



DELEGATES' INFORMATION

The 17th Sport Congress of International Powerchair Hockey (IPCH) will be held on Saturday 28th November 2026, 13:30 - 19:00 Online

With the introduction of the new IPCH Operational Regulations in 2026, aligned with the World Abilitysport governance framework, the IPCH Sport Congress will be held annually. The Sport Congress provides an arena for IPCH Member Nations to discuss and decide on policies, management, rules and regulations for Powerchair Hockey.

This year the Sport Congress will also host the Elections of the Sport Executive Committee (SEC) for the 2026 - 2030 period, in accordance with the applicable World Abilitysport and IPCH regulations.

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

World Abilitysport and IPCH invite delegates of the Sport Congress to register for the meeting according to the following information.

1. Meeting Background and Key Dates:

Meeting Background and Purpose

The **17th IPCH Sport Congress** will provide an opportunity for the international Powerchair Hockey community to reflect on the continued growth and development of the sport and to look ahead to its future.

With the introduction of the **new IPCH Operational Regulations in 2026**, aligned with the World Abilitysport governance framework, the IPCH Sport Congress will now be held **annually**. This will provide Member Nations with a regular forum to discuss and decide on matters relating to the governance, management, rules, regulations and continued development of Powerchair Hockey.

Over recent years, Powerchair Hockey has continued to grow internationally, including through the development of new and emerging nations. Significant progress has also been made across a range of areas, including regulations, classification, technical standards, competitions and the overall development of the sport.



This progress would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of athletes, officials, volunteers and National Organisations across the international Powerchair Hockey community. Their contribution continues to create opportunities for athletes around the world to participate, compete and develop within the sport.

The **17th Sport Congress** will focus on the future of IPCH and the continued international development of Powerchair Hockey. Member Nations, IPCH committees and the SEC will have the opportunity to bring forward motions for discussion and decision. A formal agenda and supporting documentation will be distributed in advance of the meeting.

The Congress will also include **elections for SEC positions**, providing Member Nations with an important opportunity to contribute to the future leadership and direction of IPCH.

Meeting Packages and Key Dates

This initial Sports Congress package is being distributed in advance of the meeting and includes the key forms and reference materials required for nations to participate in the Sports Congress. A second package will be distributed one month prior to the meeting and will provide the detailed materials required to prepare for the Sports Congress.

Date	Milestone	Details
3 September 2026	Initial Congress Package Distributed	Includes the Mandate Form, Nominations Form, Motions Form, and Minutes from the 2024 Sports Congress.
3 October 2026	Nominations & Motions Deadline	Deadline for submission of SEC nominations and motions for consideration at the Sports Congress.
31 October 2026	Second Congress Package Distributed	Includes the Draft Agenda, List of SEC Role Nominees, Voting Procedures and Instructions, and other relevant materials for discussion.
14 November 2026	Mandate Form Deadline	Deadline for nations to submit their completed mandate forms.
28 November 2026	17th IPCH Sports Congress	Discussion on the future of IPCH and the continued development of Powerchair Hockey, voting on motions and SEC elections.

2. Registration and attendance:



As the meeting will be held online there will be no participation fee. The following outlines the process for each type of attendee to register

Official Delegates

Delegates with voting rights and national delegates do not need to register via Eventbrite. Once the mandate form is shared with IPCH, a formal meeting booking will be distributed. As noted previously, the deadline to submit the mandate form is **14 November 2026**.

- [Delegate - WITH Voting Rights](#): Reserved for 1 Delegate per Nation. This person must attend the full meeting and will be the only individual from the nation with the ability to vote and allowed to speak on behalf of the National Organisation.
- [National Delegate](#): This ticket is reserved for max. 1 Delegate per Nation, in addition to the one with voting rights. This person is strongly advised to attend the whole meeting. This person will NOT have voting rights, but is allowed to speak on behalf of the National Organisation.

Observers

IPCH invites additional individuals to participate as observers in order to have the chance to include as many people as possible to increase participation internationally. IPCH invites National Members to share this invitation with individuals within the National organisations (including coaches, athletes, national officials etc) to attend the meeting.

They will register as Observers through the process outlined below. Observers will not have voting rights. As the Sports Congress will take place online, there will be a chat available where Observers can also express their views and opinions to participate in the discussion. IPCH Staff will monitor the chat throughout the meeting and highlight relevant comments.

- [Observer registration](#): Observers must register via Eventbrite and will be open from **3 September 2026 to 27 November 2026** - [registration link](#)

Powerchair Hockey Nations that are not represented officially by a World Abilitysport Member and therefore do not have the possibility to have an Official Delegate (with or without voting rights) can register as Observers.

There is a maximum of 100 participants who may register for the meeting, including speakers and IPCH staff. If the number of registration requests exceeds the available capacity, participation will be allocated according to the following principles:

- Representation from as many Nations as possible
- Order in which registrations are received

3. Getting ready for the Sport Congress



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We kindly ask that you review the key dates and deadlines outlined in this package and ensure that all submissions are made by the stated deadlines. This will allow IPCH to properly plan and prepare for the meeting.

We also ask that all National Delegates, both with and without voting rights, carefully review all documents provided and coordinate with their respective National Organisation to ensure that the views and positions of their Nation are appropriately represented and shared during the Sports Congress.

Motions Information Sessions

In the weeks leading up to the Sport Congress, IPCH will host at least one informal information session for Member Nations to discuss the motions submitted by IPCH and by Member Nations. These sessions will provide an opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification and develop a common understanding of the proposals before the Congress.

Member Nations are strongly encouraged to review the Congress package and submitted motions in advance and to participate in the information session(s). This preparation will help ensure that the Sport Congress can remain focused, efficient and productive, allowing time during the formal meeting to concentrate on substantive discussion, decision-making and voting, rather than reviewing proposals in detail for the first time.

Further information regarding the date, time and format of the information session(s) will follow.

Questions and Information:

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