

WPAS Working Group. " Classification "

MEETING DATE. 26-5-2021

MEETING MINUTES.

Agenda :

1. *Minutes 12-1-2021*
2. *Classification opportunities 2021/*
3. *Research (IPC GB still didn't discuss the VI research)*
4. *Classifier training :*
5. *Nations meeting proposals for the Classification WG: CHN/GER/RUS?NOR*
6. *Classification code review (see documents)*
7. *Other topics*
8. *Next call*

Present :

Jessica Tidswell (USA)
Benjamin Ruer (FRA)
Akio Kobayashi (JPN)
Mauritz Trautner (GER)
Kayla Dodson (CAN) (not on the call)
Sandra Titulaer (NED)

Minutes :

- 1 *Minutes 12-1-2021 : no comments*
- 2 *Classification opportunities 2021/2022 (see also (not yet available) calendar <https://www.paralympic.org/alpine-skiing/events>) , we discussed options, for season 2021/2022*



(Next season we will have AND the WCH AND the PWG, so all athletes with a review R20 status (or before) and all New athletes will need to be classified as early as possible in the season.)

Question for this WG : help to identify options for classification opportunities

When, due to Covid travel restrictions, not all athletes can be reviewed before the WCH , we will offer Classification in Lillehammer.

For the PWG we still have " Zero classification " (but for Tokyo this has been lifted for some sports

Cardrona NZL (august)

Landgraaf ? NED (begin November, unsure if it happens)

Resterhoehe AUT (end November)

Canada (end November)

St Moritz (half December, only review WC athletes)

Lillehammer (WCH, When, due to Covid travel restrictions, not all athletes can be reviewed before the WCH , we will offer Classification in Lillehammer.)

End of season EU/North America ?

- 3 *Research* (IPC GB still didn't discuss the VI research)
 - a. we are looking for research partner. Grant program of the IPC is currently on hold.
Research topics : Standing classes, hand/pole use, impairment types.
Sitting : balance, trunk
 - b. In Japan research has started in sitting, first results are analysed, perhaps international research, Akio will keep us informed.
- 4 *Classifier training* : we organized online classifier training in 4 weeks (April-May) with 47 participants (AS/SB/NS), 10 passed the AS/SB exam and will continue for international classifier training step 2 : <https://www.paralympic.org/news/world-para-snow-sports-concludes-successful-classifiers-course>



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- 5 Nations meeting proposals for the Classification WG: CHN/GER/RUS/NOR
 - a. CHN : is a question for the factor WG
 - b. GER : about Classifier course Course (first step, theory) was open for all. Only the second step, practical at classification opportunity is only open for potential international classifiers, that don't have a conflict of interest (team physio, team doctor etc)
 - c. RUS : about review impairment types LW3 review of all standing classes is on our wish list for research.
 - d. NOR : about short stature : has been answered before, we need data , does the short stature effect the sportactivity.
- 6 Classification code review (see documents.IPC website)
 - a. All teams/nations/NPCs /classifiers are asked to bring in arguments/advice what need to be adjusted in the current athlete Classification code. Survey running this Summer, until september.
- 7 Other topics : none
- 8 Next call : September 2021