



## **ITU Paratriathlon Classification Rules and Regulations**

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## **1. CLASSIFICATION:**

### **1.1. Definition:**

- a.) Classification in paratriathlon provides a structure for competition by ensuring a paratriathlete's impairment is relevant to their performance in the sport and that the paratriathlete competes equitably and fairly with other paratriathletes.
- b.) This specific document is part of the ITU Competition Rules (Appendix G).

### **1.2. Purpose:**

- a.) The purpose of the ITU Classification System is to minimize the impact of eligible impairment types on the outcome of competition so that a well trained athlete has a fair opportunity to succeed.
- b.) Conceptually, in order to minimize the impact of impairment on the outcome of competition, the ITU classification system:
  - (i) Describes eligibility criteria in terms of:
    - type of impairment; and
    - severity of impairment;
  - (ii) Uses methods to classify eligible impairments according to the extent of activity limitation those impairments cause.

### **1.3. International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Code:**

- a.) ITU Paratriathlon Classification Rules and Regulations complies with the IPC Code, which sets best practice models and international standards across all Paralympic sports.
- b.) ITU is committed to developing an "evidence-based" classification system through coordinated research, according to the IPC Code and research practices.
- c.) Classification research is multi-disciplinary, including biomechanics, kinesiology and physiology, where appropriate.
- d.) IPC is playing a major role in the review and application of classification research conducted in paratriathlon, or in coordinating with any research conducted in the associated disciplines.
- e.) ITU Paratriathlon complies with the IPC Code of Ethics.

### **1.4. Classification Master List:**

- a.) ITU shall maintain a Classification Master List, which shall include each internationally classified paratriathlete's name, year of birth, country, sport class, sport class status.

## **2. CLASSIFICATION PERSONNEL:**

ITU shall establish the following positions:

### **2.1. Classifier:**

- a.) An individual authorised as a Technical Official by ITU (called: ITU paratriathlon classifier) to determine a paratriathlete's sports class and sports class status, while serving as a member of a Classification Panel, in accordance with the ITU Paratriathlon Classification Rules and Regulations.

- b.) An ITU paratriathlon classifier must be trained and certified by ITU and it can be:
  - (i) medical and/or health professionals. For example: licensed medical doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists;
  - (ii) sports specific and/or technical experts for example sport scientists, coaches, former paratriathletes, physical educators.

## **2.2. ITU Head of Classification:**

- a.) The ITU Head of Classification is a classifier responsible for the direction, administration, co-ordination and implementation of classification matters for ITU.
- b.) The ITU Head of Classification is nominated to the ITU Executive Board by the ITU Paratriathlon Committee following the quadrennial elections. The ITU Executive Board is responsible for approving each nominee.

## **2.3. Chief Classifier:**

- a.) The Chief Classifier is a classifier responsible for the direction, administration, co-ordination and implementation of classification matters for a specific competition.
- b.) The ITU Head of Classification is responsible for assigning Chief Classifiers to each ITU Event. The ITU Paratriathlon Committee is responsible for approving these assignments without unreasonable delay.

## **2.4. Classification Panel:**

- a.) A Classification Panel is appointed for a particular competition to determine the Sport Class and Sport Class Status of the paratriathletes competing in that event under ITU Classification Rules and Regulations.
- b.) In accordance with the IPC Classification Code, Classification Panels should include a minimum of two classifiers in which at least one medical member should be present.
- c.) In exceptional circumstances, a panel with only one (1) medical classifier may be appointed with specific provisions outlined under 5.4 c) iii).
- d.) Host NFs may provide up to two (2) trainee classifiers per event.
- e.) Two (2) Classification Panels are required at ITU events where protests can be managed. It is possible for the Chief Classifier to be a member of one of the panels.
- f.) Members shall not have any other official responsibilities during a competition that are not in connection with classification.
- g.) Classification Panels are appointed by the ITU Head of Classification in advance of the competition. Communication of all relevant details about the event will be included in the notification of appointment, indicating all the important contacts and the conditions.
- h.) The invitation shall state the venue, dates and times of the Classification Process, as well as arrival and departure times. All classifiers shall stay to observe the competition.
- i.) Classifiers appointed will respond with their availability to attend the event within fourteen (14) days of being notified.
- j.) It is recommended that classifiers in the same classification panel should be from different nationalities.

- k.) The classifier's travel expenses and per diem are to be paid by the LOC or the ITU depending on the event's agreement.
- l.) Specific ITU classifier qualification criteria can be viewed in Appendix 6.

### **3. CLASSIFICATION RESPONSIBILITIES:**

#### **3.1. Paratriathlete:**

- a.) Athletes receiving classification will need to report to the classification panel at their designated time and provide the classifiers with the "Certificate of Medical Diagnosis, completed by their medical doctor, or the "Medical Diagnostics form for Athletes with a Visual impairment", completed by their ophthalmologist. A passport sized photo must be submitted along with other relevant medical information. This could include, but should not be limited to: letters and reports detailing medical history, results of radiological examinations, and other diagnostics tests relevant to the paratriathlete's medical diagnosis.
- b.) Failure to report for classification at the designated time, without reasonable explanation to the chief classifier, may result in the athlete not being classified and not being able to compete in the paratriathlon event.
- c.) Failure to produce the the requested medical documentation will result in the athlete being allocated a temporary classification for that event. In order to retain and preserve any finish, ranking or award associated with that event, the paratriathlete will need to submit all requested documents to ITU within 30 days of the competition.
- d.) Athletes requiring classification at an event where classification is not available will need to submit a completed "Certificate of Medical Diagnosis" or "Medical Diagnostics Form for Athletes with a Visual Impairment" to ITU, no later than four (4) weeks prior to the competition.
- e.) In the case that the paratriathlete's NF has a classification process, he/she shall show evidence of their current National Federation (NF) classification. (Detailed medical documentation (in English), must be brought to Classification Process (included but not limited to: medical reports, visual impairment assessments , x-rays, etc.)
- f.) Paratriathletes must dress appropriately and bring all carry-on equipment and adaptive devices, as required by ITU Competition Rules. No paratriathlete shall compete wearing or using any prostheses or special adaptive equipment, unless these have been approved officially during the Classification Procedure.
- g.) Athletes may be accompanied by an interpreter (if English is not their first or commonly spoken language) and/or by not more than one (1) representative of their NF. The paratriathlete's representative shall not speak during the classification process unless directed to do so by the classifiers.
- h.) All paratriathletes must be honest in the presentation of their history and must cooperate fully in the examination process and observation phase of classification. Non-cooperation may lead to immediate disqualification.

#### **3.2. Classifier:**

- a.) The role of classifiers is to act as impartial evaluators in determining a paratriathlete's Sport Class and Sport Class Status.

- b.) All classifying personnel must adhere to the IPC Classification Code of Conduct, which includes:
  - (i) respect and value for other paratriathletes and their support personnel;
  - (ii) respect for the ITU Competition Rules;
  - (iii) respect for their colleagues;
  - (iv) understanding of the consequence of non-compliance with the ITU Competition Rules.

### **3.3. Local Organising Committee (LOC):**

- a.) The LOC shall meet accommodation expenses incurred by International Classifiers during the Classification Process
- b.) Accommodation shall be provided for the classifiers as near as possible to the quarters of the Technical Delegates (TDs).
- c.) Two (2) clean, private examination rooms (one per Classification Panel) shall be made available by the LOC for all classification appointments. The room shall be equipped with an examination bed with a pillow, clean linen, four (4) or five (5) chairs, a work table, drinking water, a sufficient supply of clean towels, hand sanitizer and cleaning product to wipe down equipment. The area shall be large enough to accommodate 5 persons: the classifiers, the athlete, the interpreter (if relevant: see clause 3.1d) and/or the athlete's representative.
- d.) The LOC will have all classification assessment documents printed and available, as communicated by the Chief Classifier.
- e.) An appropriate waiting area shall be provided near the examination rooms.
- f.) The Chief Classifier shall be assigned an Administrative Assistant (AA) by the LOC. In addition to administrative duties (such as photocopying), the AA shall register all athletes at time of classification and assist with the completion of assessment form data and the consent form. A private area shall be provided near the Field of Play for the classifiers and trainees to provide them with the ability to observe the event and discuss their classifications in private.
- g.) The LOC will make a facility available, close to the finish line, for the completion of protests or further assessments (to confirm classification). The time for such actions needs to be agreed by the paratriathlete and their team manager (and/or interpreter), the Classification Panel, the Race Referee, the Technical Delegate and a LOC representative.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR COMPETITION:**

- a.) All paratriathletes must have a classification to compete in any ITU events.
- b.) Those paratriathletes with a minimal functional disability must meet the ITU criteria (Base line scores) in order to compete in ITU events.
- c.) To be eligible, the paratriathlete must:
  - (i) have a loss of more than 15% of the baseline score. 15% loss of physical impairment, (see clause 15,16)
  - (ii) have a medically diagnosed condition that causes a permanent impairment that can be measured objectively. For example: paresis, amputation, partial to full joint ankylosis, upper motor neurone lesions, loss of sight.

