



CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

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1. Procedures for the Classification of Canadian Players:

- 1.1. The classification of Canadian Players can take place at any event where WBC's Classification Director has approved a Tournament Player Classification Panel composed of a minimum of 3 nationally certified classifiers.
- 1.2. Teams wishing to register new players must signify this on the Team Roster submitted for the tournament to the relevant local organizing committee. The form must contain the date of birth, gender and proposed classification for each new player.

2. Procedures for the Classification of New Players:

- 2.1. New players will meet the classification panel prior to warming up for their first game. They will be asked to complete a registration form and propose a class they feel best fits their capacities on the court. Temporary cards will be issued with the information obtained in these meetings.
- 2.2. New players will next be observed during a team observation practice scheduled prior to the commencement of competition. Where there are no scheduled team practices new players will be observed while warming up for their first game.
 - 2.2.1. All players will need to be present and wear their team jerseys during this period.
 - 2.2.2. At the end of the observation period the team will be informed of any change to their player's classification, effective for the first game of the tournament.
 - 2.2.3. At the end of all observation practices, each team will receive a tournament roster containing the official classes for all players.
- 2.3. Observation of the player's function will continue, as necessary, during the remainder of the preliminary rounds.
- 2.4. New players may have their classification confirmed or changed at the end of every game until the end of the preliminary round, or at the end of the tournament.
- 2.5. If a player presents with a challenging situation, the classification panel may ask to meet the player for a functional assessment on the side court.
- 2.6. Once final, explanations referring to the decision will be provided to the player and team coach/manager.
- 2.7. At the end of the preliminary rounds and prior to the commencement of the final rounds, each team will receive an official tournament roster. There will be no change in classification once the preliminary rounds are completed.
- 2.8. A permanent card documenting the player's official class will be issued at the end of the tournament. Players who have not played sufficiently for the classifiers to reach a decision will not obtain a card.

** Players classified by IWBF will play with their IWBF classification unless they appeal their class with WBC. The only exception to this rule is for players of class 0.5 who will retain their Canadian 0.5 class while competing under the jurisdiction of WBC.*

*** Players initially classified while eligible for the mini division will be reviewed once they are no longer eligible to compete in this division.*

3. Procedures For the Review of a Player's Classification:

3.1. Teams requesting a review of one of their player's classification must:

- 3.1.1. Complete an application form justifying their request and submit it to the Head of Tournament Classification panel prior to the commencement of competition. The form is available at www.wheelchairbasketball.ca.
- 3.1.2. A 50\$ fee payable to WBC must accompany the form. This fee will be reimbursed should the request be successful. The fee is not applicable if a change in medical condition directly leads to the request.
- 3.1.3. Requests for reviews will be considered at the same time and using the same procedure as for new players i.e.:
 - 3.1.3.1. The player will be observed in observation practice where one is available or while warming up for his/her first game.
 - 3.1.3.2. The player will start the tournament with his/her previous classification.
 - 3.1.3.3. Observation of the player's function will continue, as necessary, during the remainder of the preliminary rounds.
 - 3.1.3.4. The player under review may have his/her classification confirmed or changed at the end of every game until the end of the preliminary round, or at the end of the tournament.
 - 3.1.3.5. If a player presents with a challenging situation, the classification panel may ask to meet the player for a functional assessment on the side court.
 - 3.1.3.6. Once final, explanations referring to the decision will be provided in writing to the player and team coach/manager.
 - 3.1.3.7. Should the request lead to a change in classification, the player will have his new classification confirmed on his permanent classification card.

3.2. Teams requesting a review of another team's player's classification must:

- 3.2.1. Complete an application form justifying their request and submit it at any time during the competition to the Head of Tournament Classification panel. The form is available at www.wheelchairbasketball.ca.
- 3.2.2. A 50\$ fee payable to WBC must accompany the form. This fee is non-refundable.
- 3.2.3. A copy of the request for review notice will be given to the team of the player under review.
- 3.2.4. The player under review will be considered at the same time and using the same procedure as for new players with the exception that his/her class may not be changed until the end of the tournament.
- 3.2.5. Once final, explanations referring to the decision will be provided in writing to the player under review and team coach/manager. Only the decision will be communicated to the team requesting the review. There will be no explanations referring to the decision as such decisions may include confidential information.
- 3.2.6. Should the request lead to a change in classification, the player will have his new classification confirmed on his permanent classification card.
- 3.2.7. If a player does not play a sufficient amount of time during the tournament for a decision to be made the fee is returned to the appealing team and the player's original classification stands.

3.3. Teams requesting a review of a decision of one of their player's classification taken during a tournament must:

- 3.3.1. Complete an application form justifying their request and submit it to the Head of the Classification Panel at any point during the tournament. The form is available at www.wheelchairbasketball.ca.

- 3.3.2. A 50\$ fee payable to WBC must accompany the request. Should the appeal be successful the fee will be reimbursed.
- 3.3.3. The player under review will initially continue the tournament with his/her recently awarded class.
- 3.3.4. The player under review will be considered at the same time and using the same procedures as for new players with the exception that this observation will now be carried out by a neutral classification panel, one not involved with the initial decision.
- 3.3.5. Once final, explanations referring to the decision will be provided in writing to the player under review and team coach/manager.
- 3.3.6. Should the request lead to a change in classification, the player will have his new classification confirmed on his permanent classification card.
- 3.3.7. If a player does not play a sufficient amount of time during the tournament for a decision to be made the fee is returned and the player's original classification stands.

**A request of a decision taken during a tournament may only be considered during the course of the same tournament if there are six classifiers present; enough to form two independent panels. If this is not the case, the request for review of a decision taken during a tournament will be accepted but forwarded to WBC office for consideration at the next possible tournament.*

4. Procedures for Adjusting a Player's Classification at the end of a tournament:

- 4.1. If, during a tournament the player classification panel identifies that there is a significant alteration in any player's functional capacity they may re-evaluate the classification of the player.
- 4.2. If the panel is unanimous that the player's classification should change, the panel may take this action at the end of the tournament.