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FOREWORD

At one time the only involvement that dwarfs had in sport, especially in schools or colleges would be as a mascot or kit/water monitors. Participation in school for dwarfs is not equal with their average height friends; not being able to run as fast, reach as far or throw as far. This would have an adverse effect on the dwarf person, leading to exclusion, low self esteem and no sense of achievement. This in many ways would be carried over into everyday life resulting in low aspirations in all walks of life.

It was realised that any participation in sport for dwarfs would need to be on an equal footing. Dwarf Sport was the way to go and the DAAA came into being, followed by DAAUK, IDAF and associations in countries around the world. It then became very clear that the effect on the dwarf athlete was a positive one, leading to inclusion and a lifting of self esteem as well as gaining a sense of achievement. Since those early days there have been many National, International and World Dwarf Games; countries in many parts of the World forming teams and associations to further the aims of Dwarf Sports.

This started to change lives, not only in sport but in everyday life. A positive change was becoming apparent in the person with dwarfism not only in their sport aspirations but it flowed through to their future education and employment. Many dwarfs now take courses and careers in sport related professions, sports management, events management, sports teaching, training, coaching, physiotherapy and sports psychology; all of which educates the wider sector of society that people with dwarfism love their sport and can achieve. We now have many dwarfs from around the world reaching Paralympic levels and all because they were able to compete on that equal footing in sport.

I do not think this would have happened if it were not for that realisation in the beginning, to level the playing field for dwarfs in sport; all this achieved by a group of dwarf people, parents and professionals working together to make it happen.

These Rules for dwarf sport have been developed over many years. However it does not stop here. This development will carry on for many more years to come; taking into account the experiences of many dwarf athletes from all around the world along with the professional expertise of the many friends we find and encourage to be involved.

I would like to thank all those people who have given of their time commitment and passion in making Dwarf Sports what it is today.

We come together as athletes of many different ages, to participate and compete in sport with each other in true sportsmanship and fair play, to gain a lifting of self esteem, a sense of achievement and a feeling of self worth.

Arthur Dean

President IDAF (International Dwarf Athletic Federation)

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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. Classification shall be based upon arm span measurement.

	Arm Span - Males	Arm Span - Females
Class 1	Up to 106.0 cm	Up to 97.0 cm
Class 2	106.1 - 130.0 cm	97.1 - 120 cm
Class 3	130.1 cm and above	120.1 cm and above

2.2.2 Lower-body classification. Classification shall be based upon leg length measurement, determined as the difference between standing height and sitting height.

	Leg Length - Males	Leg Length - Females
Class 1	Up to 41.0 cm	Up to 39 cm
Class 2	41.1 cm - 53.0 cm	39.1 cm - 49.5 cm
Class 3	53.1 cm and above	49.6 cm and above

2.3 CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE JUNIORS DIVISION

2.3.1 Class 1. Class 1 will include persons with diastrophic dysplasia, primordial dwarfism, shorter pseudoachondroplasia, spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia congenita (SEDC), and Morquio syndrome.

2.3.2 Class 2. Class 2 will include persons with achondroplasia and taller persons with pseudoachondroplasia.

2.3.3 Class 3. Class 3 will include persons with hypochondroplasia, spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia tarda (SEDT), cartilage hair hypoplasia, and most undiagnosed types of dwarfism.

2.4 CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE FUTURES DIVISION. Classification will not be used in the Futures Division.

2.5 SPORT-SPECIFIC CLASSIFICATION. Classifications may be used in the Juniors, Open, and Masters Divisions per the provisions of the sport-specific rules in Parts 4 through 17 of this rule book. Classification does not apply to Futures events.

2.3.1 Boccia, swimming, and field events. The upper-body classification system applies to sports which emphasize upper body function, such as boccia, swimming, and field events.

2.3.2 Badminton, table tennis, and track events. The lower-body classification system applies to sports which emphasize lower-body function, such as badminton, table tennis, and track.

2.3.3 Powerlifting. Athletes are classified into weight categories as described in Part 10 of this rule book.

2.3.4 Other sports. IDAF classifications are not currently used in archery, basketball, floor hockey, curling, shooting, soccer, or volleyball.

2.6 REVIEWS OF CLASSIFICATION STATUS. In general, IDAF classifications shall be based upon self-reported data submitted by athletes; however, an athlete may be reclassified in the following circumstances.