- d.) Each New (N) and Review (R) (see clause 5.4 c.) paratriathlete must bring all relevant documents to classification, as outlined in clause 3.1a.)
- e.) Findings such as minor soft tissue contracture, ligamentous instability, oedema, disuse atrophy, organ dysfunction, fatigue as in myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) or fibromyalgia or symptoms such as pain and/or numbness without other eligibility criteria listed above shall not be considered as a permanent physical disability. While these paratriathletes may be disabled, they are unclassifiable within this classification system.
- f.) Ineligibility (IE) for classification does not mean that an individual cannot participate in triathlon. The athlete may be able to compete in an age group category.

## **5. CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE**

### **5.1. Pre-Competition**

- a.) All New (N) or Review (R) paratriathletes shall be classified before an ITU event.
- b.) Before each event, ITU Sport Department with the Chief Classifier, the Technical Delegate and the LOC will coordinate to develop a classification schedule assuring that all classifications will take place before the paratriathletes' race briefing. A period of time shall be set aside for possible Classification Protests. No assessments shall take place within six (6) hours prior to the start of the competition.
- c.) As soon as an NF has registered an athlete to a paratriathlon event, ITU Sport Department will confirm the athletes' class and status based on the ITU Classification Masterlist and those with New (N) or Review (R) status will be assigned a classification appointment on the first available time slot closer to the paratriathletes' race briefing. ITU Sport Department will communicate the classification appointment (venue, assigned times) to the athletes' NF, the Head of Classification, the assigned Chief Classifier, the LOC and the assigned Technical Delegate, no less than 21 days prior to the event.
- d.) An average of forty-five (45) minute periods shall be designated for each appointment (with adequate meal times and breaks scheduled for the classifiers).

### **5.2. Athlete Presentation**

- a.) The paratriathlete, and their accompanying support staff, will report to classification reception at the designated time.
- b.) The administration assistant will verify the accreditation of the paratriathlete.
- c.) Required documentation will be checked (clause 3.1.a) and appropriate documentation completed.
- d.) The paratriathlete will be checked for appropriate attire and equipment requirements in accordance with the classification rules. (clause 3.1.f)
- e.) A competitor's NF classification status shall be checked by an ITU International Classifier prior to classification.
- f.) Classification shall be carried out in a courteous, ethical and professional manner, using appropriate testing only.

### **5.3. Athlete Assessment**



- a.) A Classification Panel will conduct a physical assessment of the paratriathlete's impairment, which may include tests for muscle strength, muscle tone, limb length, joint range of movement, , neurological involvement and coordination. Sport specific, and any novel, tests may also be used.
- b.) Paratriathletes may be observed during practice and during competition by the Classification Panel. This is to confirm that the impairment recorded during the assessment reflects what is demonstrated in competition.
- c.) Any paratriathlete being observed in competition may be requested to attend a reclassification session.
- d.) Video evidence and results of random muscle tests may be used as evidence in exceptional circumstances.
- e.) Each paratriathlete is given a 'Profile of Functional Ability' following their assessment.
- f.) The impairment is assessed and the resulting functional profile is combined with other profiles that should have similar ability when taking part in paratriathlon events and the paratriathlete is assigned a competition class.
- g.) The functional profiles are not disability (diagnosis) specific, but are based on the ability of the relevant functioning part of the body.
- h.) The functional profiles are relevant to swimming, cycling and running.

There are six categories in paratriathlon. Category TRI 1 is for the more severely impaired paratriathletes, Category TRI 6 is for the least severely impaired paratriathletes.

#### **5.4. Sport Class and Sport Class Status Allocation**

- a.) Sport Class
  - (i) After the Physical and/or Technical Assessment has taken place, a Sport Class will be assigned to the athlete.
  - (ii) Ineligibility (IE) for competition is a Sports Class.
    - In circumstances where the sport class "Ineligible to Compete" is allocated, the Athlete will be required to be examined by a second classification panel.
    - If no second panel is available, the athlete will be IE (R) and will not be permitted to compete at that competition. The ITU will communicate to the athlete the next available opportunity for classification review.
    - IE Confirmed (C) status will be assigned if the second panel also determined the athlete's class as Ineligible (IE). If there is a change in medical condition, athletes may resubmit such documentation in order to request a review of classification.
- b.) Sport Class Status
  - (i) A Sport Class Status is allocated to an Athlete to indicate Athlete Evaluation requirements and Protest opportunities after the assesment.
  - (ii) The designation of a Sport Class Status assists in identifying Athletes who:
    - Have not previously been classified (New – N)
    - Require a review of their sport class (Review – R)
    - Do not require Athlete Evaluation for a specific Competition

c.) Designations of Sport Class Status:

(i) NEW (N)

- Sport Class Status N is assigned to an Athlete that has not been previously evaluated by an international Classification Panel and has not had an entry Sport Class verified by the IF
- Sports Class Status N Athletes include Athletes who have been allocated a Sport Class by their National Federation for entry purposes
- Sports Class Status N Athletes must complete classification evaluation

(ii) REVIEW (R)

- Sport Class Status R is assigned to an Athlete who has been previously evaluated by an International Classification Panel, but for reasons as determined by the IF requires a review of their Sport Class
- The Athlete's current Sport Class is valid, but the Athlete is subject to re-evaluation and the Sport Class may be changed before or during competition
- Sports Class Status R Athletes include but are not limited to:
  - Requiring further observation during Competition to confirm their Sport Class
  - Fluctuating impairments
  - Athletes with a Sports Class which is still subject to protest in accord with the International Federations First Appearance requirements (see 5.5)
- Sports Class Status R Athletes must complete evaluation prior to competing at International Competitions.
- "R" status must be assigned to athletes with Sport Class "IE" until a second classification panel examines the athlete.

(iii) CONFIRMED (C)

- Sport Class Status C is assigned to an Athlete if he/she has been previously evaluated by an international Classification Panel and the Panel has determined that the Athlete's Sport Class will not change
- The ITU recognises that the Athlete's assigned Sport Class is valid and will not be altered before or during competition, except in the case of a Protest lodged under exceptional circumstances (see International Standard on Protests & Appeals)
- Sports Class Status C Athletes are not required to complete evaluation prior to competing at International Competitions, with the exception of re-evaluations due to Protests lodged under exceptional circumstances (see 6.3).
- This status can never be granted by panels composed of a single classifier.

d.) Once the Classification Panel has made a decision on the Athlete's Sport Class, a member of the Classification Panel shall inform the Athlete of the Panel's decision.

It is expected that this will occur as soon as possible after the decision being taken. The Athlete's Sports Class Status will also be recorded or updated accordingly. ITU Classification Cards completed at an ITU event should be signed by all the members in the Classification Panel

- e.) In case the Classification Panel requires Observation Assessment to confirm the Athlete's Sport Class through First Appearance, the Classification Panel, the Athlete is informed about this decision at this stage.
- f.) If the most functional Class is the Sport Class "Ineligibility to Compete", the Athlete is immediately assessed by a second Classification Panel.
- g.) Written notification through ITU forms must be provided to the Athlete, including:
  - (i) The Athlete's assigned Sport Class
  - (ii) The Athlete's updated Sport Class Status
  - (iii) Associated Protest procedures/options.

#### **5.5. First Appearance**

- a.) First Appearance for "N" and "R" Sports Class Status Athletes is generally defined as the first time the Athlete competes in a ITU Paratriathlon race.
- b.) Athletes cannot be allocated a "C" Sports Class Status until they have completed the First Appearance in order to allow other competitors/Nations to:
  - (i) Observe the Athlete in competition
  - (ii) Potentially protest the allocated Sports Class

#### **5.6. Changes in Sport Class resulting from Observation Assessment**

- a.) If any changes to an Athletes assigned Sports Class are determined by the Classification Panel as a result of the Observation Assessment during the Classification Competition Period, then:
  - (i) A member of the Classification Panel shall inform the Athlete, the Nation, The Race Referee, the Technical Delegate and the LOC of the Panel's decision as soon as is logistically possible and before the end of the race
- b.) Written notification of any changes resulting from Observation Assessment during the Classification Competition Period must be provided to the Athlete, preferably in the format of a standardized form developed by the IF, including:
  - (i) The Athlete's assigned Sport Class
  - (ii) The Athlete's updated Sport Class Status
  - (iii) Associated Protest procedures/options.
- c.) The Chief Classifier must ensure that changes are reflected in the Classification Results Sheet posted in the finish area

#### **5.7. Official Reporting on the Classification Assessment Results**

- a.) The ITU Chief Classifier has the responsibility to inform all relevant parties of outcomes of Athlete Evaluation after the Classification Session/s. This should include clear information to teams of the classification results for all Paratriathletes entered into the event with N or R Sports Class Status.
- b.) The Chief Classifier should liaise with the Technical Delegate and the LOC so that start lists are updated accordingly.

- c.) A list with the complete Classification results must be posted within ninety (90) minutes of the last classification session in a area previously communicated to all participating nations.
- d.) The completed assessment card will be filed in a protected database and maintained by the International Triathlon Union.
- e.) Official confirmation of Sport Class and Status may be sent to the relevant National Federation and paratriathlete in the form of a Classification Certification upon written request to the ITU.
- f.) The ITU Paratriathlon Masterlist will be updated accordingly within one (1) week of the event where International Classification was conducted.

