



Classification Procedures WC2014

A. In general

To determine the players eligibility, participating athletes, who don't have a Confirmed Sport Class Status (C-status), have to go through a classification process, as described below.

To determine the functional classification, as agreed by SA2012, all players will go through a functional classification process.

B. The classification process

The classification process exists of three steps:

Step 1 (written medical information before the competition)

- a. At the event, on the Day of Control, athletes with a not-confirmed status shall hand over to the ICEWH Classification Panel the ICEWH Medical Form, correctly filled in, written in English and signed by a licensed medical doctor and the athlete. This medical information shall be no more than one year old.

The form is downloadable from the ICEWH website www.icewh.org under 'Regulations/Classification'.

Step 2 (control before the competition at the event)

- a. All athletes must consent to evaluation by signing the ICEWH Classification Consent Form to indicate the willingness to be classified and confirm the agreement to provide full effort and cooperation throughout the classification process. The form is downloadable from the ICEWH website www.icewh.org under 'Regulations/Classification'.
- b. The Players Eligibility will be tested according the valid ICEWH Players Eligibility criteria, (www.icewh.org under 'Regulations/Classification'), eventually followed by a sport specific functional testing. This shall be carried out by ICEWH Classification Panels before the competition.
- b. The athlete shall receive a "New (N)", "Reviewed (R)" or "Confirmed (C)" Sport Class Status or will be judged "Not Eligible".
- c. Only athletes who are classified "Eligible" can enter the competition.
- d. A player shall come to the ICEWH Classification Panel, accompanied by a maximum of 2 assistants (Team Manager, Coach(es) and/or Personal Assistants) with equipment like in a match, i.e.:
 - in his/her competition wheelchair and with stick.
 - in case of a T-stick player, the T-stick shall be attached to the wheelchair.
 - with strap or other medical devices if the player uses such during a match.
- e. A player must perform the tests like during a match, i.e.:
 - a player with a hand-held-stick must perform the tests with the stick in the playing hand.
 - with strap or other medical devices if the player uses such during a match.
- f. The assistants of the player may only help the player or answer questions if requested by a Classifier.
- g. All Team Managers will get the written results of the classifications of all tested athletes of all participating teams, after the whole second step of the classification procedure is finalized, which is after all players of all teams have passed the classification testing.

Step 3 (in-competition observation at the event)

- a. During the competition the ICEWH Classifiers Team will observe all players to confirm the classification.
- b. The ICEWH Classification Team can decide, on the basis of the performance during the competition, that a player is "Not Eligible".
- c. In case a player is classified as "Not Eligible" during the in-competition observation, the ICEWH Chief Classifier shall inform the Team Manager and the player concerned verbally and in written, after the match concerned, but at least half an hour before the next match of the player concerned.
- d. The player concerned will not be allowed to continue in the ongoing competition.
- e. (All Team Managers will get the classification results of all players of the event, after the competition concerned, by email to the member organisations of IWAS, with cc to the Team Managers.)

C. Classification Protests

- a. In case of non agreement with a classification decision, a protest can be submitted by the Team Manager of the player concerned, as well as by a Team Manager of another team than the player concerned.
- b. The Team Manager (as the official representative of the national member organisation of the IWAS) can submit a protest, using the official ICEWH Classification Protest Form, written in English and signed by the Team Manager.
ICEWH Classification Protest Form is downloadable from the ICEWH Website www.icewh.org under 'Regulations/Classification'.
- c. The Team Manager shall hand over the Protest Form to the ICEWH Chief Classifier at least 1 hour before the scheduled time of the Protest Classification Session, together with the payment of 100 Euro.
- d. In case of protest as mentioned in Cc., the player will be re-tested in the scheduled Protest Classification Session (before the start of the competition) by an ICEWH Classification Panel, consisting of other Classifiers than in the first testing.
- e. In case of protest during the competition (after the scheduled Protest Classification Session), no retesting will take place during the event concerned (because Classifiers aren't present the whole event), but the player has to enter a next Classification Session in a next ICEWH Competition.
- f. Any player or team member has the right of appeal the procedure of a protest (not the classification decision) through their IWAS national member organisation to the IWAS.