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Head of Classification Report

Dear International Classifiers and International Classifier Candidates,

On behalf of World Archery, I would like to thank all classifiers who have been active in the season 2018, for your services.

Classification is a very important part of para sport and our team has done more than 160 assessments during previous season. There is a big challenge in front of us, the start of qualification process for Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. We need to be sure that all classified archers are in proper classes and that we have done our best to ensure the fairness of all competitions.

Let me provide you with the news for the upcoming seasons.

Roman Suda



1. World Archery Data Base

Dear classifiers,

Since the beginning of the year, the new software for archiving and online consultation of international classifications has come into operation.

The new system is called "PARA MANAGEMENT" and is present in the WAREOS section on the World Archery website. All international classifications have been transferred into the new data base, starting from 2013 (over 900 classified archers, more than 1000 archived cards).

At your first event as an International Classifier you will receive a username and password to access the system. Initially nothing will change with regards to the procedure for filling in the "classification form" which will continue to be in Excel format, but you will be asked to scrupulously follow each step during the compilation of the e-form. The form, which must be used, will be published on the website WA in the week preceding the event in which you participate.

At the end of each classification the chief-classifier is obliged to send the mandatory files exclusively in excel format to the Para-Archery classification committee. After careful review, the committee will insert the files in the on-line database.

This system, in addition to allowing considerable time savings to classifiers, will allow us to share with the judges and event organizers some of the data we collect (permitted assistive devices, shooting class etc.). This will then speed up the equipment inspection procedure and will allow the NF to quickly identify the status of the classification of their athletes.

During this year you will be given the maximum support from the members of the committee who will be available for any clarification and comparison on the use of this system.
Thank you so much for your cooperation for your valuable work.

Chiara Barbi

2. Pending Panel

From previous experience, the committee realizes the need to be sure that we will have enough panels at an event to meet classification requests. We will appoint 1 confirmed panel for each WRE and 2 panels for World and Continental Championships. Pending panels will be appointed for all WR Events and used only if classification requests exceed the maximum number of accepted assessments for one day. The maximum number of classification allowed in one day is 15.

3. International Federation Protest

We have prepared a list of archers with valid classifications who have significant discrepancies between their documents and current classification or function. World Archery and the classification committee have decided that all of these archers must be reviewed before Tokyo 2020 qualification. We will inform National Federations of those archers on the list who we need to reassess during their first appearance on WR event 2019. This will allow the archer and the NF to be informed in advance of the event and provide us with proper documentation. These evaluations will be completed as International (*should this be Federation?*) Classification protests. The committee will inform the chief classifier on time and will give him/her the proper information to deal with the protest.

4. Eligible Impairments

All classifiers should be aware that 7cm leg length difference is not an automatic eligible impairment. Those archers who have been classified before with this kind of impairment will be requested for reassessment.

- a. This decision was made because 7cm difference has much greater effect on a very short stature individual vs a very tall individual and therefore the measurement is very arbitrary rather than related to functional impairment.
- b. It is accepted as an eligible impairment but we must measure the other joints in the limb(s) to determine the amount of impairment and arrive at the appropriate number of points (25) loss. If confirmed would be given RFD status and reassessed.
- c. Currently classified archers with this impairment will be identified, notified of a change to "FRD" status and will need to be re-evaluated at the next event.

5. New Forms

All classifiers should be aware that there are updated forms for classification on the World Archery website and only those forms should be used.

ALWAYS PULL YOUR FORMS FROM THE WEBSITE BEFORE EACH EVENT TO ENSURE YOU ARE USING THE MOST CURRENT FORM.
IT IS MANDATORY to insert the WA ID in the proper cell. (It must be requested to the LOC or to the event data manager)

6. Classifier Training Seminar and Conference during the 2019 World Archery Championships

World Archery Ad Hoc classification committee will lead a training seminar for our team of ICs and ICCs during upcoming World Championships 2019 in The Netherlands. We will also offer the para archery classification conference for National Federations to educate team members, national classifiers and medical persons. *Do you mean invite the IFs?*

7. Case Studies

Case studies are a necessary and mandatory part of continuing education for our classifiers' team. We are happy that many of our ICs and ICCs sent their responses to the last set of case studies and stayed active during the previous season. Unfortunately, not all of our team members sent their responses. I would like to take this opportunity and highlight that case study is part of classifiers' activity and after each season the list of active classifiers will be updated according to the activity of each classifier. Failure to complete the case studies and to provide availability for upcoming events may result in inactive classifiers to be considered as non-eligible and their classifier status will be cancelled.

8. Ongoing Classifier Training

There will be no new International Classifier training sessions in 2019.

Several requests have been received for National Classifier training by National and Continental Federations. The classification committee feels that it is important to maintain consistent training programs for National Classifiers to ensure national level archers are classified correctly and to provide national classifiers a stepping stone toward achieving International Classifier status. A proposal for providing national classifier training opportunities to National and Continental Federations is being drafted and will be forwarded to World Archery for review and approval. No new national classifier seminars will be approved until the proposal has been finalized. A previously planned national classifier seminar has been approved and will be held prior to the FAZZA Para Archery World Ranking Tournament, Dubai (UAE), 10-16 April 2019.