**5.8. Paratriathlete failure to attend/ refuses evaluation:**

- a.) If a paratriathlete fails to attend evaluation, the paratriathlete will not be allocated a Sport Class or Sport Class Status, and will not be permitted to compete at that competition.
- b.) Should the Chief Classifier be satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to attend the evaluation, a paratriathlete may be given a second and final chance to attend the evaluation, if time allows.
- c.) Failure to attend evaluation includes:
  - (i) not attending the evaluation at the specified time or place;
  - (ii) not attending the evaluation with the appropriate equipment/clothing and/or documentation.
- d.) The paratriathlete has a right to terminate the Classification Process at any time, for a valid reason. If this occurs, that paratriathlete may be asked to withdraw from the competition. If any paratriathlete refuses to be classified, this will automatically exclude them from competition.

**5.9. Non-cooperation during evaluation**

- a.) A paratriathlete who, in the opinion of the Classification Panel, is unable or unwilling to participate in the evaluation shall be considered as being non-cooperative during evaluation.
- b.) If the paratriathlete fails to co-operate during the evaluation, they will not be allocated a Sport Class or Sport Class Status, and will not be permitted to compete in the competition.
- c.) Should the Chief Classifier be satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to co-operate during the evaluation, a paratriathlete may be given a second and final opportunity to attend and co-operate.
- d.) The ITU will not permit any paratriathlete found to have been non-cooperative during an evaluation to undergo any further evaluation for a minimum of six (6) months, starting from the date upon which the paratriathlete failed to co-operate.

**5.10. Intentional misrepresentation of skills and/or abilities:**

- a.) A paratriathlete who, in the opinion of the Classification Panel, is intentionally misrepresenting skills and/or abilities, shall be considered in violation of the ITU Competition Rules.

- b.) If the paratriathlete intentionally misrepresents skills and/or abilities, the paratriathlete will not be allocated a Sport Class or Sport Class Status and will not be permitted to compete at that competition.
- c.) In addition, ITU shall:
  - (i) not allow the paratriathlete to undergo any further evaluation for a minimum of two (2) years from the date upon which the paratriathlete intentionally misrepresented skills and/or abilities;
  - (ii) remove any Sport Class or Sport Class Status allocated to the paratriathlete from the Classification Master List;
  - (iii) designate the paratriathlete as IM (intentional misrepresentation) in the Classification Master List;
  - (iv) a paratriathlete who, on a second separate occasion, intentionally misrepresents skills and/or abilities will receive a lifetime ban from any ITU events.

**5.11. Consequences for paratriathlete support personnel:**

- a.) The ITU shall enforce sanctions on the personnel supporting the paratriathlete, who assist or encourage a paratriathlete to fail to attend their evaluation, to fail to cooperate, intentionally to misrepresent skills and/or abilities or disrupt the evaluation process in any other way.
- b.) Those who are involved in advising any paratriathlete intentionally to misrepresent skills and/or abilities should be subject to sanctions that are at least as severe as the sanctions enforced on the paratriathlete.
- c.) In this circumstance, reporting the paratriathlete's support personnel to appropriate parties is an important step in deterring intentional misrepresentation by any party.

**6. CLASSIFICATION PROTEST**

**6.1. General:**

- a.) The term "Classification Protest" refers to the procedure by which a formal objection to a paratriathlete's Sport Class is made and subsequently resolved.
- b.) A Classification Protest can only be submitted at an ITU competition if there is more than one Classification Panel.
- c.) Classification Protests shall only be submitted by a designated representative of:
  - (i) a National Paralympic Committee (NPC)
  - (ii) a National Federation (NF)
  - (iii) ITU Head of Classification or Chief Classifier
- d.) The timeline to submit protests is defined under section 6.4 a) and b)
- e.) The classification of a paratriathlete's Sport Class shall only be protested once by any of the parties defined under 6.1 b), with the exception of Classification Protests submitted in exceptional circumstances (see 6.3).
- f.) A Classification Protest in respect of a Sport Class allocated by ITU may only be resolved by ITU.

- g.) A Classification Protest should be resolved in a manner that minimizes the impact on competition participation, schedules and results.
- h.) A Classification Protest can not be resolved by the Classification Panel that was involved in the allocation of the Sport Class that is being protested, except if a Classification Protest is submitted on a date eighteen (18) months or more after the most recent allocation of the Sport Class. In that case, the classifiers involved with the original allocation may be part of a Classification Protest Panel.

**6.2. Classification Protest Opportunities:**

- a.) The Sport Class Status that is allocated to a paratriathlete indicates the classification protest opportunities that are available in respect of that paratriathlete’s Sport Class. The Sport Class Status also indicates which parties may submit such a Classification Protest:
  - (i) An NPC or NF may protest against the Sport Class allocated to a paratriathlete from their own or another nation only in accordance with the provisions outlined in section 6.4
  - (ii) The Chief Classifier or the ITU Head of Classification may protest against the classification of any paratriathlete’s Sport Class, in accordance with the provisions outlined under 6.3 and 6.4
  - (iii) A Classification Protest may be made against any paratriathlete with a New (N) or Review (R) Sport Class Status (by any NPC and/or NF, or by the Chief Classifier or the ITU Head of Classification), following the evaluation of a paratriathlete and allocation of the Sport Class. Following the resolution of the Classification Protest, the paratriathlete shall be designated:
    - (R) Review (retain of status if athlete was already (R));
    - (C) Confirmed Status;
    - (IE) Ineligible to Compete.
  - (iv) Paratriathletes with Sport Class Status (C) may only be subjected to a Classification Protest by the Chief Classifier or the ITU Head of Classification under exceptional circumstances.

PROTESTS BEFORE & DURING COMPETITIONS

Athlete Sport Class Status	Protest by own or other NPC/NF	Can be Protested by Chief Classifier. Head of Classification
New (N)	YES	YES
Review (R)	YES	YES
Confirmed (C)	NO	NO*

(\*) Protest lodged under exceptional circumstances

**6.3. Exceptional Circumstances:**

- a.) Exceptional Circumstances will arise if a Chief Classifier or the ITU Head of Classification believes that an paratriathlete’s confirmed Sport Class no longer reflects that paratriathlete’s ability to compete equitably within that Sport Class.
- b.) Exceptional Circumstances may result from:

- (i) a change in the degree of impairment of a paratriathlete (see 6.6)
  - (ii) a paratriathlete demonstrating significantly less or greater ability prior to, or during, competition, which does not reflect the paratriathlete's current Sport Class;
  - (iii) an error made by a Classification Panel, which has led to the paratriathlete being allocated a Sport Class, which is not in keeping with the paratriathlete's ability;
  - (iv) Sport Class allocation criteria having changed since the paratriathlete's most recent evaluation.
- c.) A Classification Protest made in exceptional circumstances shall follow the same process detailed in paragraph 6.4.

#### **6.4. Classification Protest**

- a.) Before the race
- (i) This period starts once classification results have been posted
  - (ii) Classification Protests may be submitted by:
    - a NPC or NF representative authorised to submit protests (for example, the Chef de Mission or Team Manager); and/or
    - an ITU Chief Classifier or the ITU Head of Classification
  - (iii) the Chief Classifier, or a person designated for that event, shall be the person authorised to receive Classification Protests on behalf of ITU at that event.
  - (iv) Classification Protests must be submitted to the Chief Classifier within sixty (60) minutes after the publication of the Classification Results
- b.) During the race
- (i) Classification Protests may be submitted by:
    - an NPC or NF representative authorised to submit protests (for example, the Chef de Mission or Team Manager); and/or
    - an ITU Chief Classifier or the ITU Head of Classification
  - (ii) the Chief Classifier, or a person designated for that event, shall be the person authorised to receive Classification Protests on behalf of ITU at that event.
  - (iii) Classification Protests must be submitted to the Chief Classifier no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the athlete who is class is being protested has finished the race. However, the intention to write a protest has to be announced to the Chief Classifier within five (5) minutes of his/her finish time. After this deadline, only protests that have followed this process will be admitted.
- c.) Classification Classification Protest Procedures
- (i) Classification Protests must be submitted in English by using the ITU Classification Protest Form (Appendix 7). The following information and documentation must be submitted with this form:
    - The name and nation of the athlete whose sport class is being protested.
    - Details of the decision being protested.
    - The reason for the protest.

- Other documents and evidence to support the protest.
  - The signature of the NF representative or the Chief Classifier.
- (ii) A refundable deposit of 50 USD (or its equivalent) must accompany all classification protests. The deposit will be retained by ITU if the protest is denied.
  - (iii) Upon receipt of the Classification Protest Form, the Chief Classifier shall conduct a review to determine whether all necessary information is included. If it appears to the Chief Classifier that the Classification Protest Form has been submitted without all necessary information, the Chief Classifier shall dismiss the Classification Protest and notify all relevant parties. If the Classification Protest is accepted, the Chief Classifier shall notify all relevant parties of the time and date for the subsequent protest evaluation.
  - (iv) The Chief Classifier shall appoint a Classification Protest Panel to conduct an evaluation of the paratriathlete, referred to as the "Classification Protest Evaluation". The Classification Protest Panel shall consist of, at a minimum, the same number of classifiers, of equal or greater level of certification, as those involved in the most recent allocation of the paratriathlete's Sport Class.
  - (v) All documentation submitted with the Classification Protest Form shall be provided to the Classification Protest Panel. Classification Protest Panels shall conduct the Classification Protest Evaluation without reference to the Classification Panel, which allocated the paratriathlete's most recent Sport Class.
  - (vi) The Classification Protest Panel may seek medical, sport or scientific expertise in reviewing a paratriathlete's Sport Class.
  - (vii) All relevant parties shall be notified of the Classification Protest decision in accordance with the procedure described in 5.6.

