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Purpose and Organisation of these Rules

Purpose

These Classification Rules (referred to generally as “the Rules”) provide a framework within which the process of “Classification” may take place. The term “Classification” refers to the process by which Athletes are assessed by reference to the impact of Impairment on their ability to compete in sport. The purpose of Classification is to minimise the impact of eligible Impairment types on the outcome of Competition, so that Athletes who succeed in Competition are those with best anthropometry, physiology and psychology and who have enhanced them to best effect.

Organisation

Articles

Article One  Article One explains that these Rules apply to persons who compete or are otherwise involved in the sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, and how the Rules should be interpreted.

Article Two  Article Two explains that qualified personnel referred to in these Rules as “Classifiers”, with other key “Classification Personnel” being involved, conduct Classification.

Article Three  Article Three explains how Classifiers will conduct classification as part of a Classification Panel.

Article Four  Article Four explains that the process of Classification is carried out by way of Athlete Evaluation in these Rules, and details the specific processes and protocols to be followed during Athlete Evaluation. This is explained in Article Four of these Rules.

Article Five  Article Five explains that Classification is undertaken so that Athletes can be designated a Sport Class (which groups Athletes together in Competition) and allocated a Sport Class Status (which indicates when
Athletes should be evaluated and how their Sport Class may be challenged. It also details that the allocation of a Sport Class to an Athlete is determined by a physical and technical assessment of the Athlete, and that the means by which physical and technical assessment are to be conducted are determined by the Sport Profile for a particular Sport Class.

Article Six

Article Seven explains that one outcome of Athlete Evaluation may be that an Athlete is found not to be eligible to compete in the sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, and the implications that arise if this is the case.

Article Seven

Article Eight explains that an Athlete or other party may dispute the allocation of a Sport Class, and the process by which these disputes should be resolved.

Article Eight

Article Nine explains that the procedure by which a Sport Class is allocated is subject to a limited form of challenge, and how these challenges should be made.

Article Nine

Article Ten explains that if an Athlete or other party attempts to subvert the Athlete Evaluation process, there will be consequences.

Glossary

The Glossary to these Rules contains a list of the defined terms used in these Rules.

Appendices

Appendix One

Appendix One details the Physical Impairment that an Athlete must have in order to be eligible to compete in the Sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, and the Minimal Disability Criteria that apply to such Physical Impairment.

Appendix One also details the Sport Classes that are available to Athletes with Physical Impairment, the basis upon which these Sport Classes are distinguished from each other, and in particular the Activity Limitations that are relevant to each Sport Class.
1 Article One - Scope and Application

1.1 These Rules are an integral part of the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Rules and Regulations and are intended to implement the provisions of the IPC Classification Code for the sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. These Rules shall apply in the manner set out in this Article One.

1.2 These Rules shall apply to -

1.2.1 All Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel who are members of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey and/or of member or affiliate organisations or licensees of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues);

1.2.2 All Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel participating in such capacity in Events, Competitions and other activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey or any of its member or affiliate organisations or licensees;

1.2.3 All Classification Personnel.

1.3 It is the personal responsibility of Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and Classification Personnel to acquaint themselves with all of the requirements of these Rules.

Interpretation, Commencement and Amendment

1.4 The Appendices to these Rules shall be considered an integral part of these Rules.

1.5 Save where otherwise indicated:

1.5.1 References to Articles and Appendices are references to articles of and appendices to these Rules; and

1.5.2 Defined terms used in these Rules (i.e., those words or phrases starting with capitals) shall have the meaning given to them in the Glossary to these Rules.
1.6 The headings used in these Rules are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of these Rules or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

1.7 These Rules shall be interpreted and applied at all times in a manner that is consistent with the IPC Classification Code.

1.8 These Rules shall come into full force and effect on the Effective Date as specified by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

1.9 Amendments to these Rules may be made at any time as considered necessary by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. Changes, except otherwise mentioned, will be effective immediately upon release of the revised versions with proper notice of change. IPC Ice Sledge Hockey may at any time amend, update or otherwise alter the text, meaning and effect of the Appendices independently of these Rules.
2 Article Two – Classification Personnel

2.1 Classification Personnel are fundamental to the effective implementation of these Rules. This Article Two explains how IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Classification Personnel assist in the delivery of classification under these Rules.

2.2 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey should appoint the following Classification Personnel, each of whom will have a key role in the administration, organisation and execution of classification for IPC Ice Sledge Hockey:

Classification Personnel

2.3 Head of Classification

2.3.1 The Head of Classification for IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will be appointed by IPC Sport to be responsible for the direction, administration, coordination and implementation of all classification matters for IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

2.3.2 The Head of Classification shall be an individual person. In the absence of such a person, IPC Ice Sledge Hockey may delegate the role of Head of Classification to a nominated person or group of persons, such persons being identified publicly as such by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

2.3.3 The Head of Classification in conjunction with IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Management is responsible for appointing Classification Panel(s) that will conduct International Classification at Recognised Competitions.

2.4 Classifiers

2.4.1 A Classifier is a person authorised and certified by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey as being competent to conduct Athlete Evaluation. IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will specify from time to time the means by which it shall certify Classifiers as being authorised to act as Classifiers in IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

2.4.2 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Classifiers are required, as appropriate, to assist in the research, development and clarification of the Classification Rules and Sport Profiles for IPC Ice Sledge Hockey; participate in Classifier workshops arranged by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey and/or the IPC from time to time; and attend such Classifier training as requested from time to time by the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

2.4.3 The Head of Classification may act as a Classifier.
2.5 Chief Classifiers

2.5.1 A Chief Classifier is a Classifier who is appointed by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey to act as the senior Classifier present at a specific IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Competition.

2.5.2 A Chief Classifier will be responsible for the direction, administration, co-ordination and implementation of classification matters at a Competition. In particular, a Chief Classifier may be required by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey and/or the Head of Classification to do the following:

2.5.2.1 Identify those Athletes who will be competing at that Competition who will require Athlete Evaluation;

2.5.2.2 Liaise with the relevant Competition organiser to ensure that all travel, accommodation and other logistics are arranged in order that Classifiers may carry out their duties at the Competition;

2.5.2.3 Supervise Classifiers to ensure that the Rules are applied appropriately during a specific Competition;

2.5.2.4 Manage the Protest process as required by Article Eight of these Rules.

2.6 Trainee Classifiers

2.6.1 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey may appoint Trainee Classifiers in order that they may be certified as a Classifier.

2.6.2 A Trainee Classifier may actively participate in or observe Athlete Evaluation in order to develop the necessary competencies and proficiencies so as to be certified by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey as a Classifier and will be required to perform any other duties that IPC Ice Sledge Hockey requires.