2.6.1 Random and for purpose measurements. The competition host has the right to conduct both random and for-purpose classification measurements at any IDAF sanctioned or approved competition.

2.6.2 Consideration of mobility limitations. The competition host has the right to reclassify an athlete if the athlete has mobility limitations beyond those typically associated with other athletes in the same leg length/arm-span classification.

2.6.3 Classification protests. An athlete's classification status may be protested according to the protest procedures published in Part 3 of this rule book.

2.7 PERMANENCE OF ATHLETE CLASSIFICATIONS. Athletes must be reclassified: (a) annually until age 21; (b) whenever the IDAF classification system is modified; or (c) when requested by the athlete, competition host, or IDAF because of changes in stature or body proportions.

PART 3: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF COMPETITION

3.1 SANCTIONS AND APPROVALS

3.1.1 IDAF sanctions. IDAF sanctions are issued only for competitions that are restricted to dwarf athletes as described in Part 1 of this rule book, and only when the provisions of the IDAF rule book apply. Sanctions are issued in writing by the IDAF Board of Directors. The IDAF shall maintain a written record of all sanctions so issued.

3.1.2 IDAF approvals. IDAF approvals are issued for competitions that involve, but are not restricted to, dwarf athletes as described in Part 1 of this rule book. Approvals may only be issued when the technical rules for the sports offered are in substantial agreement with the provisions of the IDAF rule book. Approvals are issued in writing by the IDAF Board of Directors. The IDAF shall maintain a written record of all approvals so issued.

3.1.3 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) approvals. Competition hosts are encouraged to seek IPC approvals for sports on the Paralympic program in which dwarf athletes regularly compete (e.g., field, powerlifting, swimming, table tennis). IPC rules prevail in sports where IPC approvals have been obtained.

3.2 SPORTS

3.2.1 Sports offerings at World Dwarf Games. A minimum of 10 sports shall be offered at each World Dwarf Games. The six core sports of badminton, basketball, boccia, soccer, swimming, and track and field must be offered. The remaining sports may be selected from those described in the following table. Alternately, the competition host may introduce a new sport if the sport and proposed rules are first approved by IDAF.

3.2.2 Recommended age divisions. Recommended age groups for each sport are shown below.

Sports	Futures	Juniors	Open	Masters
Archery		X-older ages	X	
Badminton		X	X	
Basketball		X	X	
Boccia	X	X	X	X
Floor Hockey	X	X	X	
Kurling	X	X		
Powerlifting		X-older ages	X	X
Shooting		X-older ages	X	
Soccer	X	X	X	
Swimming	X	X	X	X

Sports	Futures	Juniors	Open	Masters
Track and Field	X	X	X	X
Table Tennis		X	X	
Volleyball		X	X	

3.3 ATHLETE AND TEAM DELEGATION ENTRIES

3.3.1 Entry procedures. The competition host shall designate the entry procedures, entry forms/web sites, and entry deadline for athletes and team delegations.

3.3.2 Team delegation. A country's team delegation for an IDAF sanctioned or approved competition must include a chef de mission (national team leader). Coaches, sports medicine providers, and administrators, if any, are also considered to be members of the team delegation. Members of the delegation staff must be at least 18 years of age, and must agree to the provisions of the IDAF Code of Conduct. The age determining date is December 31 of the year in which the competition is held.

3.3.3 Chef de mission. Each country at a World Dwarf Games shall designate one person as its chef de mission (national team leader). The chef de mission shall serve as the point-of-contact for the competition host with respect to participation by that country's dwarf sports national governing body. If the athlete's country does not have a dwarf sports national governing body, the athlete or designee may act as chef de mission.

3.3.4 Entry limits

3.3.4.1 Entries for individual/dual sports. The number of individual and relay events permitted for each athlete within an individual/dual sport is specified in the rules for that sport. At World Dwarf Games there is no limit to the number of athletes that a country may enter in an individual/dual sport.

3.3.4.2 Entries for team sports. At World Dwarf Games, each country shall be allowed to enter as many teams as desired into each team sport event (e.g., basketball, floor hockey, soccer, volleyball). Countries that enter more than one team within a division shall designate one team "Team A," the next "Team B," etc. The competition host shall determine an appropriate method to ensure that no more than two teams from any country advance to the semifinals (final four teams) of a team sport event.