#### **6.5. Request for Classification Review**

- a.) NFs/NPCs may request a classification review of classification for their own NF Confirmed (C) or Review (R) athletes when:
  - (i) There is a change in medical condition of a given athlete
  - (ii) There is a change in the ITU Paratriathlon Classification system that may lead to a change in the athlete's class.
- b.) Request for reviews must be submitted to the ITU Head of Classification at least three (3) months prior to the commencement of the relevant competition where classification is available.
- c.) Requests must be submitted in English and signed by the NF/NPC President/Secretary General together with substantial medical evidence paperwork to justify the potential change on sport class.

### **7. CLASSIFICATION APPEAL**

#### **7.1. General:**

- a.) The term "Classification Appeal", as used in this document, refers to a procedure by which a formal objection to the manner in which Classification Procedures have been conducted, is submitted and subsequently resolved.

#### **7.2. Jurisdiction of a Classification Appeal:**



- a.) The Classification Appeal Body shall have jurisdiction to review classification decisions in order to:
  - (i) ensure that all appropriate Sport Class allocation procedures have been followed;
  - (ii) ensure that all appropriate Classification Protest Procedures have been followed.
- b.) No Classification Appeal Body shall have jurisdiction to review the merits of an allocation of Sport Class or Sport Class Status. Under no circumstances shall the Classification Appeal Body modify a classification decision by allocating a new Sport Class and/or Sport Class Status to an paratriathlete.
- c.) The Classification Appeal Body shall hear Classification Appeals only in cases in which all other available remedies, including but not limited to Classification Protest Procedures have been exhausted.

**7.3. Submission of an Appeal against Classification:**

- a.) Classification Appeals may be commenced at any time, by submitting a Notice of Classification Appeal to ITU. ITU shall promptly transmit a copy of the Notice of Classification Appeal to the opposing party.
- b.) Only a NPC or NF has the right to submit an Notice of Classification Appeal in English by using the ITU Classification Appeal Form (Appendix 8).
- c.) A refundable deposit of 150 USD (or equivalent) must accompany all appeals. The deposit will be retained by the ITU, if the appeal is denied,
- d.) Upon receipt of a Notice of Classification Appeal, ITU shall conduct a review to determine whether all other available remedies have been exhausted by the party bringing the Classification Appeal. If not, ITU shall issue a written dismissal of the Classification Appeal.

**7.4. Classification Appeal Procedures:**

- a.) If all other available remedies have been exhausted, ITU shall:
  - (i) advise all relevant parties that a Classification Appeal Body will be constituted for the purposes of hearing the Classification Appeal;
  - (ii) send a copy of the Notice of Classification Appeal, and all documents, evidence and details of witnesses to the party named in the Notice of Classification Appeal (the opposing party); advise the opposing party that it must, within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of receiving a Notice of Classification Appeal, submit a list of all documents to the Classification Appeal Body, evidence and expert witnesses to be offered by the opposing party in relation to the Classification Appeal;
  - (iii) set a location for the hearing and date: the Classification Appeal Body shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to conduct a hearing; either live, by telephone conference or by video conference.

**7.5. Classification Appeal Hearing:**

- a.) The Classification Appeal Body (whose members shall sign and comply with a Conflict of Interest Agreement) should include no less than three (3) individuals, who have at no time been involved with, or informed of, the dispute brought before the Classification Appeal Body.

- b.) In order to ensure a level of independence, a majority of the members of the Classification Appeal Body shall not have any other official responsibility in ITU.
- c.) The Classification Appeal Body may designate counsel to assist it in the Hearing.
- d.) ITU and the applicable NPC or NF shall have the right to be represented by counsel and, if necessary, to engage an interpreter approved by the Classification Appeal Body.
- e.) Not more than two representatives of any party, excluding the paratriathlete and any interpreter, shall be entitled to participate in the hearing.
- f.) Subject to the Classification Appeal Body's discretion, each party shall have the right to offer documentary evidence, to submit a hearing memorandum/brief, and to call witnesses.

**7.6. Classification Appeal Decision:**

- a.) The Classification Appeal Body shall issue a written decision resolving any Classification Appeal after the hearing. The decision shall be provided to all parties, to the IPC, and to the Local Organising Committee (in the case of Classification Appeals conducted in connection with a competition).
- b.) The Classification Appeal Body shall either affirm the decision that has been appealed against or overrule the decision. If the decision is overruled, the Classification Appeal Body's written opinion shall specify the procedural error committed and shall direct the appropriate party to reconsider the decision in a manner consistent with Classification Appeal Body's instructions.
- c.) ITU shall be responsible for ensuring that the Classification Appeal Body's directives are followed in a timely manner.
- d.) Classification Appeal decisions are final and are not subject to any further Classification Appeal.

**7.7. Confidentiality:**

- a.) Classification Appeal Proceedings are confidential. The parties and the Classification Appeal Body shall not disclose facts or other information relating to the dispute or the proceedings to any person or entity excluding, to the extent necessary to prosecute or defend the Classification Appeal:
  - (i) employees or agents of a party;
  - (ii) witnesses whose testimony may be offered during the Classification Appeal;
  - (iii) counsel, consultants or interpreters engaged for purposes of the Classification Appeal.
- b.) At this sole discretion, the Classification Appeal Body may require all persons who attend a hearing to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. Any individual refusing to sign said agreement may be excluded from the hearing.

**8. CLASSIFIER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION**

**8.1. Introduction:**

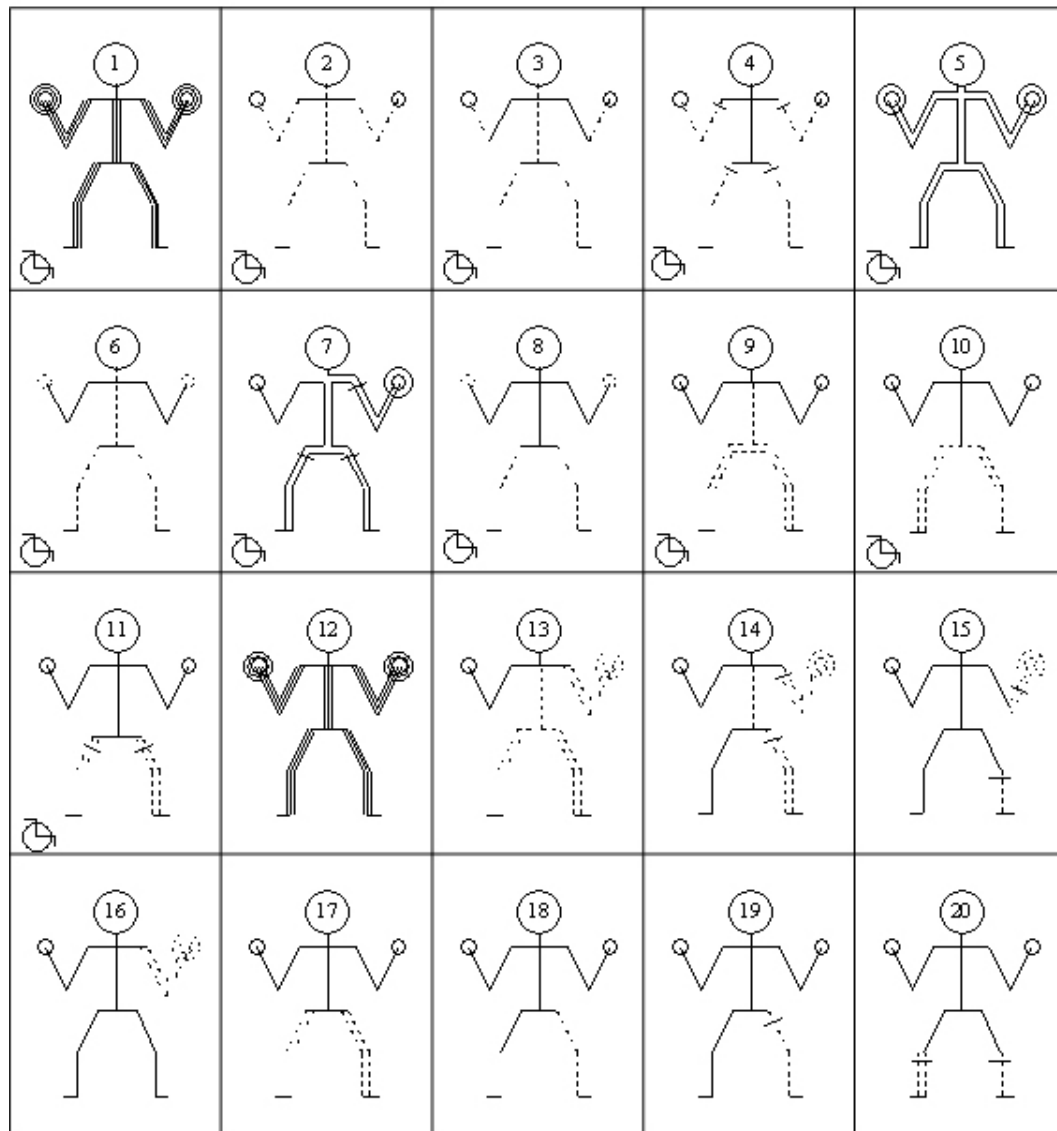
- a.) ITU Paratriathlon Classifiers shall be:
  - (i) medical and/or health professionals. For example: licensed medical doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists;









