



Classification Procedure

IWAS Powerchair Hockey European Championship 2016

Classification procedures:

- The same classification procedures will be applicable as the one's for the WC 2014: see www.powerchairhockey.org under "Documentss & Rules / Classification"
- *Special attention:* every player whose classification has not yet the confirmed status, needs to bring his *medical form* as stated in the procedure document. Without this medical form the player will not be allowed to play. The Medical Form can be downloaded from the website: see www.powerchairhockey.org under "Documentss & Rules / Classification".
- Please do read the document on the classification procedures thoroughly.

Classification system:

- The same functional classification system will be applicable as the one used during the WC 2014: see www.powerchairhockey.org under "Documentss & Rules / Classification".
- "Functional Classification System".
- The SEC (Sport Executive Committee) worked hard on a revision of this PCH classification system, but this revision will be valid only after the EC because of visual approval is needed on the next Sports Assembly. The revised classification system will further detail the necessary steps in the development of the PCH classification system, 'impairment based' instead of 'performance based', in order to get our system IPC (International Paralympic Committee) code compliant. This revised system of PCH classification emphasise the measurement/testing of the impairment, severity of the impairment and, most important, the impact of the impairment on the sport specific activities in PCH and will, as said above, become official after the EC. It will be a revision of the existing documentation on PCH classification, which means that the basic remains the same: class 1, 2, 3, and 4 and 11 points on the field. During the timespan of the EC the present classifiers will be educated on the revised system.
- Please do read the document on the functional classification system thoroughly.

Players eligibility:

- Eligible players for the EC 2016 will be players as listed on the "Players Eligibility" document: www.powerchairhockey.org under "Documentss & Rules / Classification".
- Special attention to rule D.2.18 from the SA2014 (sports assembly): "a player is not allowed to play in a lower functional class then the functional class in which the player is classified".

Explanation 1: so also when using a T-stick, he will remain in his/her functional class, which is 1, 2, 3 or 4.

Explanation 2: *All T-stick players, including the one's with the confirmed status, will be classified during the EC to check their functional class.* When classified as 2, 3 or 4, they can still use the T-stick, BUT they will stay (rule D.2.18) in their functional class 2 or 3 or 4.

Explanation 3: The class does represent the function of the player, it is not an "equipment class". This is an IPC recommendation which we do follow. Also according to Game Rules a player can therefore freely choose which playing tool to use (hand stick or t-stick) during the match and he/she can also change it during the match. Changing the playing tool doesn't affect the functional class player belongs.

- Please do read the document on players eligibility thoroughly.

Do not hesitate to ask questions when items concerning classification are not yet clear: the SEC IPCH wants well prepared teams at the EC to avoid (unpleasant) surprises during the European Championship and wants to support you getting everything clear.

Direct your questions to the IPCH SEC Technical & Classification officer Anna Rossi at classification@powerchairhockey.org