3.3.5 Changing entries. At World Dwarf Games, athletes/teams may not enter (add) additional events or sports after the stated entry deadline. The competition host shall determine procedures for scratching/withdrawing from entered events.

3.4 CHANGE OF PROGRAM. The competition host has authority to combine events, event formats, sex divisions, age groups, or classifications whenever fewer than four athletes are entered. At World Dwarf Games, such decisions shall be discussed at a meeting of chefs de mission for each participating country and head coaches for the sport in question before implementation.

3.5 CHECK-IN PROCEDURES. At World Dwarf Games, the competition host shall establish procedures for the general check-in of athletes and team delegations when they arrive at the

location of the Games, as well as sport-specific check-in procedures prior to the scheduled competitions for each sport.

3.6 START LISTS AND COMPETITION RESULTS. At World Dwarf Games, the competition host shall provide each chef de mission with a minimum of three paper copies of documents such as initial/revised start lists and competition results. The competition host may determine whether these documents will also be available for sale, posted on a competition web site, and/or posted at the competition venue.

3.6.1 Start lists. Initial start lists describe all entries in an event. Revised start lists describe all entries in an event following a scratch/withdrawal deadline or the submission of final team rosters.

3.6.1.1 Event data. Start lists shall be organized by event. Event data must include the age, sex, and classification divisions that describe the event. Sport-specific information may include data such as (a) heats and lanes for swimming and track; (b) order of competitors for archery, field, powerlifting, and shooting; (c) pairings for badminton, boccia, curling, and table tennis; and (d) tournament pools/brackets for basketball, floor hockey, soccer, and volleyball.

3.6.1.2 Athlete data for individual/dual events. Data must include each athlete's name, year of birth, sex, classification (when used), and team/country.

3.6.1.3 Athlete data for team sports. Data must include the team/country name (e.g., France A) and a roster of all athletes on the team that shows each athlete's name, year of birth, sex, classification (when used), and country (for mixed-country teams).

3.6.1.4 Additional information. At World Dwarf Games, the competition host shall determine appropriate ways to share information such as competition timelines, presentation of awards, and a user-friendly summary of sport-specific emergency action plans.

3.6.2 Competition results. All of the following data are necessary for accurate maintenance of IDAF records.

3.6.2.1 Event data. Competition results shall be organized by event. Event data must include the age, sex, and classification divisions that describe the event.

3.6.2.2 Athlete data for individual/dual events. Data must include, in order of finish, each athlete's name, year of birth, sex, classification (when used), team/country, and final score/time. Results must include all competitors in an event, including those who were no shows or who were disqualified. Results for field events must also indicate the weight of the implement thrown. Results for powerlifting events must also indicate the athlete's body weight.

3.6.2.3 Athlete data for team sports. Data must include, in order of finish, the team/country name (e.g., France A), and final score/time. The results must also include a roster of all athletes on the team that includes each athlete's name, year of birth, sex, classification (when used), and country (for mixed-country teams).

3.6.3 Distribution of start lists and competition results for World Dwarf Games.

Initial start lists shall be posted on the World Dwarf Games web site at least two weeks prior to the start of the games, and shall also be available when teams/athletes check-in at the location of the games. Competition results shall be posted at games headquarters and on the World Dwarf Games web site within two hours following the conclusion of each session of a sport. The minimum standard format for results shall be an Adobe.pdf computer file.

3.7 AWARDS. At World Dwarf Games, first, second, and third place medals shall be presented to the highest finishing individual athletes and/or teams from each event in each sport. The competition host has the option of presenting commemorative participation awards to athletes in selected age divisions (e.g., futures and juniors) or to all athletes.

3.8 UNIFORMS

3.8.1 Definition. The term *uniform* refers to apparel worn by an athlete and other members of a national team delegation.

3.8.2 Uniform for opening and closing ceremonies. For World Dwarf Games, each IDAF-recognized dwarf sport national governing body shall designate a uniform to be worn by its athletes and team delegation members. The uniform shall include the name and/or logo of the national dwarf sport governing body. Sponsorship images on uniforms are restricted to sponsors of the national dwarf sport governing body or its World Dwarf Games team. Such advertising images or words may not exceed 100 square centimeters per sponsor.