- (ii) sports specific and/or technical experts for example sport scientists, coaches, former paratriathletes, physical educators.
- b.) ITU classifiers shall be actively classifying paratriathletes for their National Federations.
- c.) The ITU reserves the right to determine who is accepted and may consider qualifications, current numbers of classifiers in the region Potential classifiers shall have basic knowledge of the technical requirements of triathlon.
- d.) Able to communicate fluently in English both spoken and written.
- e.) Classification education seminars, consisting of theory and practical, may be held in conjunction with an ITU event,. Additional seminars may be run at European, Oceania, African, Asian and Pan American Championships. An online classification programme will be developed in the future to allow potential classifiers to complete the theoretical course component.
- f.) In accordance with the ITU Classifier Education and Certification System, there are 4 levels of Classifiers:
  - (i) National Classifier;
  - (ii) Trainee International Classifier;
  - (iii) Level 1 International Classifier; and
  - (iv) Level 2 International Classifier.

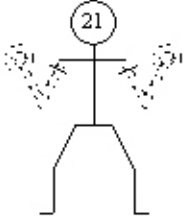
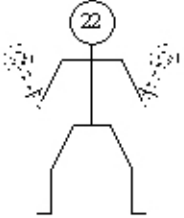
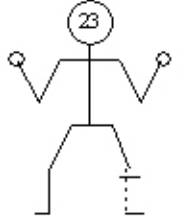
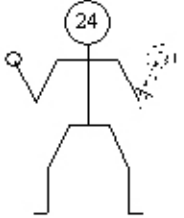
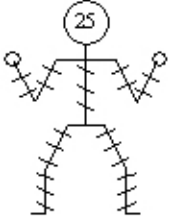
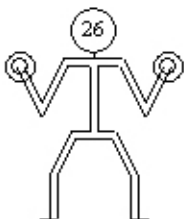
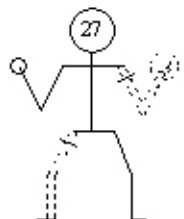
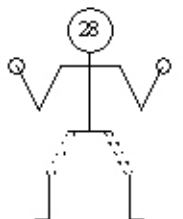
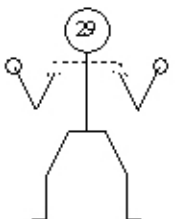
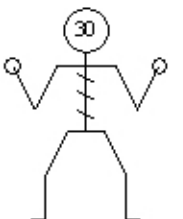
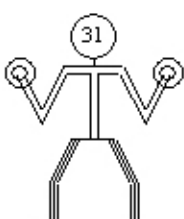
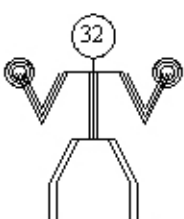
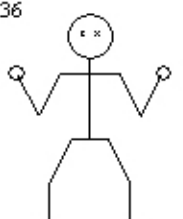
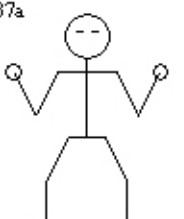
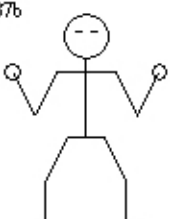
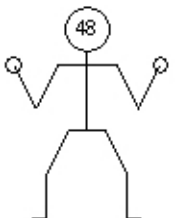
Refer to APPENDIX 6 in this Rules and Regulations for details of the Classifier Education and Certification Pathway.









## 9. A GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF PARATRIATHLON PROFILES

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 Normal function or minimal disadvantage	 Absence of limb	 Severely Incoordinate	 Deformity
 Paresis	 Incoordinate	 Paresis or incoordinate	 Wheelchair user

 Normal function or minimal disadvantage	 Absence of limb	 Severely Incoordinate	 Deformity
 Paresis	 Incoordinate	 Paresis or incoordinate	

## 10. MEDICAL DEFINITIONS

Locomotor Dysfunction:	Profiles 1-32
Sensory Dysfunction:	Profiles 36-37
Able Bodied:	Profile 48

- PROFILE 1:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe spasticity, athetosis or paresis present in all limbs and trunk. Needs an electric wheelchair or personal assistant during daily life. Not eligible for paratriathlon if an electric wheelchair user.
- PROFILE 2:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe deformity, paresis or incoordination present in all limbs and trunk. Triceps non-functional against resistance, e.g. complete C5/6 lesion. Poor trunk control. Not eligible for paratriathlon if an electric wheelchair user.
- PROFILE 3:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate deformity, paresis or in coordination present in all limbs and trunk. The finger flexors, extensors and intrinsics may be severely impaired, e.g. complete C6/7 lesion. Poor balance and inability to grip and release objects. Not eligible for paratriathlon if an electric wheelchair user.
- PROFILE 4:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe deformity, paresis, or absence of all limbs. Trunk less affected and sensation minimally affected.
- PROFILE 5:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate spasticity or athetosis present in all limbs and perhaps trunk. Can propel chair with difficulty, either with arms or legs. Moderate trunk control.
- PROFILE 6:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Minimal impairment in upper limbs, severe paresis or spasticity in lower limbs and trunk, e.g. complete C8/T1 lesion, or moderate wheelchair quadriplegic. Poor trunk control and slightly weak hands or lack of control in the arms.
- PROFILE 7:** THREE LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe deformity, paresis, spasticity, athetosis or absence of three limbs. Some trunk involvement. One limb may be only minimally affected, but use of a wheelchair is essential. Difficulty with trunk control.
- PROFILE 8:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Minimal paresis or spasticity in upper limbs, and moderate to severe spasticity or paresis of lower limbs. Intrinsic muscles of hands may be severely affected. Trunk normal.
- PROFILE 9:** LOWER LIMBS AND TRUNK REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe spasticity, athetosis, or deformity present in lower limbs and trunk. Unable to balance in sitting unsupported. (T1 – T5). No lower trunk control.
- PROFILE 10:** LOWER LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe spasticity, athetosis, deformity, or paresis present in both lower limbs. Moderate trunk involvement (T5 – T10). Good use of trunk and arms, but unable to use hip to assist trunk movement. If they are unable to move outside their base of support, they can be Profile 9.

- PROFILE 11:** LOWER LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity present in both lower limbs and trunk. It may be possible to stand or walk but uses a wheelchair for activities of daily living. Good pelvic tilt (T10 – L3). Must have some power in hip flexors and extensors.
- PROFILE 12:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity in all limbs and trunk. Able to walk in an unorthodox way. Balance and co-ordination grossly affected.  
12a: spasticity or athetosis in all limbs and trunk.  
12b: paresis or deformity in all limbs and trunk.
- PROFILE 13:** THREE LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate to severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity in three limbs. Trunk is affected. Balance in standing severely affected.
- PROFILE 14:** IPSILATERAL LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate to severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity in two limbs on the same side of the body. Trunk is usually involved. Difficulty to balance on a bike
- PROFILE 15:** IPSILATERAL LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Slight to moderate paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity in two limbs on the same side of the body. Able to walk with one side of the body being minimally impaired. Able to cycle.
- PROFILE 16:** ONE UPPER LIMB REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis or total absence of one upper limb. Able to cycle.
- PROFILE 17:** TWO LOWER LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity of both lower limbs, but able to walk with two crutches or sticks.  
17a: no functional pelvic movement. Unable to move out of base of support.  
17b: normal pelvic movement.
- PROFILE 18:** TWO LOWER LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity of one lower limb. Moderate to slight impairment of other lower limb. Able to walk, but one limb severely impaired and used like a prop.  
18a: no functional pelvic movement. Unable to move out of base of support.  
18b: normal pelvic movement.
- PROFILE 19:** ONE LOWER LIMB REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis or total absence of one lower limb. Able to walk and cycle.
- PROFILE 20:** TWO LOWER LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate to slight paresis, spasticity, athetosis or absence of part of both lower limbs. Able to cycle.
- PROFILE 21:** TWO UPPER LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis, deformity or absence of both upper limbs. Only to cycle if able to do so.
- PROFILE 22:** TWO UPPER LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate to slight paresis, spasticity, athetosis, deformity or absence of part of both upper limbs. Both

arms slightly impaired or missing below the elbow. Able to grip handlebar with or without prosthesis.

