emergency rooms and hospital beds to deal with more serious difficulties shall be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

21.6. Necessary facilities where physiotherapists can treat competitors shall be available. There shall be a provision for visiting therapists to treat their own teams.

21.7. Adequate space must be made available in the accommodation for countries wishing to establish their own sports injury and medical clinics.



22. CANCELLATION

- 22.1. In event of the National Federation (or its OC) making its own decision to cancel the World Cup, it must give notice to the DIBF and all National Federations no less than one (1) year prior to the event taking place and refund all monies (for example, deposits) paid by all visiting teams.
- 22.2. In event of the National Federation (or its OC) cancelling the World Cup less than one (1) year prior to the official date of the World Cup, the OC must refund all monies paid by all visiting teams. The National Federation shall also reimburse all sporting teams for any loss of monies as a result of non-refundable deposits being made for travel uniforms and any other such incidentals. Further, the National Federation may face further penalty to be determined by the Central Board.

23. VIOLATIONS

In the event of any penalty procedures not covered in these regulations of the above clauses will result in penalty fees issued by the DIBF Central Board for any person or the organisation concerned. The decision of the DIBF Central Board regarding this matter shall be final.

24. MISCELLANEOUS

In the event of circumstances not covered in these regulations, the DIBF General Statutes and the DIBF Internal Regulations must be complied with or where appropriate, the FIBA General Statutes, the FIBA Internal Regulations, the ICSD Constitution and the ICSD Bylaws followed.