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1. Editorial

Welcome to issue #12 of the World Archery Classifiers Newsletter, published in January 2026.

As we begin the new year, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your dedication, professionalism and active contribution over the past year. It has been an exceptionally busy and productive year for our para archery classification team.

Thanks to your commitment, we successfully conducted **201 international classifications in 2025**, a significant increase compared from **64 in 2024**. This growth reflects not only the continued development of para archery worldwide, but also the high level of expertise, reliability and engagement within our classifier community.

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Thank you once again for your ongoing commitment.

Chiara Barbi

Head of classification

2. 2026 event planning and availability request – For international classifiers only

For those who have not yet submitted their availability for 2026 classification activities, please use the [link to complete the form](#).

Please note that **we also kindly ask those who have already submitted their availability** to complete this [additional form](#). It includes a request for a **further event** at which we have been asked to offer **international classifications**. Please note that the **event and location are not yet fully confirmed**.

We kindly ask you to complete and return the forms by 20 January 2026, to allow the committee to appoint panels before the start of the competitive year.

When confirming your availability, please take into account any potential visa requirements and the time needed to obtain them, so that your participation can be ensured.



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3. Ongoing education

We invite everyone to review the following resources, while we await the final definition of our own classification guidelines:

- [The classification case of Azibo](#) – outlining the impacts of the new IPC rules on athletes.
- [International standard for intentional misrepresentation](#) – guidance while we await the final definition of our classification guidelines.

Familiarising yourself with these resources is an important part of ongoing education and will help ensure that we maintain the highest standards in classification activities.

4. Rules updates effective from 15 January 2026 approved by executive board in December 2025

Following the World Archery executive board's decisions in December 2025, several updates to the para archery classification system will come into effect on 15 January 2026. Key changes include:

- Updates to sport class names
- Revisions to the international classification request submission process
- Introduction of a new status and designations

All national and international classifiers are required to attend the member associations' call organised by World Archery on **22 January 2026**. Two sessions are offered: **9h00 and 16h00 Lausanne time (UTC+1)**. The session will present the new rules, and attendance will be recorded and counted towards the 2026 recertification programme.

Please register your participation using [this link](#).

Chiara, Chan, Ida and Lars

World Archery classification committee