- PROFILE 23:** ONE LOWER LIMB REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate to slight paresis, spasticity, athetosis or total absence of one lower limb. One leg moderately impaired or absent below the knee, (50% or less of lower leg remaining), can usually run if fit enough. Amputation through the forefoot is not eligible.
- PROFILE 24:** ONE UPPER LIMB REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate to slight paresis, spasticity, athetosis or total absence of one upper limb below the elbow. One arm slightly impaired, unable to grip handlebars with one hand.
- PROFILE 25:** FOUR LIMBS AND TRUNK REDUCED IN STATURE. Height of four foot three inches or below (129.5 cm) – Not Eligible in Paratriathlon.
- PROFILE 26:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Moderate to slight paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity in all four limbs. Balance and gross co-ordination affected.  
26a: moderate to slight spasticity or athetosis in all four limbs.  
26b: moderate to slight paresis or deformity in all four limbs.
- PROFILE 27:** TWO CONTRALATERAL LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe to moderate paresis, spasticity, athetosis, deformity or absence of opposite arm and leg. Opposite arm and leg severely impaired or absent
- PROFILE 28:** TWO LOWER LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe to moderate paresis or degeneration in both hips. Lower spine affected. Both hips impaired causing difficulty walking, usually a waddling gait. The hip impairment must be sufficient to cause poor or no pelvic control.
- PROFILE 29:** TWO UPPER LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe to moderate paresis in both upper limbs. Both shoulders impaired.
- PROFILE 30:** TRUNK REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe to moderate paresis, or deformity in trunk or neck.
- PROFILE 31:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity in both lower limbs. Slight paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity in both upper limbs. Trunk also involved. Usually unable to move out of base of support.
- PROFILE 32:** FOUR LIMBS REDUCED IN FUNCTION. Severe paresis, spasticity, athetosis or deformity in both upper limbs. Slight to moderate paresis, paresis, athetosis, or deformity in both lower limbs. Trunk also involved.
- PROFILE 36:** TOTALLY BLIND. No light perception in either eye, up to light perception but inability to recognise the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction. See APPENDIX 4.
- PROFILE 37a:** PARTIAL SIGHT. From the ability to recognise the shape of a hand up to a visual acuity of 2/60 or visual field of less than 5 degrees. See APPENDIX 4.



**PROFILE 37b:** PARTIAL SIGHT. From visual acuity above 2/60 up to a visual acuity of 6/60 or visual field of less than 20 degrees. See APPENDIX 4.

**PROFILE 48:** ABLE BODIED ATHLETES

## 11. PARATRIATHLON CATEGORIES

The six paratriathlon categories are as follows:

**TRI 1 - Wheelchair user:** Includes Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, Polio, Double Leg Amputee and disabilities that prevent the safe use of a conventional bicycle. Must use "hand cycle" on bike course and "racing wheelchair" on the run;

**Profiles, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17a, 18a, 19**

**TRI 2 - Severe leg impairment,**including above knee amputees. Must ride bicycle and run with above knee prosthesis or run using crutches;

**Profiles 19**

**TRI 3 - Les Autres:** Includes athletes with Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, double leg amputee or paralysis in multiple limbs. Must ride a bicycle or tricycle and run. May use braces or prosthesis;

**Profiles 12a, 12b, 13, 14, 15, 17b, 18b, 20, 25, 26a, 26b, 27, 28, 31, 32**

**TRI 4 - Arm impairment:** Includes paralysis, above elbow amputees and below elbow amputees, or impairment in both upper limbs. Must ride a bike. May use prosthesis, brace or sling on the bike and/or run;

**Profiles 16, 21, 22, 24, 29**

**TRI 5 - Moderate leg impairment:** Includes below-knee amputees. Must ride a bicycle and may run with prosthesis;

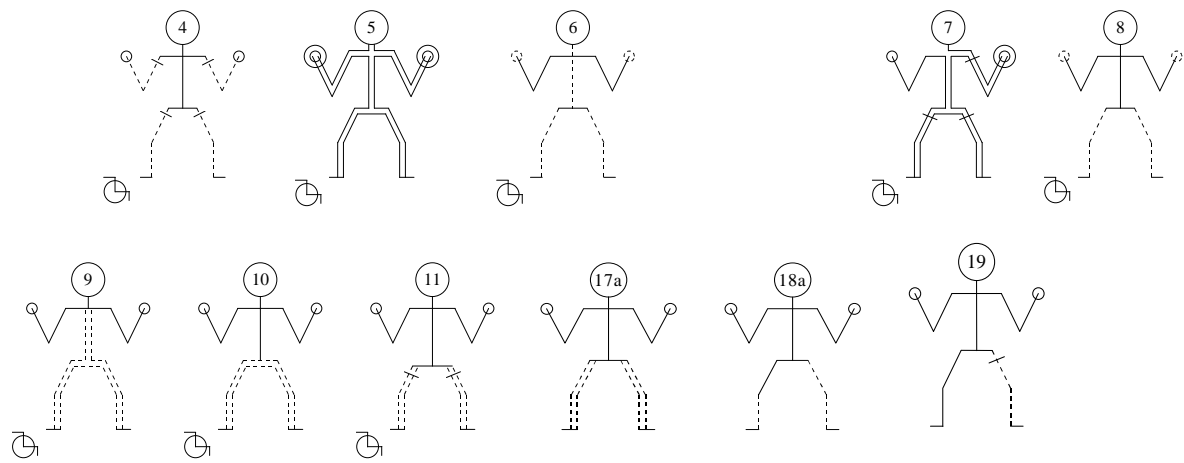
**Profile 23**

**TRI 6 - Visual Impairment:** Includes a visual acuity of less than 6/60 vision or visual field less than 40 degrees with best corrective vision. One guide of the same gender is mandatory throughout the race.

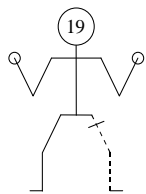
**Profiles 36, 37a, 37b**

## 12. PARATRIATHLON CATEGORIES – ILLUSTRATED:

### TRI 1 – Wheelchair user

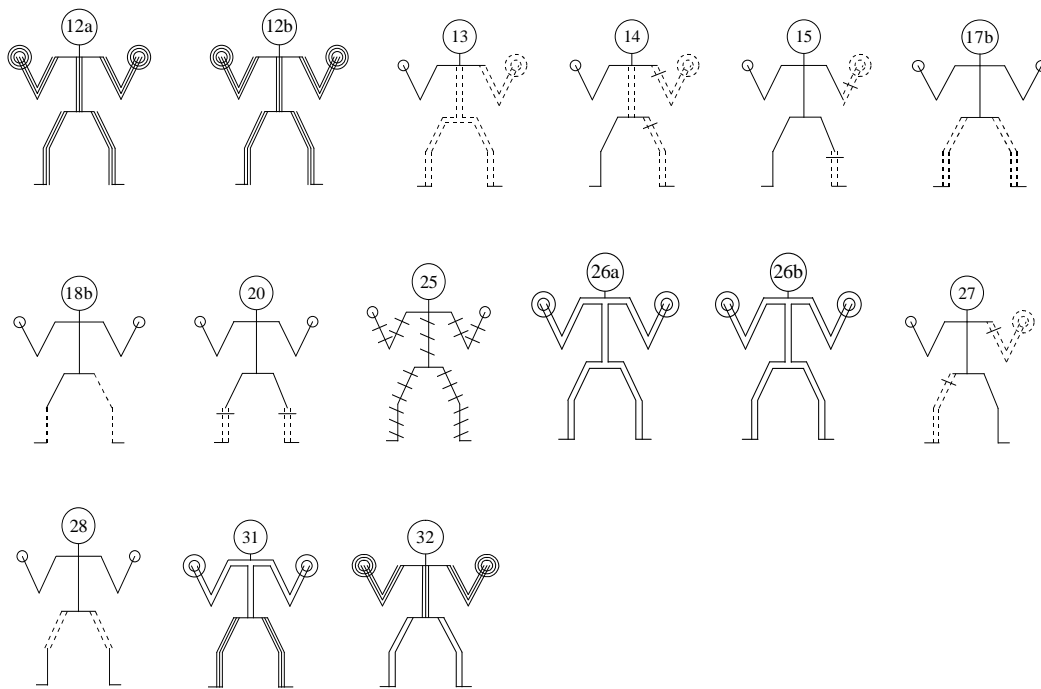


### TRI 2 - Severe leg impairment

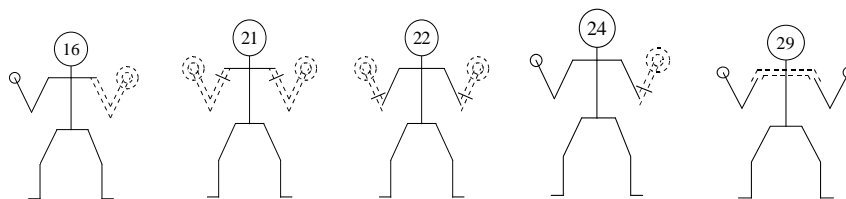


—	Normal function or minimal disadvantage	+	Absence of limb	===	Paresis or incoordinate
- - -	Paresis	≡	Incoordinate	≡≡≡	Deformity
		≡≡≡	Severely incoordinate	♿	Wheelchair user

### TRI 3 - Les Autres

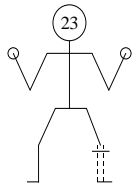


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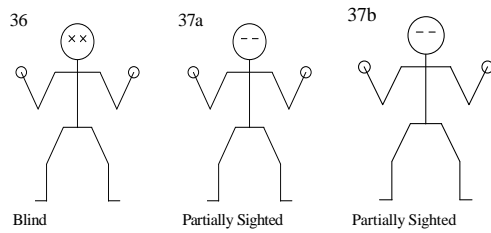


—	Normal function or minimal disadvantage	⊥	Absence of limb	===	Paresis or incoordinate
- - -	Paresis	≡	Incoordinate	≡≡≡	Deformity
		≡≡≡	Severely incoordinate	♿	Wheelchair user

## TRI 5 - Moderate leg impairment



## TRI 6 - Visual Impairment



—	Normal function or minimal disadvantage	⊥	Absence of limb	≡≡≡	Paresis or incoordinate
---	Paresis	≡≡	Incoordinate	≧≧≧	Deformity
		≡≡≡	Severely incoordinate	♿	Wheelchair user

### 13. METHOD OF ASSESSMENT:

The locomotor impairment is measured on a 0-5 scale, and recorded on the Assessment Card. It is necessary to measure and **record only the relevant impairment**, whether power, range, or coordination. For example: impairment of power is measured for complete spinal lesions, impairment of range is measured for those with congenital deformities, impairment of coordination for those with cerebral palsy, or head injuries. Impairment of sight, hearing, or learning can also be recorded on the assessment card. The Visual Impairment Certificate (Appendix 4) must also be completed for visually impaired paratriathletes.