Classifier Competencies, Qualifications and Responsibilities

2.7 A Classifier must have certain abilities and qualifications in order to be certified as a Classifier by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. These will depend on whether or not the Classifier is required by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey to conduct Physical Assessment or Technical Assessment of an Athlete as part of Athlete Evaluation (as these terms are defined in these Rules).

2.8 A Classifier may conduct Physical Assessment if IPC Sport has certified him or her to do so. IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will certify such a Classifier if he or she possesses the qualifications that IPC Ice Sledge Hockey in its sole discretion deems to be acceptable.
2.9 A Classifier may conduct Technical Assessment if IPC Sport has certified him or her to do so. IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will certify such a Classifier if he or she has an extensive coaching background in the sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey or has, in the opinion of IPC Sport, a recognised and reputable academic qualification which encompasses the requisite level of anatomical, biomechanical and sport-specific expertise to contribute to the assessment of how various types of Impairment impact on the technical execution of the disciplines in IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

2.10 A Classifier who is qualified to conduct Physical Assessment may conduct Technical Assessment of an Athlete as part of a Classification Panel, if IPC Ice Sledge Hockey is satisfied that the relevant Classifier is suitably qualified and experienced so as to conduct a Technical Assessment. This Article will apply if the Classifier acts as part of a Classification Panel that is comprised of more than one Classifier, or a Classification Panel consisting of that Classifier only (see Article 3.2). This Article will apply regardless of whether the relevant Classifier has been certified by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey to conduct Technical Assessment.

2.11 All Classification Personnel must comply with the standards of behaviour mandated from time to time in the IPC Code of Ethics and the IPC Classifier Code of Conduct. If any Classification Personnel is found to have breached the terms of either the IPC Code of Ethics or the IPC Classifier Code of Conduct IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will have sole discretion to withdraw any applicable certification or authorisation. IPC Ice Sledge Hockey may also make such recommendations as it sees fit to IPC and any other relevant bodies as regards any certification held by the relevant Classification Personnel to act as Classification Personnel in respect of other sports.
3 Article Three - Classification Panels

3.1 Classifiers will undertake Athlete Evaluation as part of a Classification Panel. This Article explains how Classification Panels should be constituted and managed by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

3.2 A Classification Panel is a body that is empowered by these Rules to conduct Athlete Evaluation. A Classification Panel should be comprised of a minimum of two (2) Classifiers. If the circumstances so require, the Head of Classification may designate that a Classification Panel may consist of one suitably accredited and qualified Classifier, who has been certified by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey to conduct Physical Assessment.

3.3 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will whenever possible ensure that a sufficient number of Classifiers are present at a Competition so that at least two Classification Panels are able to conduct Athlete Evaluation.

3.4 Classification Personnel should have no significant relationship with any Athlete or any Athlete Support Personnel present at a Competition or otherwise that might create any actual or perceived bias or Conflict of Interest. Classification Personnel must disclose any actual or perceived bias or Conflict of Interest that may be relevant to their appointment as a member of any Classification Panel.

3.5 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will wherever possible ensure that Classifiers who act as members of a Classification Panel at a Competition will not have any official responsibilities other than in connection with Athlete Evaluation for that Competition that may give rise to a Conflict of Interest.

3.6 A Classification Panel may seek third party expertise of any nature if it considers in its sole discretion that this would assist it in completing the process of Athlete Evaluation.
4  Article Four - Athlete Evaluation

4.1 Athlete Evaluation is the process by which an Athlete is assessed by a Classification Panel in order that the Athlete may be allocated a Sport Class and a Sport Class Status.

Athlete Evaluation Process

4.2 The Athlete Evaluation process shall encompass the following:

4.2.1 Physical Assessment: The Classification Panel will conduct a Physical Assessment of the Athlete in accordance with the Sport Profiles for the Sport Classes within IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, so as to establish that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment.

4.2.2 Technical Assessment: The Classification Panel may conduct a Technical Assessment of the Athlete which may include, but is not limited to, an assessment of the Athlete’s ability to perform, in a non-competitive environment, the specific tasks and activities that are part of the sport in which the Athlete participates.

4.3 The means by which Physical and Technical Assessment are to be conducted are specified in the Appendices to these Rules.

Athlete Evaluation Requirements

4.4 The following requirements apply to Athlete Evaluation:

4.4.1 The Athlete and his or her National Body are jointly responsible for ensuring that the Athlete attends Athlete Evaluation.

4.4.2 Athlete Evaluation and its associated processes will be conducted in English. If the Athlete and/or the Athlete Support Personnel require an interpreter, the National Body will be responsible for arranging the attendance of an interpreter.

4.4.3 One person (in addition to any required interpreter) may accompany an Athlete during Athlete Evaluation, who should be familiar with the Athlete’s Impairment and sporting history. This person must be a member of the Athlete’s National Body or must be otherwise authorised in advance by the Chief Classifier to attend the Athlete’s Athlete Evaluation.

4.4.4 If the Athlete is a minor, or has an Intellectual Impairment, a parent or guardian should accompany him or her, or a person authorised by a parent or guardian to attend on their behalf. The Classification Panel may request evidence of any such authorisation before it proceeds with Athlete Evaluation.
4.4.5 The Athlete must accept the terms of the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Evaluation Consent Form prior to participating in Athlete Evaluation. The Athlete must provide identification, such as a passport, ID Card, IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Licence Card or Accreditation that verifies to the satisfaction of the Classification Panel the Athlete’s identity.

4.4.6 The Athlete must attend Athlete Evaluation with all necessary sports equipment and in such attire as specified in advance by either the Chief Classifier or IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

4.4.7 The Athlete must attend Athlete Evaluation with all relevant medical documentation (in English or with a certified English translation), including but not limited to medical reports, medical records, diagnostic information and academic materials, which relate to the Athlete’s Impairment.

4.4.8 The Athlete must disclose either prior to, or at, Athlete Evaluation details of any medication routinely used by the Athlete.

4.4.9 The Classification Panel may use video footage and/or any other records (including pre-existing video footage and/or records) to assist it in carrying out Athlete Evaluation. In addition, the Classification Panel may video-record any part of Athlete Evaluation if it considers that such recording is necessary to enable it to complete Athlete Evaluation. Any such recording will be used for the purposes of Athlete Evaluation only but may be used for research and education purposes with the Athlete’s prior consent.

4.4.10 At the conclusion of Athlete Evaluation the outcome of the Classification Panel’s decision will be published.

Failure to Attend Athlete Evaluation

4.5 If an Athlete is required to attend Athlete Evaluation, but fails to do so, the Classification Panel will report the fact of the non-attendance to the Chief Classifier. The Chief Classifier may, if satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to attend Athlete Evaluation, specify a revised time and date for Athlete Evaluation at the relevant Competition.

