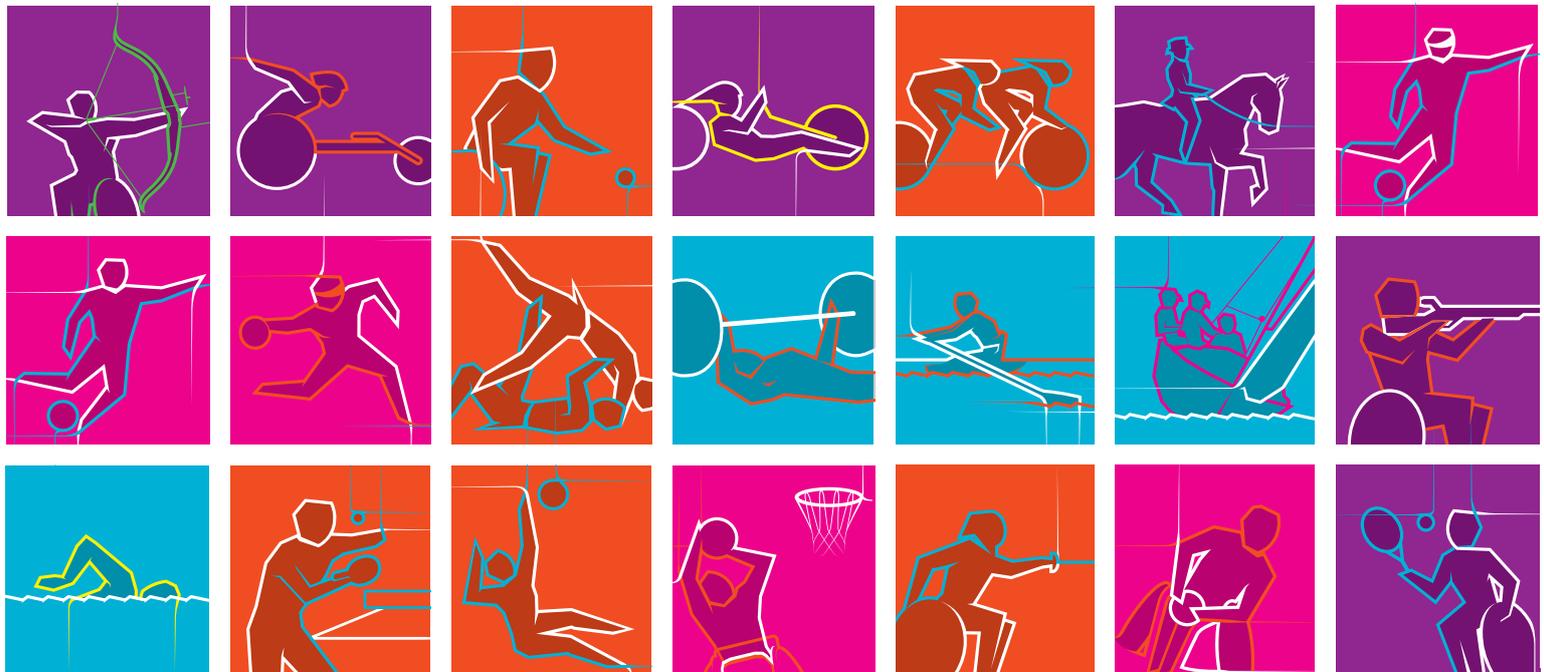


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About the London 2012 Paralympic Games Classification Guide

All information contained in this Classification Guide was correct at the time of publication. If necessary, updates will be posted on LOCOG's The Exchange (<https://theexchange.london2012.com>) for download by NPCs.

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- Section 3: Additional text under the heading 'R-status athletes with a "review date" '. The remainder of Section 3 has been renumbered accordingly, but the text has not changed.
- Section 8: Amendments to the sport-specific classification information for Athletics (sport classes), Rowing (First Appearance), Sailing (sport classes), Sitting Volleyball (First Appearance) and Swimming (sport classes).

