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**PARACANOE
 (Paddleability)
 National Federation Questionnaire**

Please fill out this questionnaire by 12 February, 2010. The answers are essential information for the ICF to be able to plan for the 2010 Paracanoeing events at the Canoe Sprint World Championships in Poznan, Poland in August.

Please send your response to the ICF H.Q. (nao.miyawaki@canoeicf.com) or fax: 0041 21 612 0291.

Name of the NF	
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Please circle the Y (yes) or N (no)

1. Have you identified any paracanoeing athlete(s) in your federation?

YES	NO
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If yes, how many?

Men		Women	
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2. Do you have paracanoeing athletes in competitions in your federation?

YES	NO
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If yes, how many?

Men		Women	
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3. Do you intend to enter at least one Paracanoeing event at the 2010 Canoe Sprint World Championships in Poznan?

YES	NO
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4. What events do you plan to attend in Poznan?

Paracanoeing Events for 2010 World Championships	
Men	Female
K-1	K-1
V-1 (canoe)	V-1 (canoe)

- *(please circle the event)*
- *All categories (LTA,TA,A) will be able to enter all events*
- *'V-1' is the Va'a single, also known as an outrigger boat*

5. Please provide the contact information for the person responsible for Paracanoeing in your Federation.

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6. What support do you need to be able to confirm at least one entry in the Paracanoeing events in Poznan in 2010?

7. If you have Paracanoeing athletes, in which disciplines are they participating? If you can, estimate the number of Paracanoeing athletes in each discipline.

DISCIPLINE/ACTIVITY	Y/N	NUMBER
Canoe Marathon		
Canoe Polo		
Canoe Sprint		
Dragonboat		
Freestyle		
Slalom		
Whitewater		
Va'a/Outrigger		
Recreational		
Other		

8. If you have Paracanoeing athletes in competitions, estimate how many competitors are in the following categories:

Categories	Number*	Percentage**
LTA		
TA		
A		
Intellectual Disability		

**Number: The raw number of Paracanoeing athletes*

***Percentage: The percentage is calculated as a portion of the total number of para-athletes. (The categories are described at the back of the questionnaire.)*

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9. Is there a separate national organisation responsible for para-athletes in your country?

YES	NO
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10. If you have a separate para-sport organisation have you established contact with them to explain the new ICF Paracanoeing programme?

YES	NO
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11. If you do not have Paracanoeing athletes, do you intend to initiate a Paracanoeing programme in your Federation this year?

YES	NO
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12. Do you have a person or a committee responsible for Paracanoeing?

YES	NO
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13. Please prioritise the following topics for the development of Paracanoeing in your Federation.

TOPICS	RANK
Basic information on ICF Paracanoeing programme	
Basic Promotion	
Para-athlete recruitment	
Classifier Training	
Coach Education	
Competition opportunities	
Other	

15 Are there any comments you wish to add?

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SPORT CLASSIFICATIONS

ICF recognises three (3) sport classes for PaddleAbility: LTA, TA, A. The International Va'a Federation (IVF) recognizes six (6) sport classes. The following classifications blend the two classification systems.

LTA (IVF 5 & 6 Point Paddler)

The LTA class is for paddlers with a disability who have functional use of their legs, trunk and arms and who can apply force to the foot board or the seat to propel the boat. Eligible LTA paddlers may typically have a minimum disability equivalent to one of the following:

- Amputee
- Neurological Impairment equivalent to incomplete lesion at S1
- Cerebral Palsy Class 8 (CPISRA)

Athletes must meet minimum disability requirements. For LTA athletes the minimum physical disability is a full loss of three fingers on one hand, or at least a metatarsal amputation of the foot, or the loss of ten points on one limb or fifteen points across two limbs when assessed using the Functional Classification Test as set out in the *Classification Application Form for Physical Disabilities* and the *ICF Classifiers Instructors Manual*.

TA (IVF 4 Point Paddler)

The TA class is for athletes who have functional use of the trunk and arms. They are unable to apply continuous and controlled force to the footboard or seat to propel the boat due to significantly weakened function of the lower limbs. Eligible TA paddlers may typically have a minimum disability equivalent to at least one of the following:

- Bilateral around knee amputation, or significantly impaired quadriceps
- Neurological impairment equivalent to a complete lesion at L3 level, or an incomplete lesion at L1
- Combination of the above such as one leg with around knee amputation and one leg with significant quadriceps impairment
- Classification by the international sports federation for paddlers with cerebral palsy (CPISRA) as eligible to be in CP Class 5.

A (IVF 1 – 3 Point Paddler)

The A class is for athletes who have no trunk function (i.e. shoulder function only). An A class paddler is able to apply force predominantly using the arms and/or shoulders. These athletes will likely also have poor sitting balance. Eligible paddlers may typically have a minimum disability equivalent to at least one of the following:

- Cerebral Palsy Class 4 (CPISRA); or
- Neurological Impairment with a complete lesion at T12 level, or an incomplete lesion at T10.