

**ANNEX A**  
**WBC CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES**  
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**1. Procedures for the National Classification of New Players:**

- 1.1. The national classification of new 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 certified classifiers.
- 1.2. Teams wishing to register new players must signify this on the team roster submitted to the local organizing committee. The form must contain the name, date of birth, gender and proposed classification for each new player.
- 1.3. Where there are scheduled team practices prior to the start of competition all players will meet the classification panel during this practice.
  - 1.3.1. All players will need to be present and wear their team jersey number.
  - 1.3.2. New players will complete a registration form, have their photo taken and propose a class they feel best fits their capacities on court
  - 1.3.3. At the end of the observation period the team will be informed of any change to their player's proposed classification, effective for the first game of the tournament.
  - 1.3.4. At the end of all observation practices, each team will receive an initial tournament classification roster effective for the first day of competition.
- 1.4. Where there are no scheduled team practices prior to the start of competition all players will meet the classification panel prior to warming up for their first game.
  - 1.4.1. New players will complete a registration form, have their photo taken and propose a class they feel best fits their capacities on court.
  - 1.4.2. At the end of the warm up period the team will be informed of any change to their player's proposed classification, effective for the start of the first game of the tournament.
- 1.5. Temporary cards will be issued with the information obtained in 1.3 or 1.4
- 1.6. Observation of the player's function will continue, as necessary, during the remainder of the preliminary rounds.
- 1.7. New players may have their classification confirmed or changed at the end of any preliminary game or at the end of the tournament.
- 1.8. 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.
- 1.9. Once final, explanations referring to the decision will be provided to the player and team coach.
- 1.10. At the end of the preliminary rounds each team will receive an official tournament roster. There will be no change in classification during the playoffs .
- 1.11. 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 be assigned an official classification.

*\* Players classified by IWBF will play with their IWBF classification unless they request a review of their classification with WBC. Requests for reviews of an international class will only be accepted if the player's function is significantly different from the function presented at the time of the international classification. For procedures on requesting a review of a player's classification with WBC please see 3.1.*

*\*\* Players initially classified while eligible for the mini division will be considered as new players every year until they turn 17 and are no longer eligible to compete in the mini division.*

## **2. Procedures For the Review of a Player's Classification:**

### **2.1. Teams requesting a review of one of one of their own player's classification must:**

- 2.1.1. Complete an application form justifying their request and submit it to the Head of Tournament Classification panel at the latest during the coaches meeting, prior to the commencement of competition. The form is available at [www.wheelchairbasketball.ca](http://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca).
- 2.1.2. Include a \$50 fee payable to WBC. This fee will be reimbursed should the request be successful. The fee is not applicable if a significant change in medical condition leads to the request.
- 2.1.3. Requests for reviews will be considered at the same time and using the same procedure as for new players:
  - 2.1.3.1. The player will be observed in observation practice where one is available or while warming up for his/her first game.
  - 2.1.3.2. The player will start the tournament with his/her previous classification.
  - 2.1.3.3. Observation of the player's function will continue, as necessary, during the remainder of the preliminary rounds.
  - 2.1.3.4. The player under review may have his/her classification confirmed or changed at the end of any preliminary round game or at the end of the tournament.
  - 2.1.3.5. 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.
  - 2.1.3.6. Once final, explanations referring to the decision will be provided in writing to the player and coach.
  - 2.1.3.7. Should the request lead to a change in classification, the player will have his/her new classification confirmed on his/her permanent classification card.

### **2.2. Teams requesting a review of another team's player's classification must:**

- 2.2.1. 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](http://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca).
- 2.2.2. Include a \$50 fee payable to WBC. This fee will be reimbursed should the request be successful.
- 2.2.3. The team of the player under review will be notified and provided with a copy of the application form submitted by the team submitting the request.
- 2.2.4. 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.~~
  - 2.2.4.1. The player will enter (or continue) the tournament with his/her previous classification.
  - 2.2.4.2. The player will be observed in his/her observation practice where one is available or while warming up for his/her first (next) game.
  - 2.2.4.3. Observation of the player's function will continue, as necessary, during the remainder of the preliminary rounds.
  - 2.2.4.4. The player under review may have his/her classification confirmed or changed at the end of any preliminary round game or at the end of the tournament.
  - 2.2.4.5. 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.
  - 2.2.4.6. Once final, explanations referring to the decision will be provided in writing to the team of the player under review. Only the decision will be communicated to the team requesting the review as explanations referring to the decision may include confidential information.

- 2.2.4.7. Should the request lead to a change in classification, the player will have his/her new classification confirmed on his/her permanent classification card.
- 2.2.5. 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.

**2.3. Review of a decision made during a tournament can only be requested if there are six classifiers present, enough to form two independent panels. To request a review of a decision made during a tournament the team must:**

- 2.3.1. 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](http://www.wheelchairbasketball.ca).
- 2.3.2. Include a \$50 fee payable to WBC. Should the request for review be successful the fee will be reimbursed.
- 2.3.3. The player under review will initially continue the tournament with his/her recently awarded class.
- 2.3.4. 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.
- 2.3.5. Once final, explanations referring to the decision will be provided in writing to the team of the player under review.
- 2.3.6. Should the request lead to a change in classification, the player will have his/her new classification confirmed on his/her permanent classification card.
- 2.3.7. 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.

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

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. If the panel is unanimous that the player's classification should change, the panel may take this action at the end of the tournament.