

PART I: ATHLETES

1.1 DWARFISM. Persons with any type of dwarfism are eligible to compete in events that are sanctioned or approved by IDAF. Height shall not exceed 5 feet 0 inches (152.4 centimeters) for persons with a disproportionate dysplasia and 4 feet 10 inches (147.3 centimeters) for a proportionate short stature due to medical reasons.

1.2 AGE AND SEX DIVISIONS. IDAF events are offered for both males and females in four age divisions. Mixed sex teams are offered in some sports, as noted in the rules for the selected sport. Competition hosts may request alternate age divisions at the time an IDAF sanction or approval is requested.

1.2.1 Futures division. Futures are children aged 6 years and younger.

1.2.2 Juniors division. Juniors are children aged 7-15 years of age. The competition host may establish additional sport-specific age groups within the junior division. Age groups of 7-9, 10-12, and 13-15 are recommended for individual sports such as swimming and track and field. Age groups of 7-11 and 12-15 are recommended for team sports such as basketball or soccer.

1.2.3 Open division. Athletes of any age may choose to compete in the open division.

1.2.4 Masters division. Masters are adults aged 35 years and older.

1.2.5 Playing up age divisions. Children and youths must compete within the Futures and Juniors age groups defined by the competition host (e.g., a Futures athlete may not compete in the Junior Division), unless they choose to compete in the Open Division.

1.2.6 Powerlifting. Athletes must be at least 16 years of age to compete in powerlifting.

1.3 AGE DETERMINING DATE. The age determining date is December 31 in the year of the competition (e.g., for a competition conducted in 2013, an athlete born on any date in 2001 would be considered as 12 years of age).

1.4 TEAM AFFILIATION

1.4.1 Team affiliation. At World Dwarf Games, an athlete's national team affiliation shall be her/his country's IDAF-recognized dwarf sports governing body.

1.4.1.1 Country of residence/citizenship. At World Dwarf Games, an athlete must represent either her/his country of residence or her/his country of citizenship. Proof of residence shall consist of a passport, driver's license, or similar documentation. Proof of citizenship shall consist of citizenship papers or a birth certificate. IDAF reserves the right to require proof of residence or citizenship at the time of entry/registration for a sports competition or in the event of a protest involving an athlete's eligibility.

1.4.1.2 No IDAF-recognized dwarf sport governing body. If the athlete's country of residence or citizenship does not have an IDAF-recognized sport governing body, the athlete may petition the IDAF-designated host organization for the opportunity to compete.

1.4.2 Mixed-country teams in team sports events. If an athlete's country does not field a team in a team sport such as basketball or soccer, the athlete may request to play on a mixed-country team. In that case, the team affiliation for that sport shall indicate all of the countries represented by the athletes on the team (e.g., Germany/France team).

1.5 NON-DISCRIMINATION. No person shall, on the grounds of disability, race, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinion, marital status, or sexual orientation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination at IDAF sanctioned or approved events.

PART 2: IDAF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

2.1 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES. When entering IDAF sanctioned or approved competitions, each athlete must report personal data and selected body size measurements. Athletes are responsible for the accuracy of these data.

2.1.1 Personal information. Each athlete must report name, date of birth, sex, country of residence/citizenship, type of dwarfism, and medical issues (e.g., past surgeries) that might affect classification.

2.1.2 Required measurements. Each athlete must submit the following body measurements (to the nearest half centimeter) regardless of the athlete's age or events entered. Instructions for conducting body size measurements are included in Appendix A of this rule book. These data will be used to determine competition classifications, and also to help IDAF to improve the classification procedures for future competitions.

- Standing height - floor to top of head
- Sitting height - bench height to top of head
- Right and left side shoulder height - bench height to top of shoulder
- Right and left side sitting vertical reach - bench height to tip of longest finger when both arms reach simultaneously
- Arm span - fingertip to fingertip with fingertips at shoulder height
- Right and left side half-arm span - sternal notch to tip of longest finger
- Right and left arm length - tip of acromion process to tip of longest finger

2.2 CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE OPEN AND MASTERS DIVISIONS

2.2.1 Upper-body classification. Methods of determining upper body classification currently are being researched. Data for standing height, sitting height, sitting shoulder height, sitting vertical reach, arm span, half-arm span, and/or arm length will be used to determine upper body classification.

2.2.2 Lower-body classification. The lower-body classification ratio is calculated as standing height divided by sitting height.

- 2.2.2.1 Class 1.** Standing-height to sitting-height ratio of 1.519 or less. This class typically includes athletes with achondroplasia, diastrophic dysplasia, spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia congenita (SEDC), and any athlete whose standing