4.6 If the Athlete fails to attend Athlete Evaluation on this second occasion, the Athlete will not be permitted to compete at the relevant Competition.
Suspension of Athlete Evaluation

4.7 A Classification Panel may suspend Athlete Evaluation in one or more of the following circumstances:

4.7.1 If the Athlete fails to meet any of the requirements detailed in these Rules for attendance at Athlete Evaluation (see Articles 4.4 and 4.5);

4.7.2 If the Classification Panel considers that the use (or non-use) of any medication disclosed by the Athlete will affect its ability to conduct Athlete Evaluation in a fair manner;

4.7.3 If an Athlete fails to produce sufficient medical documentation and the Classification Panel considers that the absence of such medical documentation will affect its ability to conduct Athlete Evaluation in a fair manner;

4.7.4 If an Athlete has a health condition (of any nature or description) that limits or prohibits the Athlete from complying with requests made by the Classification Panel during the course of Athlete Evaluation, or presents his or her abilities and/or Activity Limitation in an inconsistent manner, which the Classification Panel considers will affect its ability to conduct Athlete Evaluation in a fair manner;

4.7.5 If an Athlete is non-cooperative during Athlete Evaluation and the Classification Panel considers that this will affect its ability to conduct Athlete Evaluation in a fair manner (see IPC Classification Code, Article 10);

4.8 If a Classification Panel suspends an Athlete Evaluation the following steps will be taken:

4.8.1 The Classification Panel will explain the reason for the suspension to the Athlete and the Athlete’s National Body and detail the remedial action that is required on the part of the Athlete.

4.8.2 The Classification Panel will report the fact of the suspension to the Chief Classifier. The Chief Classifier will specify a time and date for resumption of the Athlete Evaluation on the condition that the Athlete takes the remedial action specified by the Classification Panel.

4.9 If the Athlete attends Athlete Evaluation having taken the remedial action to the Classification Panel’s satisfaction, the Classification Panel will complete the Athlete Evaluation and allocate a Sport Class and Sport Class Status.
4.10 If the Athlete fails to take the remedial action required to the Classification Panel’s satisfaction, the Classification Panel will terminate the Athlete Evaluation and the Athlete will not be permitted to compete at the relevant Competition. In such circumstances, IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will designate the Athlete as being “Classification Not Completed” (CNC) within the Classification Master List for IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. This designation will preclude the Athlete from competing at any Competition until Athlete Evaluation is completed. IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will stipulate from time to time how this designation impacts on performance recognition. Further investigations pursuant to Article 10 or the IPC Classification Code may be initiated by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.
5 Article Five - Sport Class and Sport Class Status

5.1 A Sport Class is a sporting competition category that is allocated to an Athlete following Athlete Evaluation. It is allocated based on the existence of an Eligible Impairment and compliance with the Minimum Disability Criteria, and the degree to which Impairment impacts upon sport performance.

Sport Class

5.2 A Sport Class will be allocated to an Athlete by a Classification Panel following Athlete Evaluation. A Sport Class cannot be allocated to an Athlete in any other circumstances.

5.3 The decision of the Classification Panel to allocate a Sport Class is final and subject to challenge only as prescribed in Article Eight and Article Nine of these Rules.

5.4 A Sport Class will be allocated to an Athlete if that Athlete has an Eligible Impairment and that Eligible Impairment complies with the Minimum Disability Criteria set by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. The requirements regarding Eligible Impairment and Minimum Disability Criteria are detailed in the Appendices to these Rules.

5.5 The Sport Class allocated to the Athlete will be in accordance with the Sport Class designations as explained in the Appendices to these Rules.

5.6 If an Athlete does not have Eligible Impairment or an Eligible Impairment that complies with the Minimal Disability Criteria, he or she will not be eligible to compete within the sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. If an Athlete is not eligible to compete he or she will be allocated with Sport Class “Not Eligible”. The provisions of Article Seven of these Rules will apply in such instances.

Sport Class Status

5.7 A Sport Class Status will be designated by the Classification Panel following the allocation of a Sport Class.

5.8 An Athlete’s Sport Class Status indicates whether or not an Athlete will be required to undertake Athlete Evaluation again in the future, and whether (and by what party) the Athlete’s Sport Class may be subject to challenge by way of Protest as prescribed in Article Eight of these Rules.

5.8 The Sport Class Status designated to an Athlete will be one of the following:
5.9 **Athletes with Sport Class Status New (N)**

5.9.1 An Athlete will be designated with Sport Class Status New (N) if a National Body has allocated an Entry Sport Class to him or her.

5.9.2 An Athlete who has been designated with Sport Class Status New (N) must complete Athlete Evaluation prior to competing at any Competition or Recognised Competition unless the provisions in these Rules regarding Competition Evaluation Exceptions apply.

5.10 **Athletes with Sport Class Status Review (R)**

5.10.1 An Athlete will be designated with Sport Class Status Review (R) if he or she has completed Athlete Evaluation and been allocated a Sport Class, but the Classification Panel believes that further Athlete Evaluation will be required before the Athlete can be designated as Sport Class Confirmed (C). This may be, for example, because the Athlete has a fluctuating and/or progressive Impairment(s), or, given his or her age, has Impairment(s) that may not have stabilised.

5.10.2 Any Athlete who has been allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) will be designated with Sport Class Review (R) if that Athlete is entitled to a further Athlete Evaluation under these Rules (see Article Seven).

5.10.3 An Athlete who has been designated with Sport Class Status Review (R) must complete Athlete Evaluation prior to competing at a Recognised Competition where Classification is offered, save where the provisions in these Rules relating to Competition Evaluation Exceptions and the Fixed Review Date apply.

5.10.4 The Sport Class of any Athlete with Sport Class Status Review (R) may be subject to Protest as prescribed in Article Eight of these Rules.
5.11 Athletes with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C)

5.11.1 An Athlete will be designated with Sport Class Confirmed (C) if he has completed Athlete Evaluation as part of International Classification and been allocated a Sport Class, and the Classification Panel is satisfied that the Athlete’s Impairment and/or Activity Limitations are sufficiently stable that such that the Athlete can be allocated Sport Class Confirmed.

5.11.2 Any Athlete who has been allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) will be designated with Sport Class Confirmed (C) if that Athlete is not entitled to a further Athlete Evaluation under these Rules (see Article Seven).

5.11.3 An Athlete who has been designated with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) is not required to undergo Athlete Evaluation prior to competing at any Competition.

5.11.4 The Sport Class of any Athlete with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) may be subject to Protest pursuant to the provisions in Article Eight of these Rules relating to Protests in Exceptional Circumstances.

