



**World Para Athletics Grand Prix  
Italian Open Championships 2019**

This document provides all information related to the Italian Open Championships 2019 World Para Athletics Grand Prix which will be staged in the city of Grosseto from 7 to 9 June 2019.

Competition regulations, general information and entry forms will be available on the official event website

[www.fispes.it/grosseto2019/](http://www.fispes.it/grosseto2019/)

By submitting entries and paying the related entry fees, NPC/NF delegations (athletes, staff and officials) commit to agree on the event rules and regulations.

**Local Organising Committee**



**FISPES** Italian Federation of Paralympic and Experimental Sports  
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**Location / Venues**

**Grosseto, Italy**

Competition Venue	
<b>Carlo Zecchini Olympic Stadium</b>	8 lanes 3 long jump pits Track in SportFlex SX <b><u>Competition by Mondo Italy</u></b> <b><u>– renovated in 2017</u></b>

Training & Warm-up Venue	
<b>Bruno Zauli Training Facility</b>	6 lanes 100m indoor track Additional throwing circles



**Grosseto**

Grosseto lies 14 kilometres (9 miles) from the Tyrrhenian Sea, in the Maremma, at the centre of an alluvial plain on the Ombrone river. It is the most populous city in Maremma, with 82,284 inhabitants.

Grosseto itself is a relatively recent city that developed during the mediaeval period on a site where Etruscan boats used to pass through the marshes. It provided accommodation for the workers in the salt pans and developed slowly until eventually it was fortified by the Medici. It is the agricultural capital of the Maremma and is known for its sun-ripened tomatoes, artichokes, mushrooms, spinach, olives and wild boar.

For a long time the Maremma was one of the poorest parts of Italy. It was covered by unhealthy swamps where malaria and cholera were endemic. Grosseto, the provincial capital of the Maremma, began to develop around 935, after Roselle, an ancient city that was first Etruscan and then Roman, was devastated by the Saracens.

In 1138, it was granted the rank of Civitas, when Pope Innocent II also transferred the archdiocese from Roselle. From the 11th century, it was a feudal holding of the Aldobrandeschi, passing under the dominion of Siena until they both fell under the control of Florence and Cosimo de Medici in 1559. The noble Florentine family stimulated the city's economic recovery, digging canals and constructing the city's present walls and public buildings. The Medici attempted to reclaim the countryside but without much success.

It was only in 1765, with the arrival of the Grand Dukes of Lorraine, that the swamps began to be drained. Grosseto came definitively to life under Grand Duke Leopold II (1828) and the great reclamation that was achieved through significant hydraulic engineering works that made the Maremma fertile and luxuriant. In those days, the fields were owned by a few great families while the peasant laborers lived in conditions of misery.

This period saw the development of banditry whose unquestioned hero was the brigand Tiburzi. The life of this Italian Robin Hood has become legend and his fame as a defender of the poor has come down to us intact.

Finally, the Agency for the Maremma was created in 1951, an important event that had a tremendous impact on a large part of the area. Houses and roads were built and the Agency for the Maremma expropriated, subdivided and reclaimed the entire area, assigning plots of land to a peasant class that had never owned anything.

### **Event Programme**

The Italian Open Championships will take place from 4 to 10 June 2019 (NPC/NF delegations' arrivals and departures included) with the following provisional programme.

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ACTIVITY</u></b>
Tuesday, 4 June	NPC Delegations Arrivals
Wednesday, 5 June	Classification Day
Thursday, 6 June	Classification Day
Friday, 7 June	Classification Day <b>Competition Day – EV Session</b>
Saturday, 8 June	<b>Competition Day – AM &amp; PM session</b>
Sunday, 9 June	<b>Competition Day – AM session</b>
Monday, 10 June	NPC/NF Delegations Departures

### **Classifications**

The Italian Open Championships will offer classification opportunities in the days prior the start of the competition. International Classification panels will be available for the following impairments:

<b>VI – Visual Impairment</b>	1 Panel
<b>II – Intellectual Impairment</b>	1 Panel
<b>PI – Physical Impairment</b>	3 Panels

An athlete will only be permitted to undergo classification if he or she:

- Is registered and/or licensed with World Para Athletics pursuant to the relevant provisions in the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations, and
- Has been entered into the Recognised Competition where International Classification is to take place.
- Has uploaded a Medical Diagnostics Form (MDF), for athletes with PI or VI impairment, or TSAL, for athletes with II Impairment, to SDMS within the specified deadlines.

Where classification schedules are full, athletes who are licensed will take priority over registered athletes.

World Para Athletics will aim to schedule all athletes with New (N) and Review (R) sport class status for classification. Should there be more athletes than the available slots on the schedule, WPA will give the discretion to NPCs to choose which athletes they prioritise for classification.

***Athletes who require classification need to register when submitting their entry form.  
Therefore they need to purchase the RED package.***

Athletes scheduled for classification should take note of the Athlete Evaluation Requirements of the World Para Athletics Classification Rules and Regulations.

