



DELEGATES' INFORMATION

The 16th Sport Congress of International Powerchair Hockey (IPCH) will be held on Saturday 11th January 2025 - Online

PCH Sport Congresses are held every two years and provide an arena for IPCH Member Nations to discuss and decide about policies, management rules and regulations for Powerchair Hockey.

This invitation is sent to all member organizations of the World AbilitySport worldwide and to all Nations where Powerchair Hockey is played.

World AbilitySport and IPCH invites delegates of the Sport Congress to register to the meeting according to the following information.

1. Meeting Concept and schedule:

Rationale - background information:

The agenda for the IPCH Sport Congress 2024 has been carefully crafted to address key areas of focus that are critical to the future of our sport.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of 2024, evaluate and refine essential rules and regulations, and discuss the strategic direction leading up to the 2026 World Cup.

The sessions are designed to foster collaboration between athletes, coaches, referees, and officials, ensuring that all voices are heard in shaping the ongoing development of the sport.

This congress holds particular importance as it serves as a platform for collective decision-making, where key motions, proposals, and initiatives will be discussed and voted on.

It is a pivotal moment for the IPCH community to align on crucial issues and make informed decisions that will impact the future of our competitions, operational structure, and the training of our officials. Participation and active engagement in this congress are essential to ensuring the continued growth and success of the IPCH, culminating in a well-prepared and unified approach to WC2026.

General Program:

- 13.30 Link opening and connection time
- 14.00 Official Welcome
- 14.15 Session 1 - Looking Back on 2024
- 15.15 Session 2 - IPCH Structure
- 15.45 Session 3 - IPCH Rules and Regulations



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- 16.15 Session 4 - Road to WC2026
 - 16.30 Session 5 - WC2026
 - 17.00 Greetings and closing of the Sport Congress

For a more detailed program please check the Draft Agenda

2. Registration and attendance:

Because the meeting will be held online there will be no participation fee.

IPCH would like to invite people to participate also as observers in order to have the chance to include as many people as possible in this meeting and in order to stimulate participation internationally.

IPCH does invite National Members to share this invitation with the people within the National organizations that can be interested in the topics on the agenda (including coaches, athletes, national officials etc) to attend the meeting. They will have to register as Observers on the platform and won't have the chance to vote or speak on behalf of their country.

How to register:

All participants will have to register through the following link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvdeCurT8vGdF4QqqBsdPY00R9xCN2ZTcV>

IPCH Sport Congress Delegate Categories and Participation Guidelines

Delegate - WITH Voting Rights:

This category is reserved for one Delegate per Nation who is granted the right to vote during the congress. The individual holding the mandate is required to attend the entire meeting and will be the sole representative authorized to cast votes and speak on behalf of their National Organization. This delegate is a key participant, as their vote will contribute directly to the decision-making process of the congress.

National Delegate - WITHOUT Voting Rights:

In addition to the Delegate with voting rights, each nation may register one National Delegate. This individual is strongly encouraged to attend the full congress but will not be granted voting rights. While they cannot vote, they are allowed to speak on behalf of their National Organization, offering insights and participating in discussions. Their role is important for ensuring that the nation's interests are communicated, though decisions will be made by the Delegate with voting rights.



Registration Confirmation for National Delegates:

IPCH will confirm the registration of National Delegates (both with and without voting rights) after receipt of the IPCH Mandate Form from the World Abilitysport Member organization to ensure that the registered person has an official mandate to represent their country at the congress.

Observers:

Observers are welcome to attend the congress, but they will not have voting rights. Given the online nature of the event, Observers will be able to participate in discussions through the available chat feature, where they can express their views and opinions. IPCH Staff will monitor the chat, and relevant comments will be considered during the discussions. Observers are encouraged to contribute, but their input will not influence the voting process.

Nations that are not officially represented by a World Abilitysport Member and thus do not have the possibility of sending an official Delegate (with or without voting rights) are eligible to register as Observers.

Attendance Capacity and Registration Process:

The congress has a total of 100 available spots for participants, including speakers and IPCH Staff. Should the number of registration requests exceed the available spots, Observers will be accepted based on the following priorities:

- Representation of as many Nations as possible to ensure broad international participation.
- Order of registration to ensure fairness in allocation of spots.

Voting Rights and Representation:

Each nation is allowed one vote, and only the designated Delegate with voting rights will be permitted to cast that vote. Therefore, it is important that the nation selects their voting Delegate with care to ensure proper representation in the decision-making process.

This structure aims to provide equal representation and ensure that all voices are heard, while maintaining a clear and organized voting system for the congress.

How to participate in the meeting:

All registered participants will be able to connect to the link they will receive upon registration. The link to the meeting will be open in advance to ensure everyone can connect and test their connection.

3. Getting ready for the Sport Congress

As we approach the upcoming Sport Congress, we would like to share with you the draft versions of two key documents that will be addressed in the agenda:



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- **Organizers Regulations:** This revision aims to provide clarity on the distinction between an IPCH Competition and an IPCH Events, as well as establish clear guidelines and standards for organizing various competitions, tournaments, and events. The update promotes better alignment with the expectations of teams and IPCH while also leaving room for further improvements to accommodate the growth of the sport.
 - **Competition Regulations:** The revision of these regulations addresses several aspects that were no longer in line with the current requirements and standards for our competitions. It also includes updates to the qualification criteria based on discussions held during last year's meetings.

Please note that we will not be reading these documents in full during the congress. Instead, we will proceed directly to a vote on the content of both documents. The attached documents are in draft form, as the layout and formatting will be finalized after the congress. Therefore, you may notice some numbering errors in the text; we would appreciate it if you could highlight these issues via email before or right after the meeting (office@powerchairhockey.org).

However, we kindly ask that you refrain from using discussion time to address these formatting issues, as the focus should remain on the content and substance of the regulations.

In addition the Sport Executive Committee is conducting a thorough analysis of the data collected during recent competitions about speed. Based on these findings and considering how the discussion on this topic unfolds, the SEC plans to present a proposal and motion to the Sport Congress. This aims to establish clearer regulations regarding the use and application of tolerance in speed control, ensuring consistency for upcoming and all future competitions.

We encourage all delegates to review the documents shared ahead of time to ensure a productive discussion and voting process.

Questions and Information:

For additional information or questions related to the IPCH Sport Congress please contact office@powerchairhockey.org