5.12 If IPC Ice Sledge Hockey changes the Sport Class criteria defined in the Appendices to these Rules, then –

5.12.1 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey may designate any Athlete with Sport Class Confirmed with Sport Class Status Review in order for the Athlete to undergo Athlete Evaluation; or

5.12.2 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey may require that any Athlete with Sport Class Review who has been nominated with a Fixed Review Date should undergo Athlete Evaluation at the earliest available opportunity.

5.12.3 In both instances the relevant National Body shall be informed as soon as is practicable.

5.13 If the Head of Classification has reason to believe that an Athlete has been designated with a Sport Class Status in error and/or breach of these Rules, the Head of Classification shall immediately amend the Athlete’s Sport Class Status, and advise the Athlete and the relevant National Bodies accordingly. The Classification Master List will then be amended.

Recognised Competitions and International Classification

5.14 The term “International Classification” as used in these Rules refers to Athlete Evaluation that results in an Athlete being allocated a Sport Class that permits that Athlete to compete in a Recognised Competition.
5.15 An Athlete may only compete at a Recognised Competition if he or she is allocated a Sport Class by way of International Classification.

5.16 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will provide Athletes with an opportunity to undertake International Classification by:

5.16.1 Stipulating that International Classification will take place at specific Recognised Competitions;

5.16.2 Providing reasonable notice of such International Classification opportunities to Athletes and National Bodies; and

5.16.3 Appointing Classifiers certified pursuant to Article Two of these Rules who will conduct Athlete Evaluation at such Recognised Competitions.

5.17 An Athlete will only be permitted to undergo International Classification if he or she:

5.17.1 Is registered with IPC Ice Sledge Hockey according to the relevant provisions in the IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Rules and Regulations, and

5.17.2 Has been entered in the Recognised Competition where International Classification is to take place.

5.17.3 If an Athlete wishes to compete in a Recognised Competition, but has not completed International Classification he or she may be permitted to compete in the circumstances described in the provisions in these Rules regarding Competition Evaluation Exceptions.

**Competition Evaluation Exceptions**

5.18 If at any Competition it is not possible for the Classification Panels to conduct or complete Athlete Evaluation in respect of all Athletes who are otherwise required to undergo Athlete Evaluation, an Athlete may be granted permission to compete.

5.19 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey may grant this permission for the relevant Competition if the Chief Classifier and/or the Head of Classification is satisfied that the granting of such permission will not result in unfairness to Athletes. If the Chief Classifier is satisfied then:

5.19.1 Permission may be granted to an Athlete with Sport Class Status New (N) to compete in his Entry Sport Class or such other Sport Class as the Chief Classifier considers to be fair;

5.19.2 Permission may be granted to an Athlete with Sport Class Status Review (R) to compete in the Sport Class that the Athlete was most recently allocated.
5.20 This permission shall apply to the relevant Competition only.

Fixed Review Date

5.21 A Classification Panel that allocates an Athlete a Sport Class following Athlete Evaluation and designates that Athlete with Sport Class Status Review may also, if it considers it appropriate to do so, nominate a “Fixed Review Date”.

5.22 Before the Fixed Review Date, the Athlete:

5.22.1 Shall not be required to attend Athlete Evaluation at any Competition;

5.22.2 Shall retain the Sport Class assigned to that Athlete and be permitted to compete accordingly in any Competition.

5.23 The Athlete may, at his own request, attend Athlete Evaluation during the Fixed Review Period pursuant to the Medical Review process described in these Rules.

5.24 The Fixed Review Date will be the first day of the subsequent full Competition Season for IPC Ice Sledge Hockey or an alternative date set by the Classification Panel.

Medical Review: Application to undergo Athlete Evaluation

5.25 An Athlete who believes that his or her Impairment and Activity Limitations are no longer consistent with the Sport Profile for his or her Sport Class should have his or her Sport Class reviewed. The means by which this can take place is referred to in these Rules as “the Medical Review Process” and the means by which a request for such review is referred to as “a Medical Review Request”.

5.26 A National Body must make a Medical Review Request. A Medical Review Request cannot be made by an Athlete.

5.27 A Medical Review Request may be made if an Athlete has been allocated:

5.27.1 A Sport Class with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C), or

5.27.2 A Sport Class with Sport Class Status Review (R), if the Athlete has been allocated a Fixed Review Date.

5.28 A Medical Review Request must be made in the manner mandated from time to time by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. The following provisions will apply to all Medical Review Requests made under these Rules:

5.28.1 It must explain why the Athlete believes that his or her Sport Class should be reviewed by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey and provide evidence to support the claim;
5.28.2 It must be completed by an appropriately qualified medical professional and include all relevant supporting documentation in English or with a certified English translation;

5.28.3 It must include consent on the part of the Athlete for certain third parties to review the Athlete’s supporting documentation in order that the Medical Review Request can be assessed;

5.28.4 A non-refundable fee must be paid.

5.29 The following provisions will apply to the Medical Review Process:

5.29.1 Each Medical Review Request will be assessed by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey to ensure that requisite information, documentation and fee has been provided, and once the Medical Review Request is complete, the

5.29.2 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will, in conjunction with the Head of Classification and/or such third parties as it considers appropriate, review whether or not the Medical Review Request should be upheld.

5.30 If the Medical Review Request is upheld the Athlete’s Sport Class Status will be amended from Confirmed to Review; or the Athlete’s Fixed Review Date will be set aside; and the Athlete will be permitted to undertake Athlete Evaluation at the next available opportunity.
6 Article Six - Rules Regarding Athletes who are Not Eligible

6.1 An Athlete must have an Eligible Impairment, and that Eligible Impairment must comply with the Minimal Disability Criteria set by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey in order to be eligible to compete. If a Classification Panel determines that an Athlete does not have such Eligible Impairment, and/or that Eligible Impairment does not comply with the Minimal Disability Criteria, that Athlete will not be eligible to compete.

6.2 If a Classification Panel determines that an Athlete is not eligible to compete the Athlete will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE).

6.3 If a Classification Panel allocates an Athlete Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) the Athlete will be entitled to undergo a second Athlete Evaluation by a second separate Classification Panel either at that Competition or as soon as practicable thereafter.

6.4 If there is no opportunity for a separate Athlete Evaluation to be undertaken at that Competition IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will take all reasonable steps to ensure the second Athlete Evaluation is undertaken at the earliest opportunity. The Athlete will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and designated with Sport Class Status Review (R). The Athlete will not be permitted to compete before such reassessment.

6.5 If a second Classification Panel confirms that the Athlete is not eligible the Athlete will not be permitted to compete at that Competition or any future Competitions. The Athlete will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) with Sport Class Status Confirmed.

6.6 A National Body may request that an Athlete with Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) undertake Athlete Evaluation, but only by way of a Medical Review Request as defined in these Rules.

6.7 If an Athlete is allocated Sport Class Status NE the Athlete will be not eligible to compete within the Sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey only.

