



APPLYING TO HOST WORLD PARA ATHLETICS INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION

1. An LOC requesting WPA international classification at an event must apply to WPA by submitting the appropriate application form through the IPC Sport Data Management System (SDMS), specifying the size and scope of the competition, by the following deadlines:
 - For all competitions hosted between **January and June**, the application must be received **no later than 31 July** in the calendar year preceding the competition, unless WPA agrees otherwise.
 - For all competitions hosted between **July and December**, the application must be received **no later than 15 January** in the same calendar year as the competition, unless WPA agrees otherwise.

This may be completed concurrently when applying through SDMS to host a WPA Recognised Competition.

2. An application to WPA is not a guarantee that international classification will be offered at the competition. WPA will aim to provide international classification where possible, but that will depend on a variety of factors and applications will be considered on an event-by-event basis.
3. In order to host WPA international classification, the following minimum Classifier/WPA classification staff appointments must be made:
 - one Chief Classifier;
 - a minimum of four physical impairment Classifiers;
 - a minimum of four vision impairment Classifiers (save in exceptional circumstances, where only two vision impairment Classifiers may be appointed);
 - a minimum of two intellectual impairment Classifiers; and
 - one WPA classification staff member (if WPA decides that such support is required).

This will result in having two classification panels per impairment type (except for intellectual impairment) and will enable protest management and potential NE (Not Eligible) re-assessment on-site. Based on the LOC's request and WPA capacity, more panels may be appointed.

4. The LOC may request to host WPA international classification for only one impairment type (for example, only for physical impairment).
5. The following criteria must be fulfilled by the LOC to be considered for hosting international classification:
 - the competition is a WPA Recognised Competition;
 - the competition is open for Para athletes representing more than one NPC;
 - all Classifiers conducting athlete evaluation are WPA-certified and duly appointed by WPA;
 - the final entry date (entry by name) is at least six weeks prior to the start of the competition;
 - the IPC Online Entry System is used for all competition entries; and
 - the LOC can fulfil the equipment, space and other requirements outlined in this document.

NOTE: If you are interested in hosting WPA international classification please contact WPA <info@worldparaathletics.org> with a request for WPA requirements for hosting international classification.