



**Washington Interscholastic Activities Association
2026 Para-Athlete Competitor Authorization Form**

Please Submit by April 3, 2026

MEMORANDUM: **Track and Field Para-Athlete Authorization Form**
TO: **Athletic Director / Track & Field Coach**
FROM: **Justin Kesterson**
SUBJECT: **Para-Athlete Division State Track & Field Championships**

The WIAA member schools and the state track & field meet management are excited to offer a Para- Athlete division at the 2026 State Track & Field meets in Yakima and in Tacoma. It is important that these athletes have an opportunity to compete in interscholastic activities within our schools. To this end it is imperative that each school sending a competitor take the time to make sure that each athlete is eligible under both WIAA and school rules. All athletes are required to demonstrate compliance with those rules of eligibility in Article 18 of the WIAA Handbook and any corresponding school rules and regulations.

***A wheelchair athlete is anyone with a permanent physical disability. A statement of disability must be verified by a licensed physician and maintained on permanent file at the school.**

***An ambulatory athlete shall have a permanent orthopedic, neuromuscular, or other physical disability. The ambulatory division will include Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy, Dwarfism, Amputees, and similar physical disabilities. Permanent orthopedic impairment shall be verified by a licensed physician and maintained on permanent file at the school.**

Name of Athlete: _____ Sex: _____ Grade: _____

School Name: _____ WIAA Classification: _____ WIAA District: _____

Each competitor is limited to four of the following events. Please indicate by checking the box of the events you will be entering at the district and state meets.

Wheelchair Division

- ☐ 100 Meter
- ☐ 400 Meter
- ☐ 800 Meter
- ☐ 1600 Meter
- ☐ Shot put
- ☐ Discus
- ☐ Javelin

Ambulatory Division

- ☐ 100 Meter
- ☐ 200 Meter
- ☐ 400 Meter
- ☐ Shot put
- ☐ Discus
- ☐ Javelin

Ambulatory Division Impairment: _____

Accommodation Required: _____

*All para-athletes must qualify for the state meet through the qualifying meet procedure. **The para-athlete must meet or exceed the minimum standards established by the WIAA at the state qualifying meet.** The standards are listed on the 2026 Para-Athletes WIAA Track and Field State Guidelines found on the WIAA website.*

Completed applications should be emailed to Justin Kesterson | Assistant Executive Director WIAA 435 Main Avenue South, Renton, WA 98057 | email: jkesterson@wiaa.com