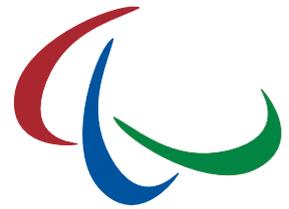




Chapter 2.4.4: Classification Committee bylaws



These bylaws for the Classification Committee (and any amendments thereto) will be submitted for approval to the IPC Governing Board.

1 Authority

1.1 The Classification Committee is appointed by and is accountable to the IPC Governing Board. The IPC Governing Board has the sole power to grant authority to the Classification Committee, and the Classification Committee has no authority that does not come from the IPC Governing Board. The Classification Committee may, however, carry out such tasks as delegated to it by the IPC Governing Board.

2 Role

2.1 The Classification Committee will provide the IPC Governing Board with advice on policy and any other relevant matters within its specific area of responsibility, and will in particular have the following roles:

- (a) Create strategic recommendations (global and long-term) related to the ongoing evaluation and further development of classification systems of all sports in the Paralympic Movement.
- (b) Support the implementation of the IPC classification strategy.
- (c) Support the IFs to reduce athlete evaluation during the Classification Evaluation Period at Paralympic Games.
- (d) Support the ongoing development of and the revisions to the IPC Athlete Classification Code, international standards and models of best practice.
- (e) Assist the IPC with monitoring compliance with the IPC Athlete Classification Code.
- (f) Support the review of all decisions from the Board of Appeal of Classification.
- (g) Facilitate, through collaboration with other parties, evidence-based research on effective, dynamic and athlete-focused classification systems within the Paralympic Movement.
- (h) Facilitate communication and education about classification in the Paralympic Movement to all stakeholders.
- (i) Work closely with the heads of classification in all Paralympic sports to achieve harmonious approaches to classification policies, procedures, and systems that are athlete-focused and elite competition based.



- (j) Attend Paralympic Games and designated IPC sanctioned competitions as required.
- (k) Assist the IPC Medical & Scientific Director, upon request, on all classification issues.

3 Membership

- 3.1 The Classification Committee will ordinarily consist of up to seven members, including the chairperson.
- 3.2 At least one member of the Classification Committee must be an athlete who has competed in the Paralympic Games in the eight years preceding his/her appointment.
- 3.3 The IPC Governing Board will appoint the chairperson of the Classification Committee and the members of the Classification Committee, in accordance with the following process:
 - (a) The IPC will invite the IPC membership to suggest candidates for membership of the Classification Committee for consideration by the incoming IPC Governing Board.
 - (b) In addition, the IPC may initiate an active search for suitable candidates to ensure that the Classification Committee includes the best-qualified individuals.
 - (c) As soon as reasonably practicable after its election, the IPC Governing Board will first appoint the chairperson of the Classification Committee. The chairperson will then make recommendations as to the membership of the Classification Committee, for consideration by the IPC Governing Board. The IPC Governing Board will then appoint the members of the Classification Committee.
 - (d) Any vacancies on the Classification Committee (occurring through resignation, death or any other reason) will be filled by appointment by the IPC Governing Board, in consultation with the chairperson of the Classification Committee.
- 3.4 No substitutes are allowed for members of the Classification Committee.

4 Term of office

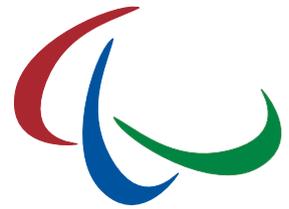
- 4.1 Membership of the Classification Committee will begin on the date of appointment and will continue until terminated by the IPC Governing Board. Members will ordinarily serve for a term of four years (corresponding broadly to the term of office of the members of the IPC Governing Board), and will ordinarily remain in office until the incoming IPC Governing Board has appointed the Classification Committee.



- 4.2 Individuals may be re-appointed to serve consecutive terms on the Classification Committee, and there is no limit on the number of terms that an individual may serve on the Classification Committee.
- 4.3 The membership of an individual on the Classification Committee may be terminated by the IPC Governing Board at any time, at the absolute discretion of the IPC Governing Board.

5 Organisation

- 5.1 The Classification Committee will be assigned a member of the IPC management team to assist in the work of the committee.
- 5.2 Ordinarily, the Classification Committee will meet at least once per year. Any additional meetings must be approved by the IPC Governing Board, which will ordinarily delegate that authority to the IPC CEO.
- 5.3 Telephone, teleconference and similar facilities may be used for a meeting.
- 5.4 The IPC President, IPC CEO and IPC Medical & Scientific Director are ex-officio members at meetings of the Classification Committee, with speaking rights only.
- 5.5 While the procedure is intended to be flexible, meetings of the Classification Committee may, where appropriate, be conducted based on the standing order for the conduct of IPC committee meetings.
- 5.6 Minutes of Classification Committee meetings will be produced and submitted to the IPC for appropriate distribution and archiving.
- 5.7 The chairperson of the Classification Committee (or his/her designee) may be invited to attend meetings of the IPC Governing Board and/or may be invited to provide a verbal report at a meeting of the IPC Governing Board on a specific topic.
- 5.8 The Classification Committee has the right to submit motions to the IPC General Assembly, through the IPC Governing Board, and subject to compliance with the relevant IPC standing order. The IPC Governing Board will make recommendations to the IPC General Assembly on all motions submitted by the Classification Committee.



6 Finances

- 6.1 The IPC will produce a budget for the Classification Committee. The Classification Committee budget will be included in the overall IPC budget and submitted for approval to the IPC Governing Board in accordance with IPC financial policies.
- 6.2 Any financial regulation for the Classification Committee will be in compliance with the financial policies issued by the IPC from time to time.

7 Evaluation process

- 7.1 During the last year of the four-year term of office, the chairperson of the Classification Committee will ordinarily submit to the IPC Governing Board a summary report on the work conducted by the committee during the four year period, along with any recommendations for the next term of office.
- 7.2 At the end of the IPC Governing Board's term of office, the outgoing IPC Governing Board may (during an in-camera meeting) evaluate the overall work of the Classification Committee and may make recommendations to the incoming IPC Governing Board, including on the mandate, structure and/or membership of the Classification Committee.