3.8.3 Uniform for competition and medal ceremonies. Uniform specifications are described in the rules for each sport. At World Dwarf Games, whenever practical, the uniform shall include the name and/or logo of the athlete's national dwarf sport governing body.

3.9 CODE OF CONDUCT

3.9.1 IDAF Code of Conduct. The IDAF Code of Conduct, shown here and in Appendix B, shall apply at every IDAF sanctioned or approved sports competition. The following modifications are permitted, subject to IDAF approval: (a) the competition host may change the language slightly to make reference to a particular competition, e.g., the 2013 World Dwarf Games; and (b) the competition host may add additional provisions that are essential given local norms and culture.

IDAF Code of Conduct

Expected Behaviors:

1. I will support the goals of IDAF to develop, promote, and provide quality athletic opportunities for dwarf athletes of all ages and abilities.
2. I will treat athletes, coaches, officials, and sports administrators with courtesy and respect.
3. I will satisfy my responsibilities to the best of my ability:

Athletes. I will follow the rules and wear the appropriate uniform for my sport(s). I will arrive and check-in for my events on time. I will not use performance-enhancing drugs. I will not compete if I have an uncovered open wound or a contagious illness.

Chef de Mission and Coaches. I will assist the athletes from my team to perform to the best of their abilities and to follow the rules, policies, and procedures of the sports competition. I will disclose any potential conflict of interest.

Officials and Classifiers. I will enforce the sport and classification rules fairly and impartially. I will disclose any potential conflict of interest, and shall not act in association with any national or vested interest.

Sports Administrators. I will make decisions with impartiality and in the best interest of the athletes and the sport(s). I will disclose any potential conflict of interest, and shall not act in association with any national or vested interest.
4. I will respect the property of others whether personal or public.
5. I will not use alcohol at any sports competition venue or, when prohibited, at athlete housing facilities. I will refrain from use of tobacco products at sports competition venues.
6. I will not tolerate any form of abuse to athletes, especially to children. I understand that all forms of harassment including physical, mental, professional, social, sexual, or other abuse are prohibited. I understand that behaviors that are humiliating, intimidating, or insulting will not be tolerated.
7. I will not tolerate discrimination on the basis of disability, race, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinion, marital status, or sexual orientation.
8. I will abide by all laws of the host city, state, and country.
9. I will immediately report any suspected violation of the IDAF Code of Conduct to the competition director, a member of the competition committee, or an IDAF representative.

Code of Conduct Violations:

1. Alleged infractions shall be considered by an IDAF Judicial Committee according to IDAF rules. Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, a warning, a public reprimand, removal from one or more sports events, removal from an IDAF or competition position of authority/responsibility, suspension from participation in future IDAF sports competitions, and reparation.

2. Alleged infractions that violate the laws of the country or jurisdiction where the sports competition is held shall also be referred to the appropriate government authorities.

Agreement:

I have read the IDAF Code of Conduct and pledge to uphold the spirit of this Code which offers a general guide to my conduct at IDAF events. I recognize that this Code does not establish a complete set of rules which prescribe every aspect of behavior. I agree to follow the IDAF Code of Conduct while participating in [*name of sports event or activity*].

Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

A parent or guardian must co-sign for children under 18 years of age.

Parent (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

3.9.2 Applicability

3.9.2.1 IDAF sports administrators. The IDAF Code of Conduct must be signed by each IDAF sports administrator, whether elected or appointed, as a condition of service to the organization.

3.9.2.2 Participants at IDAF sports events. The IDAF Code of Conduct must be signed by each chef de mission, athlete, coach, official/classifier, and sports administrator as a condition of participation at an IDAF sanctioned or approved sports competition. If a person is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must co-sign the IDAF Code of Conduct.

3.9.3 Reporting a suspected violation. The person who reports a suspected violation is a *complainant*, and the person who allegedly violated the code of conduct is a *respondent*. Complainants should use the following guidelines when reporting a suspected violation of the IDAF Code of Conduct (note that protests involving the conduct of competition or related matters should follow the protest procedures in the next section of this rule book). IDAF will recognize the experience and resources of the complainant, and understands that in the field of ethical conduct it can be difficult to precisely identify the nature of a violation or to obtain the evidence to prove the allegation.

