



Specialized Equipment (“Personal Performance Gear”) Summer Sports on the Paralympic/Parapan American Games Program

General Rule

An athlete has the right to select and use his or her specialized equipment (personal performance gear) during the actual sport competitions at the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, Paralympic Games, Parapan American Games and other protected competitions.

Basis for Rule

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) authorize National Olympic Committees, in this case the USOC, to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn, and the equipment to be used, during the Olympic and Pan American Games, including during competition and during ceremonies. An exception to this general authorization is that athletes have the right to select and use their own specialized equipment, from items included on the Olympic and Pan American Games sports list, during the actual sport competitions. Specialized equipment is defined as having a material effect on the performance of athletes, due to the specialized characteristics of the equipment. The IOC and PASO also authorize the USOC to designate for each sport what equipment shall be classified as specialized equipment. *Olympic Charter, Rules 27-28, Bye-law 2.3; PASO Statute, Section 30.3*

Although the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) does not have a specific provision relating to use of specialized equipment, the USOC has determined that Paralympic athletes should be allowed to select and use specialized equipment, from items included on the Paralympic and Parapan American Games sports list, during the Paralympic and Parapan American Games.

Additionally, the USOC has determined that selection and use of specialized equipment should also apply to all protected competitions as defined in the USOC Bylaws, Section 1.3(w) provided such use does not contravene a specific provision of the sport’s International Federation.

Designation

After input from each sport’s NGB/PSO/HPMO and respective AAC representative, the USOC has designated the items on this list as specialized equipment.

ARCHERY

Arm guard	Quiver
Armband	Release pouch
Arrow (all components)	Releases
Bow (all components)	Spotting scopes/Sights/Binoculars
Chest guard	Stools
Eyewear	Tab
Finger sling	Tri-pods
Hat/Visor	Wheelchair (all components)
Prosthetics (all components)	

ATHLETICS

Braces (all components)	Racing chair (all components)
Eyewear	Shoes/Spikes
Gloves	Throwing chair (all components)
Helmet	Throwing implements
Hydration container	Undergarment (support)
Joint and abdominal support/Weight belt	Visually impaired tether
Prosthetics (all components)	Watch

BADMINTON

Medical braces	Shoes
Prosthetics (all components)	Sport glasses
Rackets	Wheelchair (all components)

BOCCIA

Boccia balls	Hydration container
Boccia ramp	Portable ball holders
Body garments for support	Ramp extensions
Communication device	Sport assistant court seat
Gloves	Strapping
Hand towel	Wheelchair (all components)
Headstick/Mouthstick/Handstick	

CANOE

Boat	Prosthetics (all components)
Eyewear	Rudder
Foot brace	Seat (includes adaptive equipment)
Hand equipment	Spray skirt
Paddle	Strapping
Personal flotation device	

CYCLING

Bicycles (all components)	Shoe covers
Eyewear	Shoes
Handcycles (all components)	Skinsuit
Helmet	Tandem bicycles (all components)
Hydration equipment	Tricycles (all components)
Prosthetics (all components)	

EQUESTRIAN

Adaptive binding	Neck strap
Arm band	Prosthetics (all components)
Bits	Protective horse boots
Blindfold/Blacked out glasses/Goggles	Reins
Boots	Riding jacket
Breastplates	Riding shirt with collar
Breeches	Riding shirt with stock tie
Bridle	Riding whip
Connecting rein bar	Saddle
Gloves	Seat saver
Hard hand hold	Spurs
Helmet	Stirrups (all components)

FOOTBALL 7-A-SIDE (SOCCER)

Cleated shoes	Shinguards
Goalkeeper gloves	

GOALBALL

Shoes

JUDO

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PARATRIATHLON

Arm slings	Hydration equipment
Bicycle (all components)	Orthotic/AFO/Brace (all components)
Bicycle computer	Prosthetics (all components)
Bicycle helmet	Race uniform
Blackout glasses	Racing wheelchair (all components)
Crutches	Running shoes

Cycling shoes
Day chair wheelchair (all components)
Eyewear
Handcycle (all components)

Swim goggles
Tandem bicycle (all components)
Wetsuit
Wheelchair gloves

POWERLIFTING

Prosthetics (all components)
Shoes

Singlet
Wrist wraps

ROWING

Boat (all components)
Chest straps
Eyewear

Leg straps
Oars

SAILING

Boat (all components)
Drysuit/Wetsuit
Eyewear
Gloves

Life jacket
Safety harness
Sails
Shoes

SHOOTING

Ammunition
Compensating block
Eyewear
Headgear/Visors
Hearing protection
Kneeling roll
Prosthetics (all components)

Shooting chairs (all components)
Shooting glove
Shooting shoes
Shooting table
Side/Front blinders
Wheelchair (all components)

Rifle

Jacket
Rifles
Shooting pants

Sling
Support stand

Pistol

Loading device

Pistols

SWIMMING

Cap
Goggles

Swimsuit

TABLE TENNIS

Glue	Prosthetics (all components)
Gloves	Rubber
Orthotic/AFO/Brace (all components)	Shoes
Paddle/Racket	Wheelchair (all components)

TAEKWONDO

Belt	Mouth guard
Dobok	Protective guards (all types)
Headgear	

SITTING VOLLEYBALL

Shoes

(WHEELCHAIR) BASKETBALL

Shoes	Wheelchair (all components)
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(WHEELCHAIR) FENCING

Electronic body cords	Mask
Fencing weapons (all components)	Shoes
Glove	Underarm protector
Knickers (pants)	Wheelchair (all components)
Lame (Electronic jacket/Vest)	

(WHEELCHAIR) RUGBY

Arm sleeves	Hard prosthetic cover (arm amputee)
Belly binder/Weight belt	Knee straps
Clister/Stickem	Shoes
Compression garments	Wheelchair Rugby sport chair (all components)
Gloves	

(WHEELCHAIR) TENNIS

Eyewear	Tennis racket
Grips (including adaptive equipment)	Wheelchair (all components)
Racket string	
