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1. Editorial

Dear classifiers,

It is with great enthusiasm that I introduce myself as the new head of classification at World Archery. I am truly honoured to take on this role and to work alongside such a dedicated and knowledgeable group of professionals who play a vital role in our sport.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued commitment and hard work. The year ahead promises to be a particularly busy and important one, and I know I can count on your expertise and dedication as we take on the challenges and opportunities it brings.

Let's continue working together with all national and international classifiers to continue advancing para archery to new heights.

I am also pleased to welcome **Ida Hasni Shaari** as a new member of the classification committee for the next four years. Her experience and perspective will be a valuable asset to our team.

This newsletter has six main points for your attention. Any questions can be directed to classification@archery.sport.

With warm regards,

Chiara Barbi

Head of classification

2. Appointments for 2025

In addition to the events already included in the calendar and communicated at the beginning of the year, two more competitions have recently been added to the international schedule. I kindly ask you to inform me of your potential availability for the following before 1 August 2025:

- **Americas Youth Para Games** – Santiago del Chile – 28 October to 2 November 2025
- **Asian Youth Para Games** – Dubai – 7 to 10 December 2025

As always, please send your availability to classification@archery.sport.

Your timely response is greatly appreciated and will help us coordinate classification panels effectively for these important competitions.



3. New Code implementation timeline

The new **International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification Code** has been officially published and came into effect for summer sports in **January 2025**. This updated Code introduces several important changes aimed at further strengthening the principles of transparency, consistency and athlete-centred classification across all para sports.

While the Code is now in force, the IPC has granted international federations a **transition period** to fully implement the necessary changes into their own rules and procedures. For World Archery, this means we are now entering a phase of review and alignment of our classification rules and practices with the new standards.

It is important to note that **compliance with the new IPC Code will become mandatory** by the start of the **qualification quota period** for the 2028 Paralympic Games, which begins in **January 2027**. Our goal is to ensure full compliance well ahead of this deadline, and we will keep you informed throughout the implementation process.

Your collaboration and attention to future updates will be key as we move forward with this important work.

For those who wish to start familiarising themselves with the new international standards, all relevant documents are available on the IPC website: www.paralympic.org.

In parallel, World Archery has launched a revision of its rules. At the next World Archery Congress, scheduled for September 2025 in Korea, World Archery will present a new version of the Books 2 and 3 of the rules, as well as the creation of a brand new Book 5 entirely dedicated to para archery. This new book will cover all technical regulations and classification rules relevant to para archery in a single, dedicated reference. Please note that, while the proposal to establish Book 5 will be presented at the Congress, its content will be approved at a later stage through the bylaw process.

However, it is important to note that, as we transition towards the new rules, the existing rules will remain in effect until further notice. Classifiers and Athletes should continue to follow the current rules until an official update is communicated.

4. National classifiers courses 2025

This year, the classification committee is pleased to announce the organisation of three national classifiers courses aimed at developing and expanding our network of national classifiers.

The first of these courses was successfully held in March in Lilleshall, United Kingdom, where 12 out of 13 candidates successfully passed the training and assessment process. We warmly welcome these new classifiers from Slovenia, Belgium, Great Britain, Latvia, Greece, Israel and Romania into the para archery community and commend their dedication and enthusiasm.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce the following upcoming courses:

- 24–26 August 2025 – Chicago, USA
- 3–5 November 2025 – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

5. Conference information

As we begin an exciting new season for para archery, the classification committee, in collaboration with World Archery, has made an important decision regarding the upcoming events. Traditionally, the World Archery Classification Conference is held in conjunction with the World Archery Para Championships. However, this year, due to the proximity of the 2025 Hyundai World Archery Championships in Korea and the fact that the new rules will not yet be finalised and approved, the decision has been made to postpone the Conference.



Instead of the usual in-person event during the World Archery Para Championships, the 2025 World Archery Classification Conference will be held in November in an online format. This change allows us to ensure that the new rules, which will be the central theme of the Conference, are fully developed and ready for discussion and approval.

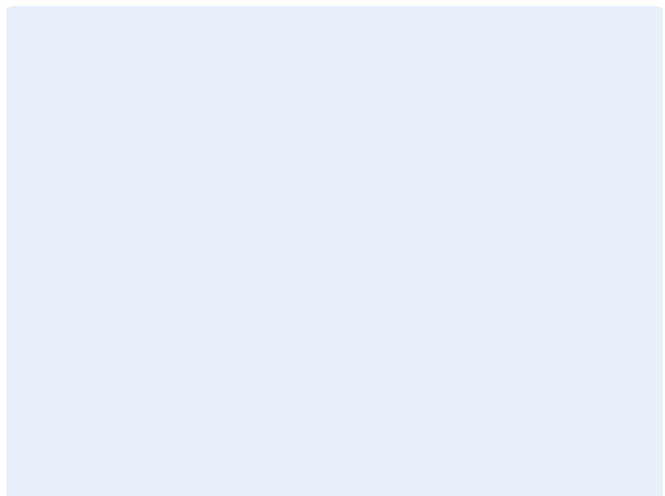
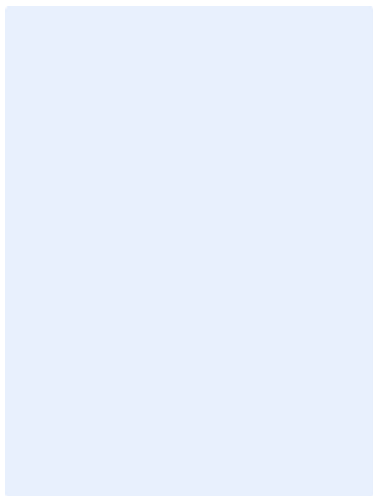
Further details regarding the exact date, participation terms and registration for the online conference will be communicated in the coming months. We encourage all classifiers to stay tuned for updates as we approach this crucial event that will help shape the future of para archery classification.

6. New case studies

The following two case studies must be completed and submitted to classification@archery.sport by **31 June 2025** by all classifiers and candidates. National classifiers are welcome to complete and submit the answers if they choose.

- a. You have just finished your classification duties as classifier at an international event and are on the shuttle bus returning from the venue to the airport. In the parking lot, you observe an athlete – whom you classified a few days earlier as W1 (C) Confirmed – standing up and dismantling his/her wheelchair to place it in their car. How would you respond in this situation?

- b. Imagine you are classifying this case, based on the figures (*pictures removed from online version*). It is necessary to report the expected score and determine the classification class and classification status. Justify your decision with a brief written explanation.



Legs and hip	Flexion	130				
	Extension	10				
	Abduction	40				
	Adduction	30				
	Int. Rotation	40				
	Ext. Rotation	50				
Knee	Flexion	150				
	Extension	5				
Ankle	Dorsiflexion	30				
	Plantarflexion	50				
TOTAL LOWER LIMBS			0	0	0	0