6.8 It is expressly understood by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey that any determination that an Athlete is Not Eligible is a sports participation determination only and has no bearing on any other matters arising from the Athlete’s Impairment or Impairments.
7 Article Seven - Protests

7.1 The term “Protest” is used in these Rules refers to the procedure by which a formal objection to the allocation of a Sport Class following Athlete Evaluation is made and subsequently resolved.

7.2 Any National Body may make a Protest in respect of a decision made by a Classification Panel regarding the allocation of a Sport Class to an Athlete.

7.3 The decision that is the subject of the Protest is referred to in this part of the Rules as “the Protested Decision”, and the Athlete in respect of whose Sport Class the Protest is made is referred to as “the Protested Athlete”.

7.4 The National Body may make a Protest in respect of a Protested Decision concerning any Athlete who entered the relevant Competition with either Sport Class New Status (N) or Sport Class Review (R) Status. Such a Protest may be made regardless of the Sport Class Status that is allocated to the Athlete following completion of Athlete Evaluation.

7.5 No National Body may make a Protest in respect of any Athlete who entered the relevant Competition with Sport Class Confirmed Status (C).

7.6 The Chief Classifier for the relevant Competition may make a Protest in respect of any Athlete who enters the Competition with Sport Class Confirmed Status (C) pursuant to the provisions contained in these Rules regarding Protests in Exceptional Circumstances.

7.7 An Athlete’s Sport Class may only be protested once in any individual Competition, unless an additional Protest is made pursuant to the provisions concerning Protests made in Exceptional Circumstances.

7.8 The National Body making a Protest is solely responsible for ensuring that all Protest process requirements are observed

Protests by National Bodies

7.9 A Protest may only be submitted by a National Body. An Athlete cannot submit a Protest.

7.10 The Chief Classifier, or a person designated by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey for the relevant Competition, will be the person authorised to receive Protests on behalf of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.
7.11 If a Protested Decision is published during the Classification Evaluation Period, the National Body must make a Protest within one hour of the Protested Decision being published.

7.12 Protests must be made by way of a designated Protest Form that will be made available by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey at the relevant Competition. The Protest Form will prescribe certain information and documentation that must be submitted with the Protest form. This will include the following:

7.12.1 Name, Nation and Sport of the Athlete whose Sport Class is being protested;

7.12.2 The details of the Protested Decision;

7.12.3 An explanation as to why the Protest has been made and the basis on which the National Body believes that the Protested Decision is flawed;

7.12.4 All documents and other evidence referred to in the Protest;

7.12.5 The signature of the authorised National Body; and

7.12.6 The prescribed Protest Fee.

7.13 Upon receipt of the Protest Form the Chief Classifier will conduct a review to determine if there is a valid reason for a Protest and if all the necessary information is included.

7.14 If it appears to the Chief Classifier that if there is no valid reason for a Protest, or the Protest Form has been submitted without all necessary information, the Chief Classifier shall decline the protest and notify all relevant parties. In such cases the Chief Classifier shall provide a written explanation to the National Body as soon as is practicable. The Protest fee will be retained by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

7.15 If the Chief Classifier declines a Protest because no valid reason for a Protest has been identified by the National Body, or the Protest form has been submitted without all necessary information, the National Body may resubmit the Protest if it is able to remedy the deficiencies identified by the Chief Classifier in respect of the Protest. The time frames for submitting a Protest shall remain the same in such circumstances. If a National Body resubmits a Protest, all protest procedure requirements will apply. A second Protest fee must be paid.
Resolving a Protest

7.16 If the Protest is accepted, the Chief Classifier shall appoint a Classification Panel to conduct Athlete Evaluation in respect of the Athlete. This Classification Panel is referred to as a “Protest Panel”.

7.17 A Protest Panel should comprise, at a minimum, the same number of Classifiers as those comprised in the Classification Panel that made the Protested Decision. If practicable and possible given all the circumstances of the Competition, the Protest Panel should comprise Classifiers of equal or greater level of experience and/or certification as who comprised the Classification Panel that made the Protested Decision.

7.18 The Members of the Protest Panel must not include any person who was a Member of the Classification Panel that made the Protest Decision. Further, it should not include any person who has been a Member of any Classification Panel that has conducted any Athlete Evaluation in respect of the Protested Athlete within a period of eighteen (18) months prior to the date of the Protest Decision.

7.19 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will supply all documentation submitted with the Protest Form to the Protest Panel. The Chief Classifier will notify all relevant parties of the time and date for the Athlete Evaluation that will be conducted by the Protest Panel.

7.20 The Protest Panel will conduct Athlete Evaluation in respect of the Protested Athlete according to the provisions concerning Athlete Evaluation in these Rules.

7.21 The Protest Panel may make limited enquires of the Classification Panel that made the Protested Decision and the Chief Classifier, if such enquiries will enable the Protest Panel to complete Athlete Evaluation in a fair and transparent manner. In addition, it may seek medical, sport, technical or scientific expertise in its conduct of Athlete Evaluation.

7.22 The Protest Panel will conclude Athlete Evaluation and, if appropriate, allocate a Sport Class. All relevant parties shall be notified of the Protest Panel decision as quickly as possible following Athlete Evaluation.

7.23 If the Protest is upheld and the Sport Class of the Athlete is changed by the Protest Panel, the Protest Fee will be refunded to the National Body. If the Protest is not upheld and if the Sport Class of the Athlete is not changed by the Protest Panel, the Protest fee will be retained by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

7.24 The decision of the Protest Panel is final and is not subject to any further Protest, unless Article 7.3 regarding Sport Class Not Eligible applies.
Protests under Exceptional Circumstances

7.25 A Chief Classifier may make a Protest in Exceptional Circumstances in respect of any Athlete who is entered for a Competition by a National Body at any time during or prior to a Competition.

7.26 A Protest in Exceptional Circumstances may be made if the Chief Classifier believes that because of exceptional circumstances that relate to a particular Athlete, the Athlete should undertake Athlete Evaluation in order that his or her Sport Class may be reviewed.

