

WORLD PARAVOLLEY ACCREDITATION OF TEAM HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL (MEDICAL DOCTOR AND/OR TEAM THERAPIST)

POLICY

1. Possession of World ParaVolley accreditation as an official Team Medical Doctor/Team Therapist (Team Health Care Personnel) allows an individual to take a place on the team bench during World ParaVolley sanctioned Sitting Volleyball matches. For Beach Volleyball such an accreditation allows the individual access to the field of play to provide medical assistance during a medical time-out according to the Medical Injury Protocol.
2. Accreditation as a Team Medical Doctor or Team Therapist will be granted by the World ParaVolley Medical Commission (or its Medical Director, acting on behalf of the Commission) following review of submitted credentials and acceptance that the credentials meet World ParaVolley criteria as outlined below.
3. A Team Therapist shall be defined as an individual who has been certified as a physical therapist, athletic trainer, chiropractor or equivalent by the relevant health authorities and who **MUST** have a minimum of three years of college/University level education in their specific practice area. World ParaVolley requires that any person attached to a team must have qualifications accepted by the National Recognized Body for that area of Medical or Allied health Practice, and is a member in good standing with the National or Regional Recognized Licensing Body. It is also recommended, but not required, that the therapist has three years experience in their area of health practice.
4. The Team Therapist and Team Medical Doctor must respect and act in accordance with the rules in the World ParaVolley Medical Code.
5. All supporting documents and application form for new accreditations shall be received by the World ParaVolley Medical Department at any time, but no later than 4 weeks prior to the involvement in a competition. However, Team Health Care Personnel are encouraged to complete the accreditation process as soon as they are officially working with the National Team, in order to ensure accreditation is completed well before major competitions. Documents provided in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation.

COMPLETION & SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

Please complete all fields in the [Application for Team Health Care Personnel Accreditation](#) Form.

In addition to the Accreditation Application Form, please provide the following mandatory Documents for Team Medical Doctors and Team Therapists:

- (Team therapist) University diploma and/or relevant therapist Professional Registration Certificate/letter from appropriate nationally recognized health authority (renewed and updated for current practice).
- (Team doctor) Copy of medical diploma/degree and medical license from appropriate nationally recognized health authority (renewed and updated for current practice).
- Letter of support from the relevant World ParaVolley Member (National Paralympic Committee or National Sport Federation).
- Certificate of Completion of one of the following Online Courses:
 - WADA ADEL for Medical Professionals Education Program at: <https://adel.wada-ama.org/> , (it is offered in many languages) OR
 - Equivalent training program for medical professionals from National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO)

*World ParaVolley believes that its Team Support Personnel, such as Team Doctors and Team Therapists, should be equipped with accurate Anti-Doping Knowledge in order to operate in line with the rules and support their Athletes. Team Medical Doctors and Team Therapists requesting official accreditation must complete the online version of one of the above Anti-doping Education Programs, and submit the certificate of completion at the time of their application. You will need to create an account in either program. **When you create your own account for the WADA ADEL program, please select ParaVolley as your sport and the relevant discipline as "Sitting Volleyball" or "Beach ParaVolley", as appropriate.** World ParaVolley also recommends that all team health care personnel attending a Major International Event complete the WADA ADEL "Medical Professionals at Major Games" which focuses on the knowledge needed for Major Games.*

- Passport sized picture (.jpg, .jpeg, .gif or .bmp)

If any of these professional documents are not in English, please also provide a certified English translation.

Digital images must be submitted as .jpg, .jpeg, .gif or .bmp format, following these guidelines:

- The photo should be an accurate likeness of the applicant.
- The photo must be in colour; black and white photos will not be accepted.
- The image file must be between 50 and 300 kb.
- The photo should have a passport style photograph (width/height ratio of 4 x 5)

NOTIFICATION

The completed application, including all required information and documentation, may be submitted to World ParaVolley on a rolling basis, but no later than four weeks prior to the first event at which the Physician/Therapist wishes to be accredited for. Please submit to:

World ParaVolley Medical Director
medicaldirector@worldparavolley.org

Upon review and verification of all of the documentation, World ParaVolley will notify the individual and National Federation if the accreditation has been granted within 21 days of receiving the information.

It is the responsibility of the NSF/NPC to ensure any accredited personnel maintains his/her license in good standing with the National Recognized Body. The NSF/NPC will be responsible to notify World ParaVolley if the medical/allied health professional has had his/her license revoked, suspended or expired. Accreditations will be valid with World ParaVolley for a three-year period.

World ParaVolley strongly encourages each NSF/NPC to ensure their Health Care Personnel complete CPR/first aid training at a minimum every three years.

Accreditation of Team Health Care Personnel is **valid for three years** (personnel do not have to be accredited for each competition). Once accredited, the accreditation will be valid until December 31st of the third year of accreditation (e.g. if accredited anytime in 2018, accreditation will expire December 31, 2020). Personnel with valid accreditation will not need to apply to World ParaVolley prior to each competition within that period of accreditation. Personnel with Accreditation that expires December 31 of the third year of accreditation will need to apply again with updated credentials for the following 3-year period (e.g. period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 for the previous example).

NOTE: *As of 2021, WADA recommends that education programs be valid for a two-year period, therefore WPV shall require and request proof of a valid*

Anti-doping education certificate after two years of the 3-year accreditation period if attending an event.

PRIOR TO COMPETITION:

- The Technical Delegate will notify the attending teams well prior to the event of the requirement for Team Health Care Personnel Accreditation
- The Technical delegate will provide to the Athlete Health & Medical Commission the names of the Team Health Care Personnel on the Team entry form to check against the accredited list of personnel

DURING COMPETITION:

- The names and photos of World ParaVolley accredited personnel for teams will be forwarded by the Medical Commission to the Technical Delegate (TD) of Zonal and International Competitions prior to the Preliminary Inquiry. All Team Health Care Personnel should bring appropriate identification (e.g. passport, accreditation) to the Competition to verify his/her identity.
- The number of dedicated team Health Care personnel on or behind the bench may vary and is determined by the rules of each World ParaVolley sport discipline (sitting volleyball, Beach ParaVolley (standing), etc) and the rules of the event, and shall be followed for each competition.
- It is not the intent of World ParaVolley to permit substitution of roles on the team bench i.e. Health Care personnel acting in the role of coach; therefore it is expected that all team Health Care Personnel on the team bench during competition shall act accordingly.