



IPC GOVERNING BOARD BIOGRAPHIES

- Name: Majid Rashed
- IPC Position: Member at Large
- Elected: 2021
- Position (outside of IPC GB): President Asian Paralympic Committee
- Nationality: UAE
- Languages spoken: Arabic, English
- Social media channels: [Instagram](#); [Twitter](#)



When and why did you first become involved in the Paralympic Movement?

I started competing in Athletics and Table Tennis in 1989 and represented my country at international events.

What has been your career path?

I moved into sports administration in 1998 when I worked with the UAE Athletics Team at the Para Athletics World Championships in Birmingham. From there I took on more responsibility, including Secretary General for the UAE Disabled Sports Federation & the UAE Paralympic Committee, a position I held from 2008 until 2012. After many successes and achievements in this role, I was honoured to become a Board Member of the UAE Disabled Sports Federation Board and become the Vice President in 2009, a position I still hold today. I was elected as President of the Asian Paralympic Committee in 2014 and re-elected for a second term in 2019. I am also a Board member in the Committee for Protection of Rights of People of Determination in UAE.

What do you enjoy most about the role that you have on the IPC Governing Board?

I enjoy the spirit of collaboration that I share with my colleagues. We are all focussed on strengthening the Paralympic Movement and I feel

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honoured to play my part, especially as my role with the APC gives me an understanding of the challenges that less well-resourced nations have.

What is your personal highlight(s) from all the Paralympic Games you have attended?

I have attended six Paralympic Games as Head of Delegation for the UAE Team and was amazed to witness the spirit of the Movement at its highest level. Attending these Games, I also realised how the Movement has grown in our region over the years. With every Games, there has been more participation, more awareness, more accessible infrastructure, more support from various partners among others.

Why for you are the Paralympic Games the most transformational event on earth?

They shine a light on the abilities of persons with a disability and help the world to view us differently. Through this they drive a more inclusive society.

Beyond the Games, what are your passions?

Sports have been my biggest passion. I like to be involved with it in every aspect, be in its development through my roles with APC and IPC and motivating the youth to make a career in sports. I am also passionate about child welfare and my association with UNICEF helps me pursue it. Finally, I want to make the world more inclusive and accessible friendly for the people with a disability.

Over the next decade, what changes would you like to see that would improve the lives of the 1.2 billion persons globally who have a disability?

More legislation to enshrine the rights of people with a disability to access the same education, healthcare and sporting provision as everyone else.

Who for you embodies the Paralympic Movement?

For me, the athletes' determination, courage and their resilience to overcome the challenges and win medals for their nation are the most important part of the Paralympic Movement. This gives me immense joy and the motivation to keep doing what I am doing and help develop the Movement across the globe.

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