All NPC/NF delegations must comply with the World Para Athletics Classification Rules and Regulations.

For any queries or clarifications, please contact World Para Athletics.

### **ENTRY INFORMATION**

Athletes who will be eligible to enter the competition shall meet the following requirements:

- Being 14 years old by the date of the competition;
- Being registered in the SDMS Database;
- Having completed and submitted the Health Declaration form during the accreditation process.

Competition will strictly comply with the World Para Athletics Rules and Regulations.

No entry criteria are required to enter the competition.

## Accommodation

### Fattoria la Principina Hotel

The LOC has identified the Fattoria La Principina hotel as main accommodation site to host athletes and NPC/NF delegations participating in the Italian Open Championships 2019 World Para Athletics Grand Prix.

The Fattoria La Principina is a resort situated in the Maremma Park in Tuscany and offers the highest level of hospitality with four-star-standard rooms and small detached bungalows provided with kitchen and bathroom.

Catering service will operate for the entire duration of the competition.

International and Italian food will be served according to the guests' nutritional needs.

NPC/NF delegations will be also given the option of ordering packet lunch boxes.

The Fattoria La Principina hotel is located 6km away from the competition venue. A free shuttle bus service will be provided by the LOC.



## Entry Fees

RED PACKAGE n. 1	Check in, Tuesday 4 June	Single room	850€ per person
	Check out, Monday 10 June	Double or triple room	720€ per person
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6 nights</li><li>• <b>Full board</b></li><li>• <b>Full transport service</b></li><li>• Entries: max. 4 events + relays</li></ul>		
GREEN PACKAGE n. 2	Check in, Thursday 6 June	Single room	580€ per person
	Check out, Monday 10 June	Double or triple room	480€ per person
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 Nights</li><li>• <b>Full board</b></li><li>• <b>Full transport service</b></li><li>• Entries: max. 4 events + relays</li><li>• <b><u>NO CLASSIFICATION OPPORTUNITY</u></b></li></ul>		

Bank charges are always covered by the sender.

## Booking policy

For the hotel booking first come first serve basis will be applied based on room availability.

### ***Entry submission and deadline***

Entry submission is divided into two different phases:

#### **Phase No. 1 – Hotel booking, transport booking and accreditation of participants**

NPC/NF delegations are required to fill in the following forms available on [www.fispes.it/grosseto2019/](http://www.fispes.it/grosseto2019/) to book their accommodation and transport from/to the Rome Fiumicino Airport:

1<sup>st</sup> form – Accreditation and Booking Form

2<sup>nd</sup> form – Rooming list

3<sup>rd</sup> form - Transport Booking Form

#### **Phase No. 2 – Competition Entry submission**

All entries shall be submitted online via World Para Athletics SDMS.

Ultimately NPC Team Leaders will be responsible for submitting truthful and correct entry information.

- **1 April 2019:** Official opening of entries
- **15 May 2019:** Deadline for submitting entries. After this deadline no more entries will be accepted.

### ***Reimbursement policy for cancellations or withdrawals***

In the event of hotel booking cancellations or participants' withdrawals from the competition, the LOC will reimburse NPC/NF delegations according to the following guidelines.

After the 5 May 2019	The LOC will reimburse 20% of the entry fees for each athlete
After 15 May 2019 no reimbursements will be made for booking cancellations.	
Bank charges on reimbursement transactions will be covered by the recipient.	

### ***Bank details***

All payments must be made to the LOC within **15 May 2019 following the details that will be provided with the invoice.**

Failure to comply with the above deadline will lead to cancellations of the hotel bookings and transport services.

### ***Transport services***

The LOC will provide a shuttle bus service from/to **Rome Fiumicino Airport** and from the Hotel to the Carlo Zecchini Stadium (and return) without any additional costs.

NPC/NF Team Leaders will be responsible for submitting to the LOC all information details on their NPC delegation members no later than 15 May 2019.

NPC/NF delegations failing to communicate their travel plans within the 15 May deadline won't be entitled to use any transport services provided by the LOC.

Transport from/to **Rome Ciampino Airport** must be requested in advance to the LOC and are subject to a specific quotation.

## ***VISA INFORMATION***

NPC/NF delegations requiring a visa to enter Italy need to contact the LOC and send an official request to the Technical Secretariat as soon as possible ([grosseto2019@fispes.it](mailto:grosseto2019@fispes.it)).

After submitting their entries, NPC/NF delegations can request an invitation letter to the event to be sent to their relevant National Consulates, and an official request to send to the LOC. Please make sure all details are entered correctly as soon as possible.

NPC/NF delegations should pay at least 80% of the total entry fee before sending a letter to the LOC specifying the number and personal details of the members of the team delegation.

**The LOC won't provide any confirmation to entry submissions of NPC/NF delegations requiring a visa if they are sent after 20 April 2019.**