IDAF regards suspected violations that may affect athlete safety and welfare, especially child safety and welfare, as particularly egregious. Such suspected violations shall be reported immediately regardless of the complainant's ability to follow all of the IDAF guidelines in this section. If the suspected violation is in conflict with the laws of the country or jurisdiction in which a competition is held, the complaint should be made directly and immediately to the appropriate government authorities (e.g., police).

3.9.3.1 Procedures. The complainant must report a suspected violation as promptly as possible to an IDAF official or competition director or their representatives.

3.9.3.2 Written form. Complaints shall be in written form, and whenever possible shall include: (a) the date, time, and place of violation; (b) the name of the person who violated the IDAF Code of Conduct; (c) identification of the code of conduct provision that was violated; (d) names of witnesses; (e) explanation of the violation; and (f) a summary of any discussions with the person who violated the code of conduct.

3.9.3.3 Evidence. The complainant shall provide any and all evidence that is available to support the claim of a suspected code of conduct violation.

3.9.4 Resolution of complaints

3.9.4.1 Receipt of complaint. Complaints received by an IDAF official or competition director or representative shall be delivered to the chairperson of the IDAF Judicial Committee, who shall immediately provide written acknowledgement to the complainant.

3.9.4.2 Referral of complaint. Alleged infractions shall be referred to the IDAF Judicial Committee for resolution. If the alleged violation is in conflict with the laws of the country or jurisdiction in which a competition is held, IDAF shall also immediately refer the complaint to the appropriate government authorities (e.g., police).

3.9.4.3 Composition of the IDAF Judicial Committee. At IDAF sanctioned or approved sports competitions, the IDAF Judicial Committee shall be comprised of the president of IDAF, the president of the dwarf sports organization from the nation in which the competition is held, the competition director, or their designees. Each of these parties (the president of IDAF, the president of the dwarf sports organization from the nation in which the competition is held, and the competition director) shall each designate two alternate members of the IDAF Judicial Committee who shall serve if one of the primary committee members has a conflict of interest or if an appeal causes formation of a different IDAF Judicial Committee for a particular case. The IDAF president or her/his designee shall chair the committee.

3.9.4.4 Hearings and appeals

3.9.4.4.1 Assessment of complaint. The IDAF Judiciary Committee shall first determine if the complaint has merit. If yes, the committee shall proceed with a hearing. If no, the committee shall report the finding of "no merit" to the complainant.

3.9.4.4.2 Notification. The IDAF Judiciary Committee shall notify the complainant, respondent, and witnesses (as appropriate) that a hearing will be held about the complaint. The notice shall include the date, place, and time of the hearing, and shall request their participation. All parties shall be requested to confirm receipt of the notice.

3.9.4.4.3 Hearings. Hearing procedures shall be flexible. The general order of business shall be: (a) a reading of instructions about hearing

procedures and of the complaint by the chair of the IDAF Judiciary Committee; (b) a statement from the complainant, including presentation of evidence in support of the complaint; (c) a statement from the respondent, including presentation of evidence that disconfirms the complaint; (d) continued discussion of the case moderated by the chair; (e) private deliberations by the IDAF Judiciary Committee; and (f) report of IDAF Judiciary Committee findings and verdict to the complainant and respondent. Only invited parties may participate in hearings, except that the complainant and respondent are each entitled to be represented at the hearing by a single representative of their choice.

3.9.4.4.4 Possible sanctions. Possible sanctions include, but are not limited to, a warning, a public reprimand, removal from one or more sports events or related activities, removal from an IDAF or competition position of authority/responsibility, suspension from participation in future IDAF sports competitions, and reparation.

3.9.4.4.5 False Reporting. If the complainant is found guilty of deliberately and falsely accusing the respondent, the IDAF Judiciary Committee may consider sanctions against the complainant.

3.9.4.4.6 Appeals. Either the complainant or the respondent may choose to appeal the verdict of the IDAF Judiciary Committee. The above hearing procedures shall also apply to appeals, with the exception that new members shall be appointed to the IDAF Judiciary Committee.

3.9.4.4.7 Fees. There shall never be a fee related to reporting situations concerning athlete safety and welfare. The fee for submitting complaints or requesting appeals related to other provisions of the IDAF Code of Conduct is \$100 (cash US dollars), payable to IDAF. The fee shall be returned to the person making a complaint or appeal if the IDAF Judicial Committee rules in her/his favor, and will be deposited in the IDAF treasury if the complaint is not successful or if the complaint is considered frivolous.