7.27 Examples of Exceptional Circumstances that may arise that warrant an Athlete participating in Athlete Evaluation include, but are not limited to:

7.27.1 An obvious and permanent change in the degree of Impairment of an Athlete;

7.27.2 An Athlete demonstrating significantly less or greater sporting ability prior to or during Competition which suggests that the Athlete may have been allocated an incorrect Sport Class;

7.27.3 An obvious and manifest error made by a Classification Panel which has led to the Athlete being allocated an incorrect Sport Class; or

7.27.4 Sport Class allocation criteria having changed since the Athlete's most recent evaluation.

7.28 The procedure for the making of a Protest in Exceptional Circumstances shall be as follows:

7.28.1 The Chief Classifier shall advise the Athlete and relevant National Body that a Protest is being made in Exceptional Circumstances;

7.28.2 The Chief Classifier will provide a written summary of the reasons for the making of the Protest, which at a minimum shall explain why the Chief Classifier believes that the Athlete’s Sport Class appears to be inconsistent with the Athlete’s perceived Impairment(s) and/or Activity Limitation(s);

7.28.3 The Athlete’s Sport Class Status will be amended to Review (R) Status with immediate effect;

7.28.4 The process for making such a Protest shall be the same as that stated in these Rules in respect of Protests made by National Bodies save that the Chief Classifier is not required to pay a Protest fee.
7.28.5 The decision of the Protest Panel is final and is not subject to any further Protest, unless Article 7.3 regarding Sport Class Not Eligible applies.

Provisions Where No Protest Panel is Available

7.29 If a Protest is made and accepted at a Competition, but there is no opportunity for the Protest to be resolved at that Competition (because, for example, it is not possible to form an appropriately constituted Protest Panel), the following provisions will apply:

7.29.1 If the Athlete has been allocated Sport Class Status Confirmed (C), that will be amended to Sport Class Status Review (R);

7.29.2 The Athlete will be permitted (or required) to compete in his or her current Sport Class, pending the resolution of the Protest;

7.29.3 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey will take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Protest is resolved at the earliest opportunity, for example, at the next Competition that the Athlete intends competing at and where International Classification is offered.
8 Article Eight — Appeals

8.1 If an Athlete believes that an unfair decision has been made pursuant to these Rules, he or she may apply to have that decision set aside. The procedure by which such a decision may be set aside is referred to in these Rules as an Appeal.

8.2 A decision will be considered unfair, if it has been made in contravention of the procedures set out in these Rules at Article 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of these Rules; and there is some manifest unfairness associated with the decision such that it should be set aside.

8.3 IPC Ice Sledge Hockey has designated the International Paralympic Committee Board of Appeal on Classification (BAC) to act as the hearing body for all Appeals.

8.4 The detailed rules of procedure in respect of Appeals are provided by the IPC in the form of the IPC BAC Byelaws. These Rules incorporate the IPC BAC Byelaws, and any Appeal made under these Rules must be made pursuant to the IPC BAC Byelaws.

8.5 The outcome of an Appeal will be that either the relevant decision is upheld, or is set aside. An Appeal cannot result in any decision being amended.
9 Article Nine – Intentional Misrepresentation

9.1 The IPC Handbook applies to all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel who are subject to these Rules. The IPC Handbook requires all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel to respect and comply with the IPC Classification Code and the IPC Code of Ethics.

9.2 All breaches of the Classification Code are treated by the IPC and IPC Ice Sledge Hockey as being breaches of the IPC Code of Ethics. The Classification Code prohibits Intentional Misrepresentation and Intentional Misrepresentation is treated by the IPC and IPC Ice Sledge Hockey as being a breach of the IPC Code of Ethics.

9.3 Intentional Misrepresentation will arise in the following circumstances –

9.3.1 Evaluation Intentional Misrepresentation: The Athlete intentionally misrepresents his or her skills, abilities and/or the degree or nature of Impairment in the course of Athlete Evaluation with the intention of deceiving or misleading a Classification Panel as to the extent of his or her skills and/or abilities.

9.3.2 Post-Evaluation Intentional Misrepresentation: Following the allocation of a Confirmed Sport Class –

9.3.2.1 There is a material change in the Athlete’s skills, and/or abilities and/or the degree or nature of the Athlete’s Impairment as a result of a Medical Intervention or for other reasons; and

9.3.2.2 Fails to provide details of the Medical Intervention to the IPC and/or IPC Ice Sledge Hockey at the earliest reasonable opportunity; and

9.3.2.3 The Athlete’s Sport Class is subsequently changed as a result (in whole or in part) of the changes in his or her skills and/or abilities.

9.3.3 Assisting Intentional Misrepresentation: Any Athlete or Athlete Support Person who assists or is otherwise complicit in the commission of any Intentional Misrepresentation will himself or herself be guilty of an act of Intentional Misrepresentation.

9.4 The investigation of any allegations regarding Intentional Misrepresentation shall be undertaken by the IPC and IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. The disciplinary process that will follow in respect of any such allegations will be the disciplinary process specified by IPC from time to time as regards breaches of the IPC Code of Ethics.
## 10 Glossary of Defined Terms

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<td>Any person who participates in the sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey at either International Level (as defined by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey) or National Level (as defined by a National Body).</td>
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<td>The process by which an Athlete is assessed by a Classification Panel in order to be allocated a Sport Class and Sport Class Status.</td>
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<td>Any coach, trainer, manager, interpreter, agent, team staff, official, medical or paramedical personnel working with or treating Athletes participating in or preparing for training and/or Competition.</td>
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<td>Classification Evaluation</td>
<td>The timeframe prior to the commencement of Events at a Competition within which Physical and Technical Assessment typically takes place.</td>
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<td>Classification Master List</td>
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<td>Classification</td>
<td>All persons involved in or associated with the process of Athlete Evaluation, including the Head of Classification, Classifiers, Chief Classifiers and Trainee Classifiers.</td>
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<td>Personnel</td>
<td>A series of individual Events conducted together under the jurisdiction of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey. A Competition shall include the Classification Evaluation period.</td>
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<td>Competition Season</td>
<td>The timeframe within which Competitions are held for a particular sport. For summer sports, the Competition Season runs from January 1 of a calendar year until December 31 of the same calendar year. For winter sports, the Competition Season runs from July 1 of a calendar year until June 30 of the next calendar year.</td>
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<td>Conflict of Interest</td>
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<td>The date upon which these Rules come into force.</td>
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<td>Eligible Impairment</td>
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<td>Entry Sport Class</td>
<td>A Sport Class allocated to an Athlete by a National Body prior to an IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Competition to indicate the Sport Class with which the Athlete intends to compete. An Entry Sport Class is an estimate and has no binding effect upon either the Athlete or the body responsible for organising and managing the relevant Competition.</td>
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<td>Fixed Review Date</td>
<td>A date prior to which an Athlete who has been designated with Sport Class Status Review (R) will not be required to undertake Athlete Evaluation, regardless of whether or not that Athlete competes at any Competition.</td>
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<td>Impairment</td>
<td>A deficiency in or loss of body function or structure.</td>
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<td>Intellectual Impairment</td>
<td>A type of Impairment, which is defined as a limitation in intellectual functioning and adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social and practical adaptive skills. This impairment must originate before the age of 18.</td>
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<td>International Classification</td>
<td>Athlete Evaluation that has been designated in advance by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey as being conducted with the aim of allocating a Sport Class that entitles the relevant Athlete to compete at Recognised Competitions.</td>
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<td>IPC</td>
<td>International Paralympic Committee</td>
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<td>IPC Classification Code</td>
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<td>Ethics</td>
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<td>IPC Handbook</td>
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<td>Medical Intervention</td>
<td>Any intervention such as surgery, pharmacological intervention or other treatment, which affects the Athlete’s Eligible Impairment</td>
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<td>Medical Review</td>
<td>The process by which an Athlete can apply to IPC Ice Sledge Hockey to undergo Athlete Evaluation, in order that the Athlete’s Sport Class may be reviewed to ensure that the Athlete’s Sport Class remains a fair allocation.</td>
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<td>Minimum Disability Criteria</td>
<td>The standards set by IPC Ice Sledge Hockey in relation to the degree of Eligible Impairment that must be present in order that an Athlete is deemed to be eligible to compete in the sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.</td>
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<td>National Body</td>
<td>A team entity of which an Athlete is a member. Such an entity may be National Federation, National Paralympic Committee or other representative team body.</td>
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Appendix One: IPC Ice Sledge Hockey Sport Class Profiles

