

6.2 RESEARCH CODE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Research and evaluation are important components of improving access to, and assessing the outcomes of elite sports activities for person with intellectual disabilities. It is important that there is a clear evidence base on which decisions can be made. Hence, it is important that research is supported through Virtus.

2. PRINCIPLES

- 2.1. Virtus should be promoting a good quality research which will support the key objectives of the organisation.
- 2.2. Research activities should be agreed in advance of any data collection and the appropriate permissions, ethical scrutiny and consent should be also established in advance.
- 2.3. Virtus should always be supplied with a final copy of the output of any research.

3. PROCEDURE

- 3.1. Those wishing to carry out research involving Virtus should write to the Chair of the Governing Board, or their nominee, outlining:
 - a. The purpose of the research
 - b. What will be involved
 - c. What scrutiny the research proposal has undergone
 - d. What procedures have been carried out ensure the proposed research is ethical
 - e. Who is funding the research
 - f. What will be the specific outcomes of the research

4. TIMESCALE

- 4.1. Three members of the Governing Board will then assess if the proposed research meets the above principles.
- 4.2. If it does then the researchers will be given permission to carry out the research. If not they will be advised in what way it does not meet the principles, and if appropriate to apply again.