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the London 2012 Paralympic Games Classification Guide

The London 2012 Paralympic Games Classification Guide is designed to provide National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) and International Paralympic Sport Federations (IPSFs) with information about the classification policies and procedures that will apply to the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The guide is based on the principles below:

- The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the supreme authority of the Paralympic Games.
- The London 2012 Paralympic Games is governed by the IPC Handbook, available from the IPC section of www.paralympic.org
- The planning and implementation of the London 2012 Paralympic Games is a joint responsibility between the IPC and the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).
- The relevant governing body of each sport (IPSF) is responsible for the allocation and verification of athlete sport class and sport class status.
- Only athletes that have an international sport class and a sport class status of Review or Confirmed (see section 3: Paralympic Games sport class status) are eligible for qualification to the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

LOCOG and the IPC are committed to providing classification services that represent the highest standards of honesty, integrity and dignity, in compliance with the IPC Code of Ethics. The IPC Code of Ethics is part of the IPC Handbook (section 2, chapter 1.1), available from the IPC section of www.paralympic.org

While it is acknowledged that each sport has its own rules and regulations, certain policies and procedures will be common to all sports at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. This guide details those common policies and procedures, notably:

- Paralympic Games sport class status
- classification activities (before the Games and at Games time)
- classification protest policies and procedures
- classification appeals
- sport-specific classification information

This guide is the rule book for classification regulations relating to the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The policies and procedures contained herein apply to all sports on the Paralympic programme and are valid for the London 2012 Paralympic Games only. They overrule the IPSF classification rules on these matters unless otherwise specified by the IPC and the respective IPSF. Updates to this guide will be sent to all NPCs as required.

The guide is also available in French and Spanish. In the event of any conflict between the English, French and Spanish versions, the English version shall prevail.

1.2. General information

The purpose of the Paralympic sport classification system is to minimise the impact of impairment on the outcome of competition, so that the athletes who succeed in competition are those with the best anthropometry, physiology and psychology and who have enhanced them to best effect through hard training and quality coaching. To achieve this, athletes are grouped into classes according to how much their impairment impacts on their sport-specific performance.

The goal of the IPC and LOCOG is to ensure that classification services at the London 2012 Paralympic Games are of the highest quality, and are sport and athlete focused. The IPC and LOCOG's key objectives are as follows:

- To enable athletes to focus on preparation for competition.
- To provide the best possible working environment for ensuring expedient and accurate classification of those athletes required to be present for classification during the London 2012 Paralympic Games.
- To develop transparent policies and procedures for sport class, sport class status allocation and classification-related protests in cooperation with the IPSFs, while maintaining the integrity of the sport-specific classification systems.

To reduce the number of athletes that will need to be present for classification upon arrival at the London 2012 Paralympic Games to an absolute minimum, the IPC and the IPSFs have agreed to provide increased pre-Games classification opportunities in the respective sports.

2. NPC responsibilities

It is the collective responsibility of each athlete and their NPC, through the Chef de Mission and the relevant team officials, to be informed about and comply with all classification policies and procedures relating to the London 2012 Paralympic Games, as outlined in this guide, and each IPSF's classification rules. Each NPC is also responsible for ensuring that international classification resulting in a sport class status of Review or Confirmed (see section 8, table G: Sport-specific classification details) is obtained for all athletes who are intending to participate in the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

For the first time at a summer Paralympic Games, an online entries system will be used by NPCs to enter their athletes. This system will be pre-populated with sport class and sport class status information from the Classification Master Lists that will be provided by IPSFs and will cover each athlete submitted for accreditation to the Paralympic Games.

The online entries system will be opened to NPCs on 1 July 2012. NPCs are encouraged to do their utmost to ensure their athletes are classified before 15 June 2012. This will help to ensure that the online entries system is up to date, and will allow NPCs to enter their athletes into the correct events. Any changes to the sport class and/or sport class status of an athlete after 15 June 2012 will require NPCs to follow change control processes with the respective IPSF. This is to ensure that the online entries system is updated for the relevant athlete before the entry may be completed.

Each NPC is responsible for ensuring that the athletes who need to be present for assessment during the Classification Evaluation Period do so at the times defined in the Classification Evaluation Schedule.

NPCs must determine who will be responsible for following up on classification procedures during the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Each NPC should list the details of all authorised classification representatives on the NPC Classification Authorised Representatives Form, which will be made available to all NPCs on LOCOG's The Exchange (<https://theexchange.london2012.com>). The form must be completed and submitted electronically to LOCOG by 20 April 2012.

