



## CLASSIFICATION NEWSLETTER

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### 1. Recap of 2023

Dear team,

Well, 2023 is coming to an end. We have had a busy year of classification events covering almost all areas of the globe. We have provided international classification in Oceania, the Americas, Europe, and Asia. In total 121 new para athletes and 19 new VI athletes were classified by our classification team.

We offered three national classifier courses in Chicago, Guatemala and Turkey to about 20 participants. No international classifier courses were offered in 2023. We plan to offer the next international classifier course in 2025 at the World Archery Para Championships.

Our international classifier conference was held in July in Pilsen, Czech Republic. As this conference was offered in a hybrid format, most of our international classifiers and candidates were able to attend. All sessions were recorded. The recordings and the presentations in pdf format were shared with you in an email.

Uniforms have been provided to any of you who participated in World Archery international panels over the past season. We will continue to distribute uniforms to team members when they attend a World Archery event over the next year.

This newsletter has four main points for your attention. Any questions can be directed to [classification@archery.sport](mailto:classification@archery.sport).

With warm regards,

Nancy Littke  
Head of Classification



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## 2. International classifier re-certification

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Per the classifier policy, to maintain accreditation as an international classifier, each international classifier or candidate must complete the following:

- A. Classifier conference attendance (in person or virtually) and successful completion of recertification exam with a minimum grade of 85%. Classifier conferences will be held at the World Archery Para Championships held every two (2) years. **There was no exam this year.**
- B. Regular completion of mandatory case study assignments contained in each issue of the World Archery classifiers newsletter in the last two (2) years. **Case study assignments in this issue must be completed by the end of 2023.**
- C. Availability and/or involvement in a minimum of two (2) international classification panels over the last three (3) years. **We will consider involvement in 2021-2023. Cancelled panels will be considered.**
- D. Senior classifier assessment reports.
- E. The classifier must be in good standing with and supported by his/her member association.
- F. Period of certification as international classifier – international classifiers must apply for recertification every four (4) years. **We will be asking for applications at the end of 2024.**

I believe most of you completed the eLearning modules as part of the mandatory education required to maintain your status as international classifier or classifier candidate. If you have not, please contact [members@archery.sport](mailto:members@archery.sport) and ensure you complete the three modules before the end of 2023.

For 2024, each international classifier and candidate will be expected to do the following:

- A. Ensure completion of the [World Archery 2023 eLearning course](#).
- B. Complete the [Classification Fundamentals course](#) and please let me know when you are done.
- C. Identify availability for 2024 classification events.

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## 3. Case studies – to be completed and submitted to [classification@archery.sport](mailto:classification@archery.sport) by 31 December 2023.

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The following four (4) case studies must be completed by the end of the year by all classifiers and candidates.

National classifiers are welcome to complete and submit the answers if they choose.

1. During a classification evaluation, the panel suspects there is a discrepancy between the test results and the athlete's function on the field.
  - a. What would the appropriate procedures be to reach a decision regarding the athlete's classification and status?
  - b. What three (3) possible classification outcomes may result from the process?
2. An athlete requests the addition of a stool or wheelchair to their current classification card.
  - a. What elements of the previous classification must be considered?
  - b. What situation would require further assessment of the athlete prior to approving a wheelchair or a stool?
  - c. What can be done when initially classifying an athlete to prevent the need to be reclassified for a piece of adaptive equipment.



3. Observation during competition.
  - a. What are classifiers looking for during the observation of athletes on the practice field or qualification rounds?
  - b. What are the next steps required if a discrepancy is identified?
  
4. A national coach approaches you to ask if an athlete suffering from juvenile idiopathic scoliosis can be allowed to use a rigid corset during competitions. He shows you medical documentation where the use of the corset is prescribed 24 hours a day.
  - a. How would you respond? Please provide reasons for your answer.

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#### **4. Classifier appointments for 2024**

These are the proposed classifier appointments. All are subject to change if required. Please note that there will be no physical classification offered at the Rome event.

##### **Final paralympic qualification tournament – Dubai, United Arab Emirates – 2-7 March 2024**

Classification on 1 March – Panel on site from 29 February to 4 March

Chief: Nancy Littke  
Panels: Petra Sanchez Ruocco  
Ida Hasni Shaari  
Irene Cuesta  
Marc Remie (alternate)

##### **Oceania Para Grand Prix – Sydney, Australia – 3-7 April 2024**

Classification on 2 April – Panel on site from 1-5 April

Chief: Aynur Demirel  
Pane: Tsung-Ching Lin

##### **Para Pan American Championships – Sao Paulo, Brazil – 22-28 April 2024**

Classification on 21 April – Panel on site from 20-24 April

Chief: TBD  
Panel: TBD

##### **Para world ranking event – Nove Mesto, Czech Republic – 22-30 June 2024**

Classification on 21 June – Panel on site from 19-24 June

Chief: TBD  
Panel: TBD