Special characters in names in SDP &

Passport checking for Olympic / Paralympic qualification competitions

To ensure that all names in SDP are aligned with the Olympic format, and to assist consistency in presentation between results providers and TV graphics providers, as well as to aid in duplicate identification and resolution, on Tuesday 14 May all special characters and accents will be removed from athlete names in SDP. The only characters permitted are the ascii characters or the Roman alphabet plus apostrophe, hyphen and space.

Existing special characters will be converted according to the Tokyo 2020 conversion table shown below. Characters not included in the table below, such as \check{e} or \acute{c} or \check{N} , will be replaced with the same letter without the accent. Punctuation including "() and _ will be removed without replacement.

Original character	Translation	Original character	Translation	Original character	Translation
À	Α	Õ	0	ë	е
Á	Α	Ö	0	ì	i
Â	Α	Ø	0	Í	i
Ã	Α	Ù	U	î	i
Ä	Α	Ú	U	ï	i
Å	Α	Û	U	ð	О
Æ	AE	Ü	U	ñ	n
Ç	С	Ý	Υ	ò	o
È	E	Þ	TH	ó	О
É	E	ß	SS	ô	О
Ê	E	à	а	õ	О
Ë	E	á	а	ö	О
ì	1	â	а	÷	<blank></blank>
Í	1	ã	а	Ø	О
î	1	ä	а	ù	u
Ĭ	1	â	а	ú	u
Ð	D	æ	ae	û	u
Ñ	N	ç	С	ü	u
Ò	0	è	е	ý	у
Ó	0	é	е	þ	th
Ô	0	ê	e	ÿ	у

If the conversion does not match the official conversion of the name of the athlete, prior to or following the conversion, National Federations are free to edit the spelling of the names of their athletes. The accepted international version of the athlete's name can be found on their passport or ID card in the machine readable zone, as shown below.



A Canadian woman with the given name Anna Maria and family name Eriksson would be encoded as:

P<CANERIKSSON<<ANNA<MARIA<<<<<<

A Canadian man with the given name George Michael and family name Richards Stevens would be encoded as:

P<CANRICHARDS<STEVENS<<GEORGE<MICHAEL<<<<<

Passport checks

At the canoe sprint, paracanoe and canoe slalom world championships in 2019, all athletes must prove their nationality and therefore eligibility to earn a quota place at the Olympic / Paralympic Games for their NOC. Prior to competing, every athlete must present their passport or registered national ID card which shows a photo, nationality and includes a machine readable zone as shown above.

Any athlete who does not present a piece of photo identification with a date of birth will not be eligible to compete at the world championships. Any athlete whose piece of identity does not meet the required standard, or does not show the nationality which corresponds with their sporting nationality, will still be allowed to compete but will not be eligible to earn a quota place for their NOC.

Name spelling, date of birth and nationality will be checked, and once approved these fields will be marked as "validated" in SDP, and cannot be changed by the NOC.

Passport checking and validation may also occur at other competitions throughout the year, in particular World Championships and junior / U23 competitions.