3. Paralympic Games sport class status

3.1. General principles

Each athlete's sport class status is assigned by an international classification panel in accordance with the rules of the respective IPSF. The designation of a sport class status denotes whether an athlete's sport class is consistent or whether it may change over time.

In the context of the Paralympic Games, a sport class status informs NPCs whether an athlete must attend classification evaluation upon arrival at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. A sport class status also denotes which classification protest opportunities may be available.

The table below defines the sport class statuses as they will be used during the London 2012 Paralympic Games in accordance with the provisions detailed in the IPC Classification Code. Athletes with a sport class status of N (New) are not eligible to be entered in the London 2012 Paralympic Games ([see section 9](#): Athletes with a sport class status of N).

Sport class status	Abbreviation	Definition
Confirmed	C	C is assigned to athletes who have been internationally classified according to the relevant sport rules and are not under review. C-athletes will not be required to undergo evaluation at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.
Review	R	R is assigned to athletes who have been internationally classified according to the relevant sport rules, but are subject to review. This may include athletes with a changing or progressive condition that requires ongoing evaluation. R-athletes are required to undergo classification evaluation during the scheduled Classification Evaluation Period and may also be observed during competition at the London 2012 Paralympic Games according to the relevant sport rules.

3.2. R-status athletes with a 'review date'

On the Classification Master Lists of some IPSFs ([see section 4.1](#): Classification Master Lists), some athletes with a sport class status of R are listed with a 'review date' by which they must undergo another evaluation. The assignment of these review dates is based on the particular circumstances of the athlete.

Athletes who are listed on an IPSF's Classification Master List with a review date later than 9 September 2012:

- will be listed with a sport class status of C on that IPSF's Classification Master List;
- will not be required to present themselves during the Classification Evaluation Period before competing at the London 2012 Paralympic Games; and
- will be considered to have a sport class status of C for the purposes of the Qualification Criteria for the London 2012 Paralympic Games ([see section 8](#): Sport-specific classification information).

3.3. Sport class status for athletes undergoing First Appearance

In the event that an athlete requires observation in competition in order for his/her final sport class to be determined (only applicable to certain sports and sport classes; [see section 8](#), [table G](#): Sport-specific classification details), a tracking code will be assigned. Once the Chief Classifier of the respective IPSF has confirmed the final sport class for an athlete, their sport class status will be changed to C for the London 2012 Paralympic Games and beyond, if so defined by the IPSF ([see also section 5.3](#): Sport class status evolution).

The tracking code below will be used during the London 2012 Paralympic Games:

Table B: Sport class status tracking code		
Tracking code	Abbreviation	Definition
Competition review status	CRS	CRS is assigned to athletes who entered with R status and have been classified according to the relevant sport rules during the Classification Evaluation Period at the London 2012 Paralympic Games, but are subject to review during competition at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. CRS is only a tracking code and identifies those athletes who have yet to fully complete the classification process.

4. Pre-Games classification activities

4.1. Classification Master Lists

The purpose of the Classification Master List for each sport is to ensure that accurate classification information is available to both the LOCOG Sport Entries and Classification departments at all times. The lists contain all relevant information on the sport class and the sport class status of each athlete who is seeking to enter the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Each IPSF is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of its Classification Master List and for making the list available to its membership and to NPCs. Updates to each list will be released at regular intervals through the relevant IPSF website.

Each NPC is responsible for verifying the sport class data of their athletes with the respective IPSF. NPCs should liaise directly with the IPSF if the relevant Classification Master List contains incorrect athlete data (name, sport class, sport class status) and/or if an athlete is not included on the relevant Classification Master List.

In the event that an athlete's impairment has changed since the latest release of the relevant Classification Master List and a change in sport class or sport class status may be necessary, the respective IPSF classification rules will apply. NPCs will be required to submit evidence in support of their review to the IPSF.

The final entries deadline is 6 August 2012. After this date, all changes to athlete sport class data must be submitted to the IPC. These changes will either be considered by the IPC in consultation with the respective IPSF or will be handled during the Classification Evaluation Period in accordance with the policies and procedures detailed in this guide and in the London 2012 Paralympic Games Sport Entries Manual.

4.2. Classification Evaluation Schedule

The Classification Evaluation Schedule will be distributed by email to NPCs after the final entries deadline of 6 August 2012. The schedule will include the details of all athletes that must be present for classification (athletes with a sport class status of R) upon arrival at the London 2012 Paralympic Games ([see section 5.1: Classification evaluation period](#)).

