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1. Introduction

I hope everyone has had a great summer if you live in the northern hemisphere or winter if you live south.

Please welcome Chan, Wing Nga as the newest member of the Classification Committee. Her knowledge, experience as a classifier, and her education have already added a lot to the composition of the team. We are looking forward to having Chan as part of our committee.

Thank you to everyone one who worked on a panel, submitted availability for panels, contributed information when asked and completed tasks when requested. Your support of the committee and classification in general is greatly appreciated. Although the opportunities for participation on panels was limited, they were very important in the run up to the Games. Great work everyone.

With warm regards,

Nancy Littke
Head of Classification



2. Case study answers

Thank you all for responding and providing answers to the 2023 case study assignment. Most of you responded within the required time frame, but I wanted to ensure I had everyone's response before I followed up with answers and comments. I will provide the answers to the questions in a separate email. Some of the answers are taken directly from some classifiers submissions with additions or corrections made by our team. Some questions were answered well by most of you, some had partially correct answers and a few questions were not fully understood resulting in responses that did not answer the question asked. Please look for a separate email with the case study answers and review them in detail.

As evidenced by the answers to these questions it is apparent to the committee that we need to continue to provide educational opportunities and opportunities to chat about different scenarios. Many of these scenarios were examples of actual situations that occurred over the last year. Many of these situations resulted in serious negative consequences when they were dealt with incorrectly. IT IS CRUCIAL THAT WE ALL UNDERSTAND NOT JUST THE RULE BUT THE INTENT BEHIND THE RULE AND THAT WE ALL APPLY THE RULES CONSISTENTLY AND FAIRLY.

The Classification Committee will be working on a new set of mandatory eLearning modules for early 2025. These will be mandatory, and your completion and performance will be tracked and assessed. The timeline to complete the modules will be fairly short to ensure everyone responds in a reasonable time. Please pay close attention to the questions, ask if you do not understand, and refer to the Handbook and Rules before answering. There will be a set of mandatory eLearning modules to be completed in later in 2025 related to the changes to the IPC classification code.

If you have questions or comments, please respond to the email and we will try to address them.

3. 2025 IPC Classification Code and Classifier Handbook

The new Code has been developed over the last 2 years and was approved this spring for implementation in the new year.

You can find the new Code here <https://www.paralympic.org/classification-code-review> Please take the time to read it. The eLearning modules and mandatory education for the upcoming year will cover the changes and what will be expected. A new Handbook is being drafted with plans to be published early 2025 incorporating changes and new expectations outlined in the document. As well as IPC code updates the new document will include changes to our processes and procedures the team has identified as requiring revision, review, or updating.

The Handbook will have a new name and look to be coordinated with those from most other sports documents. The document will be a classification rule book with the inherent expectations that accompany rules rather than a handbook which seems to imply more recommendations and suggestions. We hope to



make the document more complete and transparent to ensure everyone understands the expectations, the rules, procedures so that we have greater consistency across panels.

If you have concerns or suggestions on how to improve our work or what changes should be incorporated, please let me know.

4. Uniforms – PLEASE REPLY

As you know we have received new classifier uniforms from World Archery over the last year. Please confirm that you have received your uniform. If you have not, please let me know ASAP and I will try to arrange for you to receive it at or prior to your next classification assignment.

5. 2025 Event planning

Please find attached the availability request form. This needs to be completed and submitted by Dec 15 to allow the committee to appoint panels before the start of the competitive year. Anyone who has not responded by this time will not be appointed to any panels in 2025. Consideration will be given to any of you who were not appointed to 2024 panels. The following list includes the events identified for international classification.

The calendar of International Classification will be (including probable classification panel dates:

- ROME, ITA (European Cup 1st Leg) 5/24/2025 – 5/28/2025
- BEIJING, CHN (Asia Para Champs) 6/28/2025 – 7/2/2025
- MORELIA, MEX (Americas Cup 1st Leg) 7/14/2025 – 7/18/2025
- Istanbul TUR (EPYG 2025) 7/19/2025 – 7/23/2025
- Chicago, USA (Americas Cup 2nd Leg) 8/26/2025 – 8/30/2025
- GWANGJU, KOR – World Para Champs) 9/20/2025 – 9/25/2025
- DUBAI, UAE– Fazza (including U21 categories at 18m) 10/29/2025 – 11/3/2025

There will be some changes announced by the WA Para Committee regarding the way classification events are identified and who/how the costs will be covered. This is a good thing as WA is willing to take on more of the costs themselves rather than place the burden of cost on the LOC's. Look for more information in the WA November newsletter.

Thank you,
Nancy, Chiara, Lars, Chan