3.9.4.4.8 Timing of resolution. Where the alleged violation and associated complaint occur during a competition period (starting 10 days prior to the day of opening ceremonies and ending at midnight on the day of closing ceremonies), the complaint shall be heard within 24 hours of receipt by the IDAF Judiciary Committee.

3.9.4.5 Written record. All complaints, notices, records of hearings and appeals, and sanctions shall be recorded in writing and shall be submitted to the IDAF secretary to be entered into official IDAF records.

3.9.4.6 Confidentiality. Any person who is present during code of conduct hearings and appeals, including members of the IDAF Judicial Committee, shall be obliged to keep all information regarding a complaint confidential. This obligation of confidentiality will not prohibit IDAF from publishing the outcome of a hearing or appeal or from revealing such details that may be necessary to give a proper context and understanding of the decision reached.

3.10 PROTESTS

3.10.1 Definition. The term *protest* refers to a complaint related to actual sports competition. Topics of protests include, but are not limited to: (a) athlete classification; (b) athlete eligibility, e.g., age, sex, country represented, satisfaction of qualifying performance standards, and number of events entered; and (c) the conduct of competition, e.g., whether the competition was conducted according to the entry information and IDAF rules.

3.10.2 Submitting a Protest. The following guidelines should be used when submitting a protest (note that complaints about suspected violations of the IDAF Code of Conduct or related matters should follow the code of conduct procedures in the previous section of this rule book).

3.10.2.1 Reporting. Protests must be submitted by either the country's chef de mission or by the country's head coach for the sport. Protests shall be submitted to the competition director or head official for the sport in which the alleged problem occurred, or to the overall games director if the alleged problem occurred prior to the onset of competition.

3.10.2.2 Deadline. Protests must be submitted within 30 minutes following the official announcement of event results when the protest arises from the conduct of the competition. The competition director shall be responsible for ensuring that the time of announcement of results is recorded. Other protests must be submitted as soon as practical after discovery.

3.10.2.3 Fee. Protests must be accompanied by a \$100 protest fee (cash US dollars) payable to the competition host. The protest fee will be returned if the protest is upheld, and will be deposited in the treasury of the competition host if the protest is not successful or if the protest is considered frivolous.

3.10.2.4 Written form. Protests shall be in written form using the IDAF Protest Form or reasonable facsimile, shown here and in Appendix C.

IDAF Protest Form		
Date _____	Time _____	Sport/Activity _____
Complainant:		
Name of person submitting protest: _____		
Local contact information: _____		
Position (e.g., athlete, coach, chef de mission): _____		
Country represented: _____		
 Description of the incident/concern:		

Citation of the rule or entry information provision that is in question:

Name and country of person who is the subject of the protest (if applicable):

Names of witnesses (if applicable):

For IDAF Use:

Protest Committee Members:

Name _____ Country _____

Name _____ Country _____

Name _____ Country _____

Time convened _____ Time Adjourned _____

Decision:

3.10.2.5 Evidence. The complainant shall provide any and all evidence that is available to support the claim of a suspected code of conduct violation.

3.10.3 Resolution of protests

3.10.3.1 Protest Committee. Protest committees shall be convened on an ad hoc basis as needed to adjudicate submitted protests. The protest committee shall have three members including: (a) a representative from either IDAF or the competition host; (b) a technical expert for the sport in question (or a classification or eligibility expert); and (c) an athlete who is entered in the open division for that sport. Committee members and alternates shall be appointed for each sport prior to the onset of competition. The representative from IDAF/competition host shall chair the committee. Conflicts of interest should be disclosed (minimum requirement) and avoided if possible. At international competitions, whenever possible, different nations should be represented on protest committees.

3.10.3.2 Procedures. The Protest Committee shall be convened as soon as possible following submission of a protest. The agenda shall include: (a) a reading of the protest; (b) a review of the rule or entry information provision in

question; (c) consideration of the evidence; (d) efforts to obtain additional evidence if deemed necessary; (e) a decision; and (f) notification of affected parties.

3.10.3.3 Athlete rights

3.10.3.3.1 Eligibility to compete. If a protest concerns an athlete's eligibility to compete, and the protest is not resolved prior to competition, the athlete shall be allowed to *compete under protest*. Following the competition, the Protest Committee shall determine whether the athlete's competition results should stand.

