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MEDIA RELEASE #4 – SEA-Badminton & SEA-Charity makes Submission on the IPC’s Classification Code Review

Yesterday, SEA-Badminton and SEA-Charity made its joint detailed 6-page submission to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) through Paralympics Australia in response to a request for feedback on the IPC’s Phase 3 Consultation of the IPC Code Review Process.

Classification Codes are the basis of para-sport and the International Paralympic Committee stipulates the framework upon which competition at the highest level is to occur globally.

In the joint submission to Mr Scott Field, the Chair of the Code Drafting Team, which was co-ordinated through Paralympics Australia, SEA-Badminton and SEA-Charity raised broad support for the proposed changes, although we noted in particular (amongst other matters) that:

- Section 6 could better define the “approaches” that should be served as a framework at a National Federation Level compared to the “processes” that should be defined by a National Federation when classifying disabled athletes;
- Section 9 – 11 of ‘eligible impairments’ could provide greater guidance in relation to ‘vision impairment’ (this being an important point for our commercial partners SEA-Charity);
- Section 23 – 24 provides a welcomed opportunity to grow para-sport through the intention to explore a ‘combined class event’ concept. A version of this is already currently being explored by Badminton Victoria with para-wheel chair competition.

In making the submission, Mr Kevin Leong, SEA-badminton’s General Manager noted:

“It is important for inclusive sporting clubs that want to have relevance to make an active contribution to the education of inclusion in our community on behalf of athletes. Meaningful change only occurs when there is dedicated engagement and ongoing education.”

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