In the event that some athletes attend IPSF-sanctioned classification opportunities between the final entries deadline and the start of the Games, changes to the Classification Evaluation Schedule may be necessary. Any changes will be communicated to the respective NPCs via email.

All athletes listed on the Classification Evaluation Schedule must be present for classification at the specified time, date and location, with the appropriate equipment, attire and medical documentation as stipulated in the IPSF rules. Failure to be present for classification at the specified time, date and location and/or without the required equipment, attire and medical documentation will be viewed as a failure to comply with the IPSF rules, and the athlete may be deemed ineligible to compete.

5. Games-time classification activities

5.1. Classification Evaluation Period

All athletes with a sport class status of R are required to arrive at the London 2012 Paralympic Games in time to be available for classification during the Classification Evaluation Period for their sport. It is the responsibility of each NPC, through the Chef de Mission, to ensure that athletes listed on the Classification Evaluation Schedule are available and present for classification at the designated time, date and location.

Athlete classification will generally take place at the respective sport's competition or training venue with the exception of classification for athletes with visual impairment (VI) and athletes with intellectual impairment, for which see footnotes 1 and 2 to table C below.

Table C: Classification Evaluation Periods and locations		
Sport	Location	Classification Evaluation Period
Archery	The Royal Artillery Barracks	27 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Athletics ^{1, 2}	Olympic Stadium	24 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Boccia	ExCeL (South Arena 1)	30 August (08:30) – 31 August (12:30)
Cycling – Road ¹	Velodrome	27 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30), 2 September (08:30–18:30)
Cycling – Track ¹	Velodrome	27 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Equestrian ¹	Greenwich Park	27 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Football 5-a-side	Paralympic Village	25 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Football 7-a-side	Riverbank Arena	27 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Goalball	Not applicable ³	Not applicable ³
Judo	Paralympic Village	25 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Powerlifting	Not applicable ³	Not applicable ³
Rowing ¹	Eton Dorney, Buckinghamshire	27 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Sailing ¹	Weymouth and Portland, Dorset	27 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Shooting	The Royal Artillery Barracks	27 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Sitting Volleyball	ExCeL (South Arena 2)	27 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Swimming ^{1, 2}	Aquatics Centre	26 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Table Tennis	Not applicable ³	Not applicable ³
Wheelchair Basketball	Basketball Arena and North Greenwich Arena	26 August (08:30) – 28 August (12:30)
Wheelchair Fencing	Not applicable ³	Not applicable ³
Wheelchair Rugby	Mayesbrook Park (training venue)	1 September (08:30) – 3 September (12:30)
Wheelchair Tennis	Not applicable ³	Not applicable ³

1. Athletes with visual impairment participating in this sport and requiring classification will report to the Paralympic Village, 25–28 August 2012 (according to the Classification Evaluation Schedule).

2. Athletes with intellectual impairment participating in this sport will be assessed on generic sport intelligence at a designated facility in the Paralympic Village, before proceeding for eventual further sport-specific assessment in the respective competition venue.

3. 'Not applicable' means that there is no Games-time classification in this sport in accordance with the IPSF qualification standards or as agreed with the IPSF.

Classification evaluation will be conducted in daily morning and/or afternoon sessions. NPCs should allow approximately 30–60 minutes for classification evaluation for each athlete. Athletes should be present no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled classification times at the designated venue, and should be present for evaluation with the appropriate equipment, attire and medical documentation as stipulated in the IPSF rules. With the exception of an interpreter, no more than one (1) person from each athlete's NPC will be allowed to accompany an athlete to any evaluation session and, if applicable, re-evaluation session.

Classification results will be distributed by LOCOG to NPCs at the Sport Information Centre at the Paralympic Village and at Sport Information Desks at the competition venue where evaluation took place (for Wheelchair Rugby, for which classification evaluation will take place at the training venue, classification results will be posted in the athletes' lounge at the training venue). Results will be posted within the deadlines below:

Session times	Classification evaluation results posted
08:30–12:30	14:30 (on the same day)
14:30–18:30	20:30 (on the same day)

5.2. Classification competition period: First Appearance

In some Paralympic sports, observation in competition is a part of the sport classification rules (see section 8: Sport-specific classification information). In these cases, the classification panel must observe an athlete performing specific skills that are part of the sport in a competitive environment.

