

**Safety Related Items, Part 1 Section 8**  
**IFDS Race Management Manual**

**A Submission from US Sailing**

*Proposal:*

US SAILING submits to IFDS for consideration at the November AGM the addition of the following two safety related items to Part 1 Section 8 of the IFDS Race Management Manual. Both items are related to each other and directly affect the health and well being of the athletes on and off the water.

To add two new safety parameters for IFDS sanctioned events to the IFDS Race Management Manual related to athlete health and well being.

**8.3 Heating/Cooling Vests and Related Equipment**

Athletes shall be allowed to use heating and/or cooling vests (or other related items) prior to, after and in between races to help regulate and maintain healthy body temperatures should conditions warrant as thermo-regulation of the disabled athlete has been well documented as a significant health and safety issue.

**8.4 Medical Supplies and Equipment**

Teams shall be permitted to use (on facility and/or in team containers) electrical appliances, such as refrigeration units to preserve and maintain medical supplies and athletic equipment.

*Current Position:*

None

*Reasons:*

As thermo-regulation of the disabled athlete has been well documented as a significant health and safety issue, it is imperative that Paralympic Athletes be allowed proper access to heating and cooling equipment and supplies. In an ever changing coastal environment and water based playing field with unpredictable weather conditions, it is essential that proper medical equipment be allowed on the venue and be unrestricted. In addition, there are some medications and supplies that require specific temperatures for storage. All athletes should have access to proper storage of such medications within their own countries secure areas in order to avoid contamination and/or improper handling.