

GUIDELINES FOR ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

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After extensive research on the ADA guidelines for the NCAA, post-secondary educational institutions, and the EEOC, we've found that this competition does not clearly fall into any of these categories well. The closest overlap is the NCAA, since it is an intercollegiate competition, so we will share and use those guidelines.

--Section 504 and the ADA require that **reasonable accommodation** be provided upon request for a competitor or judge with a disability.

--The US Dept of Education's Office for Civil Rights describes a reasonable accommodation as one that would NOT fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program, or activity or give rise to an undue financial or administrative burden.

--Any request for accommodation that **would** fundamentally alter the nature of an IPDA competition based on the guidelines of competition described in the IPDA Constitution or By-laws, or cause undue administrative or financial burden, may not be approved.

--Since this is a post-secondary setting, the student must request the accommodation, but the coach can initiate the request for the accommodation with the student copied on the email. For non-student adult judges, the coach can request this with the permission of the judge. Any documentation should be provided by the student and sent directly to the tournament director (sheila.ritchie@acu.edu).

--All requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. We want to accommodate as many requests as possible but may be limited on space so you are encourage to submit your requests promptly and by the deadline of March 30, 2026. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Sheila Ritchie, IPDA Managing Director and National Tournament Director.

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