3.10.3.3.2 Classification. Should an athlete's classification be changed during a competition, the athlete's performances in the competition shall be deleted. The athlete will be allowed to compete in her/his new classification if that competition has not yet taken place. Should an athlete's classification be changed before competition starts, the athlete will be transferred to their new classification whenever possible.

3.10.3.4 Appeals. Decisions of the Protest Committee are final and may not be appealed.

3.10.3.5 Confidentiality. Members of the Protest Committee shall be obliged to keep all information regarding a protest confidential. This obligation of confidentiality will not prohibit IDAF from publishing the outcome of protest deliberations or from revealing such details that may be necessary to give a proper context and understanding of the decision reached.

3.11 SAFETY PROVISIONS

3.11.1 Emergency action plans. The competition host shall develop an emergency action plan for each sports venue. The following topics should be considered when developing the emergency action plan:

- Common emergency situations in the sport, including common athlete injuries, safety hazards, and inclement weather situations.
- Available personnel resources and safety equipment, including first aid or sports medicine personnel, first aid or medical supplies, backboards, telephones, etc., and including the location of those resources within the facility or outdoor area.
- Procedures that will be used in the case of an athlete injury or other emergency, including evacuation procedures and routes for athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators.
- Chain of command for emergency situations. Specify the responsibilities of the competition director and safety personnel. Be certain that the emergency action plan is consistent with existing plans at the facility that will be used for competition.
- Contact information for emergency medical, police, and fire services. What are the emergency telephone numbers? What script should be used when making an emergency call?

Sample text for emergency call: Hello. My name is [give name]. I am calling from [name of facility]. We have an emergency [describe it]. We need

police/fire/emergency medical personnel. The facility is located at [give address]. Come to the [describe entrance]. I will stay on the telephone until you ask me to hang up. If we are disconnected you may call me at [give phone number].

- Plans for communicating the emergency action plan to the administrators, officials, and volunteers responsible for conducting the sport.

3.11.2 Medical clearance. Athletes must report current health status and disability characteristics as requested by IDAF and/or the competition host. Athletes with conditions such as atlantoaxial instability and osteogenesis imperfecta may be restricted from competition in certain events. Athletes with acute conditions such as open wounds or contagious illnesses may also be restricted from competition.

3.11.3 Sports medicine providers. At World Dwarf Games, the competition host shall ensure that each sports event has sports medicine coverage during the pre-game warm-up, competition, and cool-down. The level of coverage (e.g., first aid provider, athletic trainer/physiotherapist, sports medicine physician) shall be appropriate for the sport and age/skill level of the athletes.

3.11.4 Adequate water and shade. The competition host shall provide safe drinking water at all sports venues. Shaded rest areas shall be provided for athletes at outdoor events when the weather is sunny.

3.12 DRUG TESTING. The Code of Conduct for the IDAF sanctioned and approved competitions prohibits the use of performance-enhancing substances. As such, any athlete who currently is under censure from the World Anti-Doping Agency (<http://www.wada-ama.org/>), the athlete's national anti-doping agency, the athlete's international sport governing body, or the athlete's national sport governing body shall be denied the right to compete in IDAF sanctioned or approved competitions. Drug testing is a possibility for athletes at IDAF sanctioned or approved competitions.

3.13 ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP SIGNAGE. At World Dwarf Games, the content, appearance, size, and placement of advertising and sponsorship signage intended for posting at sports, housing, or other games venues must be approved by the IDAF-designated host organization. Signage that is in conflict with IDAF sponsors, World Dwarf Games sponsors, or policies of the host facility will not be approved.

PART 4: ARCHERY TECHNICAL RULES

4.1 ELIGIBILITY

4.1.1 Age divisions. Archery may be offered in the Junior B (12-15 years), Open (any age), and Masters (35 years and older) Divisions. Archers who choose to compete in the Open Division may not also compete in the Junior B or Masters Divisions.

4.1.2 Sex divisions. Separate events shall be offered for male and female athletes.

4.1.3 Classifications. There are no IDAF classifications for archery.

4.2 EVENTS. Events include 18m crossbow, 9m recurve bow, and 18m recurve bow target archery.