9. Active Classifier List

At the end of the 2019 classification season the classification committee will make decisions regarding the active status of International Classifiers and International Classifier Candidates. The decisions will be made based performance related to the criteria that was published in the spring 2018 Newsletter. The criteria have been repeated below.

Mandatory ongoing participation/training

- Attendance at WA International Classifier Conference held at World Archery Outdoor Para Championships every 2 years. Must attend 1 in every 4 years.
- Identify availability for International Classifier panels – minimum - 1 event every 2 years
- Active participation in case study discussions as circulated by classification committee

Promotion to International Classifier from Candidate

- This promotion will be made annually in December by the classification committee based on active involvement in mandatory activities, successful participation in classification panels, effective performance in classification.

Identification of performance issues

- Classification committee will monitor performance of all classifiers based on following:
 - Form completion – correct and complete
 - Appropriate Identification of athletes appropriate for classification based on eligible impairments/diagnoses on MIF
 - Appropriate testing and classification determination

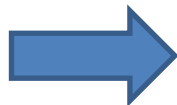
If performance issues are identified – strategies to address concerns will be identified and agreed upon between classifier and classification committee. These strategies will identify timelines and expectations to be completed. If these strategies do not achieve the desired, necessary changes, the classification committee has the authority to remove an International Classifier/Candidate from the Classifier List. The Head of Classification may remove an individual from the list due to serious failures upon the confirmation of the Para Archery Committee and/or the Secretary General.

Inactive classifiers

International classifiers – ongoing participation requirements not completed in 2 years



Move to International Classifier Candidate List – if ongoing participation requirements still not completed within 2 years



Removed from International Classifier List

10. Non-Eligible Athletes with Assistive Device

- The Para Committee and the classifier committee are consistent on their point of view that classifiers should have nothing to do with archers that have been determined to be NE based on ineligible impairments or not enough points on evaluation.
- The committees have received pressure from World Archery to arrive at a solution that allows these archers to compete.
- World Archery will form a panel consisting of members from the Para/classification Committee, the Medical and Sport Science Committee, and the Technical Committee to develop a proposal on how to manage individual cases, what criteria would be required for submitting requests, how the individuals will be assessed and criteria to be used to determine eligibility to use an assistive device as a NE athlete.
- Roman, with Lars as alternate, will represent the classification committee on the WA panel being formed to address this issue.

11. Summary of Spring 2018 Case Studies

Case Study – Summary of classifiers who have submitted answers to the case study questions from the Spring Newsletter. 10/14 IC answered, 6/14 ICC answered

Answers

- 1) Shoulder trigger for shoulder impingement case
 - For simple shoulder impingement – Not Allowed as this is NE impairment
 - As a secondary condition related to the eligible condition of Erb's Palsy – Allowed
- 2) How to score hand with missing fingers – there was a great deal of discussion and no consensus among members as to how to score this or any hand with missing fingers. Lars proposed a possible calculation that would take into account the number of fingers remaining and their relative strength. PLAN – use as a discussion topic at next IC conference in 2019.

Possible solution to question 2

- 2) Every finger on one hand will be counted separately

	left	right
• flexion	5	5
• extension	5	5
• spread/clos	5	5

- 3) Sum up points (for each side: e.g. extension right: 5+5+5+5) and divide it by 4.
 - $5+5+5+5=20$
 - $20/4=5$
 - Only round numbers are allowed.
 - Enter this figure into the class form.

12. Training of Judges

Classifiers need to be involved in training of judges. Megan and Nancy had the opportunity to use the equipment inspection during the Parapan American championships to train and educate the involved judges team about para archery, how to inspect equipment, read the form and what to look for. Specific topics covered were recognizing things needed to be checked on the form, how to measure the 110 cm height, how to measure the size and position of protrusions, differences of allowed devices between W1 and W2, what to look for on the shooting line and how to ensure wc and stools were the correct size. The judges team greatly appreciated this opportunity and training and agreed that they felt much more competent when faced with inspections in the future.

At the request of the judges and the chairman of judges at the event, Megan Tierney (who is also an International Judge Candidate) has agreed to work on developing some resources (training video for equipment inspection, written resources, possibly articles in Judges newsletter)

13. Research Project

The proposal for a scientific study and the request for financial support for the World Archery classification research program was rejected by IPC. We will keep on trying.

Parallel work is being completed on a low budget alternative plan together with Dr. Walter Rapp, sport scientist, University of Freiburg.

14. New Case Studies (submit to Nancy Littke at ptlittke@gmail.com by March 15, 2019)

- 1) Diagnosis on MIF: L5 injury causing nerve damage which required a laminectomy, Neck injury requiring a plate and screw to be implanted to correct bulged disc and the subsequent loss of feeling and strength in left forearm and thumb.

The completed classification form shows scores of 3/5 for strength in all abdominal muscle groups and all muscle groups for both the right and left leg. Loss of 16 in trunk and 40 in lower limbs. Balance for both standing and sitting graded as FAIR. The individual is observed walking with no gait aid or balance problems when functioning on or off the field of play.

Classified as a ST athlete with permission to use a stool.

Please discuss this case based on the current classification handbook (Oct 2017). Would you have any concerns regarding the reason for classification and the recorded results on the classification card. If you saw this archer on the field of play, what would you do?

- 2) Discuss this wheelchair and what you would suggest if this archer arrived at equipment inspection. Is it an allowable chair? If not, why not – provide your justification for your decision.