During the Paralympic Games, First Appearance is defined as 'the conclusion of the first time an athlete competes in a medal event that requires a specific sport class'. In a team sport, this presence needs to be considered 'meaningful' by the Chief Classifier (defined as the athlete having sufficient time to display his/her functional abilities). An athlete's First Appearance must occur during the preliminary round in order for him/her to be eligible to compete during the elimination round(s).

A final sport class will be allocated after the classification panel has finished its classification evaluation following the athlete's First Appearance. The Chief Classifier of the relevant IPSF will be required to post details of this athlete's sport class no later than 15 minutes after the completion of the event in which the First Appearance occurred. Classification results will be distributed by LOCOG to NPCs at the Sport Information Centre at the Paralympic Village and at the Sport Information Desk at the respective competition venue.

5.3. Sport class status evolution

Sport class status evolution refers to the process of tracking an athlete's classification status through all stages of the classification process while at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The rules below will apply for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

- The sport class status of athletes with a sport class status of C will not change for the London 2012 Paralympic Games, except as a possible result of a protest under exceptional circumstances (see section 6.4: Protests under exceptional circumstances).
- Athletes with a sport class status of R participating in sports where observation in competition for the sport class to which the athlete has been allocated is not part of the sport's classification rules will keep their sport class status R as defined by the IPSF.
- Athletes with a sport class status of R participating in sports where observation in competition for the sport class to which the athlete has been allocated is part of the sport's classification rules will be assigned a tracking status of CRS for tracking purposes from the period after classification evaluation to the point at which the classification panel allocates their final sport class after the athlete's First Appearance (see section 5.2: Classification competition period: First Appearance). Once the Chief Classifier has confirmed the final sport class for an athlete, their sport class status will be changed to C for the London 2012 Paralympic Games and beyond, if so defined by the IPSF.

5.4 Re-entry after changes in athlete sport class

If an athlete's sport class changes during the Classification Evaluation Period and/or the classification competition period, the athlete must re-enter subject to the re-entry conditions for the specific sport as outlined in the London 2012 Paralympic Games Sport Entries Manual.

6. Classification protests

6.1. General principles

Only athletes with a sport class status of R may be subjected to classification protest, and then only if the IPSF rules and regulations (amended by the provisions of this guide) allow for such a protest. An athlete with a sport class status of C may only be subjected to classification protest under exceptional circumstances by the Chief Classifier of the relevant IPSF (see section 6.4: Protests under exceptional circumstances).

To be considered, all protests must be lodged in accordance with the policies and procedures detailed in this guide. An athlete may only be subjected to classification protest once during the London 2012 Paralympic Games, unless there is a protest under an exceptional circumstance (see section 6.4: Protests under exceptional circumstances).

Protests may be lodged as outlined in the table below:

Table E: Classification protest opportunities after classification			
Protests during Classification Evaluation Period			
Sport class status at final entry	Protest by own NPC	Protest by other NPC	Protest by Chief Classifier
R	Yes	No	Yes ¹
C	No	No	Yes ¹
Protests during Classification Competition Period ²			
Tracking status at entry of competition period	Protest by own NPC	Protest by other NPC	Protest by Chief Classifier
CRS ²	Yes	No	Yes ¹

No protest opportunities from NPCs are allowed during the London 2012 Paralympic Games in the following sports: Cycling, Goalball, Powerlifting, Table Tennis, Wheelchair Fencing and Wheelchair Tennis.

1. See section 6.4: Protests under exceptional circumstances.
2. Only applicable to sports with First Appearance (see section 5.2: Classification competition period: First Appearance).

6.2. Protest submission process

Classification protests at the London 2012 Paralympic Games shall only be considered if the IPSF Rules allow, as follows:

- The protest is submitted in accordance with the provisions detailed in [table E](#): Classification protest opportunities after classification.
- The protest is submitted in accordance with the time frames established for the Classification Evaluation Period and the classification competition period.
- The protest is submitted in English on the official Classification Protest Form, which must be completed in its entirety.
- The protest is submitted by the authorised person on behalf of the NPC.
- The protest fee is paid.

