

NPCs and NFs
Via email

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World Para Athletics Competition Calendar 2021

Dear NPC/NF,

On behalf of World Para Athletics (WPA), we would like to provide you with a few updates regarding the 2021 competition calendar and classification planning to facilitate you and your athletes planning for the 2021 season and your preparation for the postponed Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Grand Prix

We have been in dialogue with our Grand Prix organisers and, though the current global pandemic continues to create uncertainty, we are pleased to release the tentative dates for the Grand Prix series in 2021. We recognise that the situation may cause the status or dates of any Grand Prix to change, and in those instances, we endeavour to notify NPCs as soon as practically possible.

The Grand Prix Calendar for the 2021 season is as follows:

Competition	Classification Dates	Competition Dates
Dubai 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix – Fazza International Athletics Championships	7-9 February 2021	10-13 February 2021
Tunis 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix – 13 th Tunis International Meeting	15-17 March 2021	18-20 March 2021
Sao Paulo 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix – Loterias Caixa Open Championships	22-24 March 2021	25-27 March 2021
Italy 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix – Italian Open Championships (city TBC)	13-15 April 2021	16-18 April 2021

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Beijing 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix – The 8 th China Open Athletics Championships	20-22 April 2021	23-25 April 2021
Paris 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix – Handisport Open Paris	02-04 May 2021	05-07 May 2021
Nottwil 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix – ParAthletics	11-13 May 2021	14-16 May 2021
Arizona 2021 World Para Athletics Grand Prix – Desert Challenge Games	TBC	TBC

European Championships (Bydgoszcz, Poland) *

The dates of the postponed European Championships have been confirmed as follows:

Classification dates: 28 May 2021-31 May 2021

Competition dates: 1-5 June 2021

*only open for European countries

Junior World Championships

Due to the postponement of the Paralympic Games and World Championships, the Junior World Championships will not take place in 2021 but 2022 instead. We aim to continue aligning Junior World Championships in the same year as the World Championships and will confirm the dates as soon as a host has been confirmed.

Classification

We aim to provide classification at all listed Grand Prix events, the European Championships and other strategic competition(s) to ensure distribution of opportunities across all regions. However, at this moment in time, we are still unable to confirm panel(s) for those competitions due to the ever-evolving pandemic and travel restrictions. We will continue monitoring the situation closely and confirm and announce the detailed provisions of these opportunities as they come in due course.

Whilst working through the uncertainties, we encourage NPCs to proactively identify Tokyo-bound athletes who still require undergoing classification prior to the Games, and submit their classification related medical diagnostic information to WPA well in advance for

review. This will allow WPA to provide timely feedback to NPCs (and athletes) prior to classification appointments and ensure a smooth process during the Athlete Evaluation.

We would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and continued cooperation to our mutual success, especially during these unprecedented and challenging times. Should you have any question or seek clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us on: info@WorldParaAthletics.org.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "高志" (Gao Zhi) in Chinese characters.

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