#### Muscle Testing (Power scale)

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 0 | - | Total lack of voluntary contraction  |
| 1 | - | Faint contraction without any movement of the limb (trace, flicker)                                |
| 2 | - | Contraction with very weak movement through full range of motion when gravity is eliminated (poor) |
| 3 | - | Contraction with movement through the complete joint range against gravity                         |
| 4 | - | Contraction with full range movement against gravity and some resistance (good)                    |
| 5 | - | Contraction of normal strength through full range of movement against full resistance.             |

(Daniels and Worthingham 1980)

#### Joint Range Scale

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 0 | - | No movement possible                     |
| 1 | - | Less than 25% movement possible          |
| 2 | - | More than 25% range of movement possible |
| 3 | - | More than 50% range of movement possible |
| 4 | - | More than 75% range of movement possible |
| 5 | - | 100% range of movement possible          |

(Blomquist 1985)

#### Co-ordination scale

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | - | Activity impossible   |
| 1 | - | Severe impairment; only able to initiate activity without completion            |
| 2 | - | Severe impairment; able to accomplish the activity but in a very unorthodox way |

- 3 - Moderate impairment; able to accomplish the activity, movements are slow, awkward and unsteady
- 4 - Minimal impairment; able to accomplish the activity with slightly less than normal speed and skill.
- 5 - Normal performance

(O'Sullivan, Cullen and Smith 1981)

***NB: It is not necessary to carry out a muscle test, or a joint range test for people whose main problems are spasticity, athetosis or perceptual. Fine coordination is recorded as an overall score for each limb.***

### **Balance Testing**

STATIC BALANCE: Test in sitting and in standing positions by rhythmic stabilization. Can score as follows:

Good – 5      Slightly affected – 4      Moderately affected – 3 or 2      No effort – 1 or 0

DYNAMIC BALANCE: Test in sitting position on edge of bed with feet supported (if possible). Score on either power, range **or** coordination column on assessment card.

### **Alternative ways of testing trunk:**

**Test pelvic tilt.** Score, as for static balance (5-0), in right and left columns.

**Test upper flexion and extension.** Score, as for static balance (5-0), in right and left columns.

**Test side flexion** by sitting in anterior tilt with arms out to the side, then moving the upper body sideways away from mid line. Score, as for static balance (5-0), in right and left columns.

**Test rotation** by sitting with arms out to the side, then rotating the body each way. Score, as for static balance (5-0), in right and left columns.

#### 14. DECIDING THE PROFILE:

On completion of the assessment, the illustrations (clause 13) should be studied. Manual wheelchair paratriathletes are illustrated as Profiles 4 through 11; Standing paratriathletes are illustrated as Profiles 12 through 31. Decide on the nearest illustration, the medical definition (clause 10) should be read to confirm the choice. In all cases, the score should be calculated. The profile number nearest to the paratriathlete's presenting dysfunction is pencilled in on the card (put an alternative if uncertain e.g., Profile 14 or 15).

In particular cases, the paratriathlete may need to be observed before, and during competition to ensure that what was evaluated in assessment reflects what is seen in action. In some cases the international profile given by the Chief Classifier or medical sub committee may be different from that estimated by National Classifiers. This is because paratriathletes are continually assessed by observation. Clarification of the reason for allocation of a different profile can be obtained from the ITU Chief Classifier.

If the diagnosis and the presenting impairment are not compatible, additional information may be required from a specialist. It is essential that all paratriathletes with Multiple Sclerosis and other fluctuating medical conditions produce as much documentation as possible at each classification.

Paratriathletes may be given two profiles. This means that they have more than one type of impairment, and the more severe impairment dictates the grade at which they compete.

For example, if a paratriathlete uses a wheelchair for everyday use and is unable to ride a bike but does not have the baseline scores for the TRI 1 category, they can have a dual profile and compete in the TRI 1 category, as long as they meet the 15% minimum impairment. These are examples of dual profiles. This table should be consulted for deciding the grade for dual profiles.

PROFILE 21+ 30	=	Class TRI3
PROFILE 16+ 30 + 24	=	Class TRI3
PROFILE 15 + 23	=	Class TRI3
PROFILE 19b + 24	=	Class TRI3
PROFILE 17b + 16	=	Class TRI1 or TRI3

## 15. DETERMINING BASE LINE SCORES:

The base line scores are calculated by adding up the scores for each limb, trunk and neck. The scores have been evaluated from the collection of data over a four year period. The base line scores for each profile are listed on the next page. The scores are not recorded as a flat single dimensional number, but as a cluster of six numbers.

The maximum score for each arm is 80.

The maximum score for the neck is 40.

The maximum score for the trunk is 60.

The maximum score for each leg is 70.

Thus an unimpaired body can be represented in the following way:

left arm - neck - right arm	displayed as	80-40-80
left leg - trunk - right leg	displayed as	70-60-70

Thus a severe left hemiplegic score for co-ordination could be:

40-40-80	Profile 14
40-50-70	

This method of recording the score has more meaning than a flat score of 320 out of 400. A paraplegic could also score 320, but the impairment would be in a different part of the body. For example:

80-40-80	Profile 11
30-60-30	

The measurement of the impairment is recorded at the clinical assessment (bench test). It is essential that all paratriathletes are observed at regional, national and international events by medical assessors and sports technicians. If a paratriathlete appears to be incorrectly classified, the profile should be checked by comparison with the information recorded on the assessment card. If the paratriathlete is observed to be using parts of the body that appeared impaired on clinical assessment, but that paratriathlete does not comply with the functional description of that group of paratriathletes, the profile and group can be changed by two observers, provided one is a member of the ITU Sports Medical and Classification Sub-committee. All observation comments must be recorded on the card and endorsed by the signatures of the observers.

Base-line scores should be used only by people who have attended a Profile System Workshop as organised by the International Triathlon Union. ITU classifiers are required to attend at least one (1) refresher workshop every four years.



**16. BASE LINE SCORES FOR EACH PROFILE:**

Maximum score is:                   80-40-80  
   70-60-70

Maximum score allowed for each part of the body using 15% loss of impairment:

Neck   34                   Upper limbs   68  
 Trunk  50                Lower limbs   60

Maximum score allowed for each profile:

PROFILE 1	35-40-35 25-20-25	PROFILE 13	80-40-50 45-60-45	PROFILE 22	68-40-68 70-60-70
PROFILE 2	45-40-45 20-30-20	PROFILE 14	80-40-48 70-50-40	PROFILE 23	80-40-80 70-60-60
PROFILE 3	55-40-55 20-30-20	PROFILE 15	80-40-68 70-60-60	PROFILE 24	80-40-68 70-60-70
PROFILE 4	45-40-45 30-60-30	PROFILE 16	80-40-30 70-60-70	PROFILE 25	60-40-60 50-60-50
PROFILE 5	45-40-45 40-60-40	PROFILE 17a	80- 40- 80 40-40-40	PROFILE 26a	68-40-68 60-50-60
PROFILE 6	68-40-68 20-30-20	PROFILE 17b	80-40-80 40-60-40	PROFILE 26b	68-40-68 60-60-60
PROFILE 7	80-40-45 45-50-45	PROFILE 18a	80-40-80 60-40-15	PROFILE 27	80-40-30 30-60-70
PROFILE 8	68-40-68 45-60-45	PROFILE 18b	80-40-80 60-60-30	PROFILE 28	80-40-80 50-50-50
PROFILE 9	80-40-80 20-30-20	PROFILE 19a	80-40-80 70-60-15	PROFILE 29	50-40-50 70-60-70
PROFILE 10	80-40-80 20-50-20	PROFILE 19b	80-40-80 70-60-30	PROFILE 30	80-40-80 70-50-70
PROFILE 11	80-40-80 30-60-30	PROFILE 20	80-40-80 60-60-60	PROFILE 31	68-40-68 45-60-45
PROFILE 12a	50-40-50 45-50-45	PROFILE 21	30-40-30 70-60-70	PROFILE 32	50-40-50 60-50-60
PROFILE 12b	50-40-50 45-60-45				

## APPENDIX 1: CONSENT FOR CLASSIFICATION

### International Triathlon Union (ITU) CONSENT FOR CLASSIFICATION *(Please complete in English)*

#### **Explanation:**

The paratriathlete must be classified by a accredited International Triathlon Union (ITU) Classification Panel in order to be eligible to compete in International Triathlon Union Paratriathlon competitions.

