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CLASSIFIER SELECTION PROCEDURE

This Selection Procedure details the selection of classifiers to participate in classification panels at IWRF sanctioned events. These include IWRF World and Zone Championships, Paralympic Games, and other tournaments which are sanctioned by IWRF for athlete classification.

Athletes may only receive an international sport class for wheelchair rugby at IWRF sanctioned tournaments with classification panels selected in accordance with this procedure.

The Selection Procedure is as follows:

1. IWRF notifies the IWRF Head of Classification of the requirement for a classification panel, including:
 - a. Name of event
 - b. Location of event
 - c. Required arrival and departure dates for classifiers
 - d. Type of panel required
 - e. Any additional requirements e.g. specific levels of classifiers, geographic restrictions, clinics or certification opportunities, etc.
2. The IWRF Head of Classification notifies all active classifiers of the tournament details via the IWRF Classifier Email Group. The notification should include information about the type of panel required, location of tournament, arrival and departure dates, any special requirements, and a closing date for applications.
3. Interested classifiers submit applications to the IWRF Head of Classification. The application should include their country of origin and current IWRF Classification Certification Level. This information is validated against the IWRF Classifier Database.
4. The IWRF Head of Classification collates applications from interested and available classifiers
5. Applications are distributed to Zonal Head Classifiers for consideration and recommendations with respect to Zonal classification priorities.

6. From the applications received, the IWRF Head of Classification selects a tournament Chief Classifier and classification panel, taking into consideration, where practical and reasonable:
 - a. Panel composition requirements, including minimum requirements of zonal and country representation and classifier certification levels as described in the IWRF Classification Manual
 - b. Zonal classifier development requirements as advised by Zonal Head Classifiers
 - c. Specific classifier development requests, endorsed by Zonal Head Classifier
 - d. Equitable distribution of opportunities to all classifiers
 - e. Previous classifier performance, as detailed in tournament certification forms and performance reviews
 - f. Costs for classifier travel
7. If the applicant pool is insufficient to compose the required panel, a second call for classifiers may be made and should state the specific level/country/zone requirements to fill the required positions.
8. For major tournaments, one or more reserve classifiers may be selected, should a selected panel member become unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances.
9. The IWRF Head of Classification contacts successful applicants to confirm their availability.
10. Upon confirmation of availability, the Head of Classification notifies the IWRF CEO of the appointments and provides contact details for the selected classifiers.
11. The IWRF Head of Classification announces the successful panel via the IWRF Classifier email group.

For certain events, such as World Championships, panel requirements may exceed the minimum standards published in the Classification Manual, due to the complexities of classification at these events. In these situations, the proposed panel composition will be at the discretion of the IWRF Head of Classification, and will be detailed in the call for classifiers.

For Paralympic Games and IWRF World Championships, Zonal Head Classifiers and Classification Committee members will be given the highest priority for positions on classification panels, recognizing their level of expertise, leadership, and service to the IWRF.

For tournaments that are sanctioned only for classification, the Chief Classifier will liaise directly with the IWRF CEO and the tournament organizing committee regarding all arrangements for the event. For all other events, the Chief Classifier will work through the IWRF Technical Delegate regarding all arrangements for the event.