



WPSB Working Group. "CLASSIFICATION"

MEETING DATE. 25-5-2021

MEETING MINUTES.

Agenda:

1. Minutes 13-01-2021
2. Classification opportunities 2021/2022
3. Classifier training
4. Participation UL and LL1 women at the future Games
5. Nations meeting 2021
6. Classification code review
7. Other topics
8. Next call

Present:

Christian Femy (FRA)](not able to attend)

Anna Muldoon (AUS)

Jessica Tidswell (USA)

Leanne Rees (AUS)

Sandra Titulaer (NED)

Minutes:

- 1 *Minutes last meeting 13-1-2021 : no coments*
- 2 *Classification opportunities 2021/2022 *see also <https://www.paralympic.org/snowboard/events> we will discuss alternatives options, for season 2021/2022 : (although the calendar is not ready yet)*



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

- 3 *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>
- 4 *Participation UL and LL1 women at the future Games* : development is needed! When we believe in multiple classes, we must do all to get more athletes in those classes. Merging is only a short time option, to enable athletes to compete, but will not proof to the IPC-GB that we need to have 6 classes at the Games
- 5 *Nations meeting 2021* : we have one proposal from RUS , proposing extra class(sses) for CP athletes. This is not in ine with the aim, to have functional classes. Currently those athetes can (and do very well) compete as LL2, LL1 and UL athletes. And CP (hypertonia, ataxia, athetosis) is not at one functional level, so more classes would be needed. (and that gives the risk, that we will not have enough athletes per class, to have competition) Research is needed to gives arguments for this "split of" .



We hope to be able to start research for ALL impairments, to see how we can improve the classification in Parasnoboard, but this last year we were not able to find a university to support us, or funding.

WPSB Friday 11 June , 14.00-16.00 CET

WPSS Wednesday 16 June , 14.00-16.00 CET

6 *Classification code review 2021 (see documents)*

We discuss the call for arguments for the review. We will start it with the senior classifiers. Anna will ask around at NPC level. It is very complex matter and the feeling that the last code was just installed recently.

7. Other topics : research?

8. **Next call: September 2021**