This Appendix defines the eligible types of impairment, the minimum Disability Criteria, methods of assessment and Sport Profile for the Sport of Ice Sledge Hockey.
1 Eligibility Criteria

1.1 In order to be eligible to compete in IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, athletes must be affected by at least one of the following eligible impairments:

- Limb Deficiency: total or partial absence of the bones or joints of the, pelvic region or lower extremities (s720-750)
- Impaired passive range of Movement: Severe joint restriction / fusion in either ankle or knee joint (b7100-7102)
- Impaired muscle power (b730)
- Leg length difference: aberrant dimensions of bones of right lower limb or left lower limb (s75000-75020)
- Hypertonia: high muscle tone (b735)
- Ataxia: absence of control of voluntary movement (b760)
- Athetosis: involuntary contractions of muscles (b7650)

1.2 The following impairment types are non-eligible impairments in IPC Ice Sledge Hockey:

- Mental functions (v140-189), including impairments of psychomotor control (b1470), quality of psychomotor functions (b1471), visuospatial perception (b1565), higher-level cognitive functions required for organization and planning movement (b1641); mental functions required for sequencing and coordinating complex, purposeful movements (b176)
- Hearing functions (b230-249)
- Pain (b280-0289)
- Joint instability (b715), including unstable shoulder joint and joint dislocation
- Muscle endurance functions (b740)
- Motor reflex functions (b750)
- Involuntary movement reaction functions (b755)
- Tics and mannerism (b7652)
- Stereotypies and motor perseveration (b7653)
- Cardiovascular functions (b410-429)
- Respiratory functions (b440-449)
- Functions related to metabolism and the endocrine system (b540-b559)
- Short Stature (s730.343, s750.343, s760.349)
- Visual Impairment (b210)
The Codes refer to the WHO manual on International Classification of Functioning Disability and Health.

1.3 Athletes who are not able to properly fit into the sledge, or are not able to handle a normal stick using ice hockey gloves, do not meet the physical requirements of the sport.

1.4 An Athlete who is affected by an eligible impairment in combination with any of non-eligible impairments listed under 1.2 of this Appendix, will be assessed against the extent of activity limitation resulting from the eligible impairment only.

1.5 If an Athlete has an Activity Limitation resulting from an impairment that is not permanent the Athlete shall be considered ineligible to compete.

1.6 If an Athlete is deemed ineligible for competition under the rules of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, this does not question the presence of a genuine impairment. This is only a ruling on the eligibility of the Athlete to compete under the Sport Rules of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.
2 Methods of Assessment

2.1 Manual Muscle Testing:

2.1.1 The below graphic shows the movements that should be tested by the classifiers when conducting manual muscle testing.

![Muscle Testing Diagram]

2.1.2 Athletes will be subject to the muscle tests described in this section. The muscle testing techniques of manual examination by Daniels and Worthingham (8th edition) will be used with one modification; The scores 0, 1 and 2 of the Daniel and Worthingham scale are all captured as a score of 0.
### 2.1.2.1 Hip flexion:

**Position:** Athlete sits with thighs fully supported on table, with the legs hanging over edge. Athlete may use hands for support.

**Classifier:** Standing next to the Athlete with hand on distal knee.

**Test:** Flex hip to end of range, holding against Classifier’s resistance.

**Instruction:** Lift your leg off table and do not let me push it down.

**Scoring:**
- Grade 5 = Thigh clears table, athlete tolerates maximum resistance.
- Grade 4 = Hip flexion holds against strong to moderate resistance, there may be some “give” at the end position.
- Grade 3 = Athlete completes test range and holds the position without resistance.

### 2.1.2.2 Hip extension:

**Position:** Athlete prone; if hip flexion contracture exist, then the modified test should be performed

**Classifier:** Standing at side of limb, opposite side. Hand providing resistance on the post leg just above the ankle.

**Test:** Athlete extends hip through entire available range of motion. Resistance is given straight down towards the floor.

**Instruction:** Lift the leg of the table as high as you can without bending the knee.

**Scoring:**
- Grade 5 = Athlete completes available range
and holds test position against maximum resistance.

- **Grade 4** = Athlete completes available range against strong to moderate resistance.
- **Grade 3** = Completes range and holds the position without resistance.

### 2.1.2.3 Modified hip extension test for hip flexion contracture

**Position:** Athlete stands with hips flexed and places torso prone on the table.

**Classifier:** Standing at side of limb on opposite side. Hand placed over posterior thigh just above the knee, the opposite hand stabilizes the pelvis laterally to maintain posture.

**Test:** Athlete extends hip through available range, which is less with bend knee (tension in rectus femoris).

**Instruction:** Lift your foot of the floor as high as you can.

**Scoring:**

- **Grade 5** = Completes available range of hip ext, holds against max resistance.
- **Grade 4** = Completes available range of hip ext. Limb position can be held towards heavy to moderate resistance.
- **Grade 3** = Completes available range and holds end position without resistance.
### 2.1.2.4 Hip Abduction:

**Position:** Side lying with test led uppermost. Slightly extended with pelvis rotated slightly forward, lower leg bent for stability.

**Classifier:** Standing behind Athlete, hand contoured across the lateral surface of knee. The other hand just proximal to the greater trochanter.

**Test:** Abduction through available range of motion without flexion or rotation of hip in either direction.

**Instruction:** Lift your leg and do not let me push it down.

**Scoring:**
- Grade 5 = Completes available range of motion and holds against maximal resistance.
- Grade 4 = Completes available range of motion and holds against heavy to moderate resistance.
- Grade 3 = Completes range of motion and holds end position without resistance.

