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In Great Britain, two different entities are entrusted to lead the national Olympic and Paralympic movement: “*The British Olympic Association*” and “*The British Paralympic Association*”.

THE BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Scope

The functions of the British Olympic Association are outlined in article 2 of its “Articles of Association”.

In particular, the main objective of the activity of the Association is “*to act as, and carry out the mission, role and tasks of, the National Olympic Committee (as defined by the Olympic Charter) for Great Britain and Northern Ireland*”.

To this purpose the BOA therefore shall:

- a) exercise the authority and rights granted to National Olympic Committees by IOC;
- b) comply with and at all times act in accordance with the Olympic Charter and all the other regulations issued by IOC;
- c) support the journey of the Olympic athletes both during and post their Olympic career by working in collaboration with Olympic Governing Bodies and other relevant stakeholders.

Furthermore the BOA shall act at all times as an autonomous body and resist all pressures of any kind which may prevent it from complying

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with the Olympic Charter and apply its income and property solely towards the promotion and the furtherance of its objectives.

Fundings

The BOA is independent, privately funded and does not receive any annual funding from the lottery or government.

The BOA's main sources of income therefore are represented by the private fundraising and the organization of events.

To this purpose, all the incomes and property of the BOA shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects and scope, with no portion of such income or property to be paid or transferred to its members.

THE BRITISH PARALYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Scope

With regard to the Paralympic movement, the role of National Paralympic Committee is played by the British Paralympic Association. As set out in article 5 of its "Articles of association", the BPA has two main aims:

- charitable objects, meaning "*to relieve people with physical, sensory or cognitive impairments by encouraging and facilitating their participation in sporting activities*" and "*the relief of poverty and the advancement of education*";
- promotion of equality and diversity: indeed the association is "*fully committed to the principles of diversity, equality of opportunity and promoting good relations for all, regardless of gender, age, disability, gender reassignment, race, sexual orientation, religion and belief, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity or socio-economic background*".

In order to achieve the aforesaid aims, the BPA is entitled to exercise the following powers:

- a) organise United Kingdom participation in the Paralympic Games and other international competitions approved by IPC;

- b) assist and co-ordinate the activities of NGBs of Paralympic Sport in the United Kingdom in the preparation of competitors for the Paralympic Games;
- c) scrutinise and approve if appropriate bids for holding the Paralympic Games and other international championships;
- d) encourage interest in the Paralympic Games and other international championships for disabled people and foster the aims and ideals of the Paralympic movement throughout the United Kingdom in accordance with the principles and rules of the IPC;
- e) initiate, organise and co-ordinate in the United Kingdom a Paralympic Day;
- f) consult and liaise closely with the BOA;
- g) hold or assist in holding exhibitions, competitions and shows for the purpose of promoting its objects;
- h) put in place any kind of activity deemed useful and make grants out of the funds and property of the association in order to promote its objects.

Fundings

The Association is funded mainly through charitable private donations. Moreover significant fundings are collected through commercial sponsorship. The BPA receives as well a restricted and ring fenced investment from UK Sport (the Government agency responsible for investing in Paralympic (and Olympic) success) to support directly our athlete preparation programmes across each Paralympic four year cycle. Furthermore UK Sport distributes fundings to specific programmes of National Governing Bodies, which are dedicated to identifying, developing, and supporting the training of athletes in the years leading up to the Paralympic Games.

UK SPORT

Scope

The UK Sport is the nation's high-performance sports agency. Its main mission is to work in partnership with sport organizations to lead Olympic and Paralympic sport in the UK to world class success. Its other

objects include bidding for and staging major sporting events, increasing sporting influence internationally, and promoting the highest standards of governance, sporting conduct, ethics and diversity in society.

Fundings

The UK Sport is directly funded by the Government and the National Lottery.