Classification Protest Forms will be available in the Sport Information Centre in the Paralympic Village and at the Sport Information Desk at the respective competition venue (see [table C](#): Classification evaluation periods and locations).

Protests must be submitted within the designated timeframes at the locations below:

For protests lodged during the Classification Evaluation Period (except for classification in Football 5-a-side and Judo): at the Sport Information Desk at the respective competition venue. See [table C](#): Classification evaluation periods and locations.

For protests lodged during the Classification Evaluation Period in relation to Football 5-a-side and Judo: at the Sport Information Centre in the Paralympic Village.

For protests lodged during the classification competition period: at the Sport Information Desk at the respective competition venue.

Each classification protest submitted by an NPC will be subject to a fee of the British pounds sterling equivalent of one hundred and fifty Euros (€150.00), paid in cash and submitted with the Classification Protest Form. Details of the exact fee in British pounds sterling will be circulated to NPCs before the start of the Classification Evaluation Period. The amount paid will only be refunded to the respective NPC if the classification protest is upheld. A fee will not be required if the classification protest is submitted by the Chief Classifier of an IPSF.

The final decision about each protest will be documented on the official Classification Protest Form. The original form will be kept by the IPSF Chief Classifier, and copies will be given to the IPC, LOCOG and to the NPC of the athlete concerned. It is the responsibility of the Chef de Mission of the athlete's NPC to inform the athlete of the final decision about each protest.

If an athlete does not appear for classification re-evaluation, they will be deemed ineligible to compete further in the London 2012 Paralympic Games. The Chef de Mission of the relevant NPC will be appropriately notified in writing by the respective Chief Classifier.

6.3. Protest deadlines

Protests may be submitted by an NPC through the Chef de Mission, the Deputy Chef de Mission or the Classification Authorised Representative for the respective sport, or by the respective IPSF, through the IPSF Chief Classifier. The NPC will be notified verbally and in writing about any protest lodged against one of its athletes, and will be provided with a time and date for any subsequent re-evaluation if required. This notification will be done by the IPSF Chief Classifier to the NPC Chef de Mission as soon as possible after the acceptance of a protest.

Classification evaluation	Classification evaluation results posted	Protest deadline window
Morning session: 08:30–12:30	14:30	14:30–17:00, same day as evaluation
Afternoon session: 14:30–18:30	20:30	20:30 same day – 08:30 next day
First Appearance	No later than 15 minutes after the completion of the event in which First Appearance occurred	No later than 15 minutes after the athlete's sport class was posted

Protests during the Classification Evaluation Period

In order for a classification protest to be considered during the Classification Evaluation Period, it must be lodged after the completion of the athlete's assigned classification evaluation session and within the protest deadline window listed in table F: Deadlines for classification evaluation protests. During the Classification Evaluation Period, the Sport Information Centre in the Paralympic Village and the Sport Information Desks at the competition or training venues where classification evaluation is taking place will be open 07:00–22:00.

Protests during the Classification Competition Period

In order for a classification protest relating to an athlete with CRS sport class status to be considered by an IPSF Chief Classifier, the protest must be lodged within 15 minutes of the publication of the athlete's confirmed final sport class and sport class status after the completion of the event in which First Appearance occurred. The protest must be lodged at the Sport Information Desk at the relevant competition venue. It is the responsibility of the IPSF Chief Classifier, with full cooperation from the NPC concerned, to resolve the protest as soon as possible after the notification of a protest in order to minimise impact on the competition.

6.4. Protests under exceptional circumstances

Protests under exceptional circumstances may be lodged by the respective IPSF Chief Classifier at any time during the Games.

An exceptional circumstance is any occasion when an athlete, including those with a C sport class status, intentionally or unintentionally performs in view of the Chief Classifier with significantly less or greater functional ability, which does not reflect their current sport class profile during the competition, or when the Chief Classifier believes that an error has been made by the classification panel during the Classification Evaluation Period that has led to the athlete being allocated a sport class that is not in keeping with the athlete's ability.

A protest under exceptional circumstances may be lodged against an athlete that already has been protested during the London 2012 Paralympic Games on the condition that the IPSF has the opportunity to resolve the protest immediately.

7. Classification appeals

The term 'classification appeal' refers to the procedure by which a formal objection to the manner in which an athlete's classification evaluation and/or classification procedures have been conducted is submitted and subsequently resolved.