### 2.1.2.5 Hip Adduction:

**Position:** Side lying with test limb lower most resting on the table. Upper leg in 25 degrees of abduction, supported by the examiner.

**Classifier:** Standing behind Athlete at knee level, the hand giving resistance to the test limb (lower most) is placed on the medial surface of the distal femur, just proximal to the knee joint. Resistance directed straight downward to the table.

**Test:** Adducts hip until the lower limb contacts the upper one.

**Instruction:** Lift your bottom leg towards the upper
one and do not let it drop.

**Scoring:**
- Grade 5 = Completes full range, holds against full resistance.
- Grade 4 = Holds against strong to moderate resistance.
- Grade 3 = Completes range of motion but takes no resistance.

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### 2.1.2.6 Knee extension:

**Position:** Short sitting, hand supporting under knee, other hand on ankle, do not hyperextend knee.

**Classifier:** Standing at side of limb to be tested, pressure over ankle in a downward direction.

**Test:** Extend through available range of motion but not beyond 0 degrees.

**Instruction:** Straightens your knee and do not let me bend it.

**Scoring:**
- Grade 5 = Holds end position against max resistance.
- Grade 4 = Against strong to moderate resistance.
- Grade 3 = Completes range and holds position without resistance.
### 2.1.2.7  Knee flexion:

**Position:** Prone with limbs straight and toes hanging over the edge of the table.

**Classifier:** Standing next to limb to be tested, hand contoured around the posterior surface of the leg just above the ankle, the other hand over the hamstrings tendon.

**Test:** Athlete flexes knee while maintaining leg in neutral rotation.

**Instruction:** Bend your knee, hold it and do not let me straighten it.

**Scoring:**
- Grade 5 = Resistance maximal and the end knee flexion position cannot be broken.
- Grade 4 = End position holds against strong to moderate resistance.
- Grade 3 = Holds end range position but tolerate no resistance.

### 2.1.2.8  Foot dorsiflexion-inversion:

**Position:** Short sitting with foot in examiners knee.

**Classifier:** Hand supporting around ankle and the other cupped over dorsomedial aspect of foot.

**Test:** Athlete dorsiflexes ankle and inverts foot, keeping toes relaxed.

**Instruction:** Bring your foot up and in, hold it, and do not let me push it down.

**Scoring:**
- Grade 5 = Full range of motion towards max resistance.
- Grade 4 = Against strong to moderate resistance.
Grade 3 = Completes full range of motion and holds without resistance.

2.1.2.9 Ankle plantar flexion

**Position:** Stand on limb to be tested with knee extended, not more than 2 fingers for support on table.

**Classifier:** Standing or sitting with lateral view.

**Test:** Heel raises from floor through full range of motion.

**Instruction:** Go up and down on your tiptoes.

**Scoring:**
- Grade 5 = Minimum of 25 raises.
- Grade 4 = Between 24-10 raises.
- Grade 3 = Between 9-1 raises.

### 2.2 Assessment Methods for Athletes with Ataxia, Athetosis and/ or Hypertonia

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<td>Foot Rapid Alternating Movements</td>
<td>The athlete is in a seated position and taps her/his toes up and down on the classifier's hand or the floor as quickly as he/she can.</td>
<td>Movements are slow and irregular with imprecise timing of agonist and antagonist muscle action.</td>
<td>Responses will be quick and remain consistently quick with regular timing. As many as 30 repetitions may be done in 15 seconds.</td>
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<td>Heel to shin</td>
<td>The athlete is in the seated position and places her/his heel on the opposite knee, then runs the heel down the shin</td>
<td>Athlete’s will demonstrate decreased speed of movement and lack of control.</td>
<td>Responses may show 50 repetitions possible in 30 seconds.</td>
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<td>Toe to Finger</td>
<td>The athlete is in a seated position and touches the classifier’s finger with his/her toe repetitively as the classifier moves their finger to all four quadrants</td>
<td>Athletes will demonstrate undershooting and/or overshooting of the target and the decomposition of movement with irregular and impaired timing and muscle activity.</td>
<td>Responses will be quick, repetitively correct and accurate and will not demonstrate movement decomposition.</td>
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<td>Tandem Gait</td>
<td>The athlete is asked to walk heel-to-toe along a line. This requires a narrow base of support and the athlete to maintain balance over a 12cm width.</td>
<td>Athletes with midline ataxias have a difficult time with maintaining balance with tandem gait due to the narrow base of support.</td>
<td>Normal tandem gait is quick, steady and stable over the narrow base of support.</td>
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<td>Jogging Straight</td>
<td>The athlete jogs straight ahead for 15-20m.</td>
<td>Athletes with ataxia will deviate from a narrow base of support and may wobble.</td>
<td>Normal jogging has a regular, steady quick movement without decomposition.</td>
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<td>Jogging Sideways</td>
<td>The athlete jogs sideways and may skip and then do the jog with a) crossover in the front and behind the lead leg called</td>
<td>Athletes with ataxia will have decreased speed of movement and difficulty crossing over legs in front and back.</td>
<td>Normal sideways motion demonstrates stability along a line, crossover motion that is regular and quick without loss of balance.</td>
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<td>b) carioca for 15-20m.</td>
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University of Utah Test description available at:

http://library.med.utah.edu/neurologicexam/html/home_exam.html
3 Minimum Disability Criteria and Sport Profile

3.1 The Sport of Ice Sledge Hockey currently has one Sport Class, which is defined by the Minimum Disability Criteria in this Article.

3.2 For IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, only eligible impairments defined in 1.1. of this Appendix that affect the lower limbs are considered in Athlete Evaluation. Athletes whose lower limb impairments are limited to a loss of range of movement in the hip region only, will not be eligible to compete in IPC Ice Sledge Hockey.

3.3 To be eligible for the sport of IPC Ice Sledge Hockey, Athletes must meet at least one of the following Minimum Disability Criteria:

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<th>Impairment type</th>
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<td>Limb deficiency</td>
<td>Unilateral through ankle amputation (Symes amputation), including impairments that cause a similar loss of limb</td>
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<td>Muscle power impairment</td>
<td>Loss of 10 points in both lower limbs in the manual muscle testing described in 2.1 of this Appendix (normal score = 80)</td>
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<td>Impaired range of motion</td>
<td>Ankylosis in one ankle, or Knee extension defect of at least 30 degrees Athletes whose lower limb impairments is limited to loss of movement in the hip region only, will not be eligible to compete in IPC Ice Sledge Hockey)</td>
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<td>Ataxia, athetosis, hypertonia</td>
<td>Score of 3 or less (normal = 6) on the coordination tests defined under 2.2 in this Appendix.</td>
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<td>Leg length difference</td>
<td>One leg must be at least 7 centimeters shorter than the other, as measured from the umbilicus to the highest point of the medial malleolus.</td>
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