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Invitation to World Para Snow Sports International Classifier Course

To all interested in international classifier training,

It is a pleasure to announce that we are planning a World Para Snow Sports (WPSS) International Classifier Course. The course will take place online over a time period of four weeks from 12 April to 9 May 2021.

Course information

The aim of the course is to train international classifiers for World Para Alpine Skiing (WPAS), World Para Snowboard (WPSB) and World Para Nordic Skiing (WPNS). Please know that the education of Para alpine skiing and Para snowboard classifiers will be covered at the same time, therefore individuals qualify as classifiers for both sports after a successful training. It is possible to take part in the training across all three sports.

The course is open for participants who are new to classification and wish to become international classifiers and for participants interested in re-certification.

This course is also open for individuals to be trained classifiers for national classification.

The course fee is 300 EUR per participant.

The course will consist of live sessions and self-study elements. Some sessions will overlap across the three sports, others will be separate. The weekly time commitment expected from participants is 6 – 10 hours. To accommodate professional obligations of the participants WPSS will try to work on a suitable schedule depending on the applicant's availability.

The participants will be assessed for their competency throughout the course and at the end with an exam. Only participants who successfully pass this training together with the exam will be certified as a trainee and only then may proceed to the practical training at WPAS/WPSB or WPNS classification opportunities to complete the second step of the course.

Participants who subsequently pass the practical training at a classification opportunity identified by WPAS/WPSB or WPNS will be certified as WPAS/WPSB or WPNS International Classifier. The "trainee classifiers" will be asked to evaluate athletes under supervision of senior classifiers, which will include assessing the athlete, making an

informed classification decision according to the classification rules, and completing the paperwork.

Participation requirements

World Para Alpine Skiing/World Para Snowboard

The course is open to participants who are

- a certified health professional in a field relevant to the impairment category which WPAS and WPSB at its sole discretion deems acceptable, e.g. physicians and physiotherapists for athletes with physical impairment

Moreover, participants

- must have very good English skills,
- should preferably have interest and experience in alpine skiing or snowboarding,
- should be interested in volunteering as classifier for WPAS and WPSB
- must not hold a position with an NPC or national team that may give rise to a conflict of interest with international classification for WPAS and WPSB

World Para Nordic Skiing

The course is open to participants who are

- a certified health professional in a field relevant to the impairment category which WPNS at its sole discretion deems acceptable, e.g. physicians and physiotherapists for athletes with physical impairment
- an extensive coaching or other relevant background in the sport of Para Nordic skiing or a recognised and reputable academic qualification which encompasses a requisite level of anatomical, biomechanical and sport-specific expertise, which WPNS at its sole discretion deems to be acceptable (for technical classifier).

Moreover, participants

- must have very good English skills,
- should preferably have interest and experience in Nordic skiing,
- should be interested in volunteering as classifier for WPNS
- must not hold a position with an NPC or national team that may give rise to a conflict of interest with international classification for WPNS.

Participants who do not meet these requirements, but who want to work as a national classifier (if the rules of their NPC allows it) are also invited to follow the course. But in case of too many participants, WPSS can give priority to international classifiers.

Applications

Please access the following link and submit your application no later than 28 February 2021: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0bw-rXQtCEmH-W51IjGQgvf56zABLQ9CoDH0PJAXsMxUQjgxR1c3Wjc3VDRONFFSWTMzWUIDOUtYWi4u>

At the same time please submit the following documents to info@WorldParaSnowSports.org to conclude the application:

- a proof of the participant's relevant qualifications
- CV/Resume

We will advise applicants as soon as possible about their admission to the course. In case of an insufficient number of applications, WPSS holds the right to cancel the course. Such cancellation would be communicated in a timely manner.

Please pass this invitation on to any individuals that might be interested in joining the course. Thank you very much.

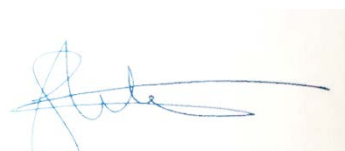
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