The IPC Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC) is the final appeal body available to NPCs and IPSFs for the resolution of classification issues for all sports on the Paralympic programme. The Bylaws of the IPC Board of Appeal of Classification are part of the IPC Handbook (section 1, chapter 2.8), available from the IPC section of www.paralympic.org

Classification Appeal Forms may be obtained from the Sport Information Centre in the Paralympic Village and at Sport Information Desks at the respective competition venue (see table C: Classification evaluation periods and locations).

8. Sport-specific classification information

Sport-specific classification information is given in the table below. Contact details for each IPSF may be found in the London 2012 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide, available from the Paralympic Games – London 2012 section of www.paralympic.org

Table G: Sport-specific classification information					
Sport	IPSF	IPSF website	Sport classes	Sport class status	First Appearance
Archery	World Archery Federation (WA)	www.para-archery.org	W1, W2, ST	R, C	√
Athletics	IPC Athletics	http://ipc-athletics.paralympic.org	T/F11–13, T/F20, F31–32, T/F33–38, F40, T/F42–46, T51–54, F51–58	R, C	√ *
Boccia	Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CPISRA)	www.cpisra.org	BC1–4	R, C	√
Cycling	International Cycling Union (UCI)	www.uci.ch	C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, B, H1, H2, H3, H4, T1, T2	R, C	√ *
Equestrian	International Equestrian Federation (FEI)	www.fei.org	Grade I–IV	R, C	√ *
Football 5-a-side	International Blind Sport Federation (IBSA)	www.ibsa.es	B1	R, C	n/a
Football 7-a-side	Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreation Association (CPISRA)	www.cpisra.org	C5–8	R, C	√

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Goalball	International Blind Sport Federation (IBSA)	www.ibsa.es	B1–3	C	n/a
Judo	International Blind Sport Federation (IBSA)	www.ibsa.es	B1–3	R, C	n/a
Powerlifting	IPC Powerlifting	www.ipc-powerlifting.org	Minimal disability	C	n/a
Rowing	International Rowing Federation (FISA)	www.worldrowing.com	LTA, TA, AS	R, C	√ *
Sailing	International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS)	http://www.sailing.org/ifds.php	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, MD, TPA, TPB	R, C	√ *
Shooting	IPC Shooting	www.ipc-shooting.org	SH1–2	R, C	n/a
Sitting Volleyball	World Organisation Volleyball for Disabled (WOVD)	www.wovd.info	D, MD	R, C	√
Swimming	IPC Swimming	www.ipc-swimming.org	S1–14, SB1–9, SB11–14, SM1–13	R, C	√ *
Table Tennis	International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)	www.ittf.com	TT1–11	C	n/a
Wheelchair Basketball	International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF)	www.iwbf.org	1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5	R, C	√
Wheelchair Fencing	International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation (IWAS)	www.iwasf.com	Category A Category B	C	n/a
Wheelchair Rugby	International Wheelchair Rugby Federation (IWRF)	www.iwrf.com	0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5	R, C	√
Wheelchair Tennis	International Tennis Federation (ITF)	www.itftennis.com/wheelchair	Open, Quad	C	n/a

* First Appearance is not applicable to athletes with visual impairment participating in this sport.

9. Athletes with a sport class status of N

Sport class status N (New) is assigned to athletes who have not been internationally classified according to the relevant sport rules. N-status athletes are not eligible to be entered in the London 2012 Paralympic Games. Exceptions will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the IPC Governing Board for all sports on the Paralympic programme.

If the IPC Governing Board allows an athlete with a sport class status of N to compete, she/he will be dealt with under similar conditions as athletes with a sport class status of R, with the sole exception that other NPCs will be able to lodge a protest under the same time frames and deadlines as detailed in [section 6.3: Protest deadlines](#).

10. Key dates

Table H: Key dates	
20 April 2012	Deadline for NPCs to submit NPC Classification Authorised Representatives Form to LOCOG
1 July 2012	LOCOG online entries system opened to NPCs
6 August 2012	Final entries deadline
22 August 2012	Official Opening of Paralympic Villages
See table C: Classification Evaluation Periods and locations	Sport-specific Classification Evaluation Periods
29 August 2012	Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony
9 September 2012	Paralympic Games Closing Ceremony

11. Administration

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