Paratriathletes are to submit a copy of their completed Certificate of Diagnosis at the Classification Assessment.

Failure to cooperate with the classifiers, or failure to complete a classification will lead to ineligibility to compete in the paratriathlon competition sanctioned by the ITU.

If the paratriathlete finds his/her ability to cooperate with the ITU Classification Panel limited by pain, the paratriathlete has the option of being classified regardless of pain, or the paratriathlete can refuse to be classified (therefore is ineligible). The paratriathlete understands that every attempt will be made to minimise discomfort, but that classifiers are indemnified from any pain and suffering caused by the testing.

The following is an agreement by the paratriathlete to undergo a functional classification test including a medical (bench) test and to be observed before and during competition.

I \_\_\_\_\_ wish to be classified for ITU Paratriathlon competitions.  
(PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME)

I understand that the ITU Classification Process involves a medical (bench) test and observation at any time. I understand that to be classified, I must be willing to take part in all parts of the classification assessment and cooperate fully, and to the best of my ability, with the classifiers.

I understand that to perform the medical (bench) test, the ITU Classification panel must examine all movements and muscle groups. I agree to undertake these tests, and I agree that the Classifiers are indemnified and held harmless by me from any pain and suffering I may experience in the course of the test.

Information disclosed during classification will be dealt with according to the ITU Code of Ethics for Classification.

Signature of Paratriathlete \_\_\_\_\_

I give ITU the permission to use any of this information for research purposes to help develop the sport of Paratriathlon.

Signature of Paratriathlete \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness (guardian/manager/coach) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX 2: ASSESSMENT CARD

### ITU PARATRIATHLON CLASSIFICATION ASSESSMENT

<p><b>Summary of Reasons for Class Allocated</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>PARATRIATHLON CLASS</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Profile</th> <th>TRI Class</th> <th colspan="2">Status</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <th>N / I</th> <th>C/R/T</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="text"/></td> <td><input type="text"/></td> <td><input type="text"/></td> <td><input type="text"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Profile	TRI Class	Status				N / I	C/R/T	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<p><b>Athlete Information</b> <small>(DARK INK &amp; BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS)</small></p> <p>Family Name:</p> <p>Given Name:</p> <p>Date of Birth: <span style="float: right;">Male/Female</span></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Country:</p> <p>Email:</p> <p>National Federation:</p>
Profile	TRI Class	Status												
		N / I	C/R/T											
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>											
<p><b>Observation in Competition</b></p> <p>Event:</p> <p>Observations:</p> <p>Observed by: Name: Signature: Time:</p>	<p><b>Visual Impairment</b> Minimal eligibility: yes/no IBSA class:</p> <p>Event:</p> <p>Date of Classification: <span style="float: right;">Time:</span></p> <p>Classifier's Name: M/T Signature</p> <p>Classifier's Name: M/T Signature</p> <p><b>Classification Verification</b> Chief Classifier: Signature: Date:</p> <p>Signature indicates the athlete was informed of TRI class &amp; status</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td style="width: 100px; height: 100px; text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">PHOTO</td> <td> <p>Name:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p> </td> </tr> </table>	PHOTO	<p>Name:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p><b>Training &amp; Competition History</b></p> <p>Years competing in Paratriathlon:</p> <p>Training sessions per week:</p> <p>Competitions in last 12 Months:</p> <p>Other sports:</p> <p>Other sports classification:</p> <p><b>Type of Equipment</b> <small>Cycle / trike / tandem / handcycle / wheelchair</small></p> <p><b>Assistive Devices</b> <small>Brace / prosthesis / crutches / strapping / other</small></p>										
PHOTO	<p>Name:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>													

**NAME:**

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**  
**Diagnosis:**  
 Congenital/ Acquired    Progressive    Fluctuating

**History:**

**Impact on Paratriathlon performance:**

**Other factors that may affect classification:**

**Secondary Conditions:**  
 Epilepsy    Asthma    Autonomic dysreflexia

**Medication:**

**Wheelchair:**  
 Always    Sometimes    Never

AVERAGE RANGE OF MOVEMENT FOR REFERENCE		POWER 0-5		RANGE 0-5		FINE CO-ORD 0-5	
		R	L	R	L		
NECK	0-40 FLEXION						
	0-40 EXTENSION						
	0-45 SIDE FLEXION						
	0-80 ROTATION						
SHOULDER GIRDLE	0-170 FLEXION						
	0-60 EXTENSION						
SHOULDER	0-170 ABDUCTION						
	0-80 EXT. ROTAT.						
	0-80 INT. ROTAT.						
ELBOW	0-160 FLEXION						
	160-0 EXTENSION						
	0-80 PRONATION						
	0-70 SUPINATION						
WRIST	0-80 FLEXION						
	0-70 EXTENSION						
	0-10 RADIAL						
FINGERS	0-80 FLEXION						
	0-45 EXTENSION						
THUMB	0-80 OPPOSITION						
TRUNK	0-30 THOR. FLEX.						
	0-30 THOR. EXT						
	0-30 SIDE FLEX.						
	0-45 ROTATION						
PELVIS	0-5 POST. TILT						
	0-5 ANT. TILT						
HIP	0-110 FLEXION						
	0-30 EXTENSION						
	0-40 ABDUCTION						
	0-30 ADDUCTION						
	0-45 EXT. ROTAT.						
KNEE	0-45 INT. ROTAT.						
	0-120 FLEXION						
	120-0 EXTENSION						
	0-15 INT. ROTN.						
FOOT	0-25 EXT. ROTAT.						
	0-20 DORSIFLEX						
	0-20 P. FLEX						
	0-15 INT. ROTAT.						
	0-15 EXT. ROTAT.						

Calculated Score			

**STANDING**

with no external support    Yes    No

with support    Yes    No

Specify:    Crutches    Sticks    Aids

Other:

**STATIC BALANCE**

	NORMAL	SLIGHT IMPAIRMENT	MODERATE IMPAIRMENT	NO BALANCE
SITTING				
STANDING				
STANDING R/LEG ONLY				
STANDING L/LEG ONLY				

Dominant Hand:    Right / Left

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Name:    Signature:

**APPENDIX 3 CERTIFICATE OF DIAGNOSIS**

**International Triathlon Union (ITU)  
CERTIFICATE OF DIAGNOSIS**

FULL NAME .....

ADDRESS.....

.....

COUNTRY.....

DATE OF BIRTH..... Female  Male

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE.....

**MEDICAL DETAILS**

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY A DOCTOR (e.g.family doctor, orthopaedic surgeon, specialist)

NAME OF APPLICANT.....

DIAGNOSIS.....

RELEVANT FACTORS, e.g. epilepsy, diabetes, heart disease. (Please note: in case of visual impairment the ITU Certificate of Visual Impairment should also be completed).

**I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INFORMATION IS CORRECT**

SIGNATURE OF DOCTOR.....

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL and QUALIFICATIONS OF DOCTOR

**N.B. Information disclosed on this form will be dealt with in confidence according to the International Triathlon Union Code of Ethics for Classification.**

**APPENDIX 4: VISUAL IMPAIRMENT CERTIFICATE**

**International Triathlon Union (ITU)  
MEDICAL DIAGNOSTICS FORM FOR ATHLETES WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**

Please complete the form in capital letters

The form must be completed in capital letters by a **registered Ophthalmologist**.  
The information on this form is used to determine the athlete's eligibility to compete in accordance with ITU classification rules.  
Incomplete applications, or failure to have this form completed, may result in the athlete not being classified and preventing them from competing at that event.

**It is mandatory that the athlete submits a copy of this form and all relevant documentation to the Chief Classifier at classification**

**1. ATHLETE INFORMATION**

Surname: ..... Given Names: .....

Female  Male  Date of Birth (d/m/y): .....

Address: .....

City: ..... Country: .....

Email: .....

**2. MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Current Diagnosis with Sufficient Medical Information (see note 1)

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Age of onset: .....

Anticipated future procedure(s): .....

Glasses: YES / NO  
Correction: R:.....L:.....

Contact Lenses: YES / NO  
R: .....L:.....

Prosthesis: YES / NO  
LEFT / RIGHT

Eye Medications

.....
.....

**3. ASSESSMENT RESULTS**

Visual Acuity

	With Correction	Without Correction
RE		
LE		

Type of correction: .....

Measurement Method: .....

Visual Field (see note 2) *Please attach visual field map*

			Degrees (diameter)
RE		LE	

The athlete evaluation is based on the assessment of visual acuity in the eye with better visual acuity whilst wearing best optical correction using spectacles or contact lenses.

IBSA Sport Class (Refer page 3 for details:

<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>
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Other Relevant Medical History

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**4. OPHTHALMOLOGIST DECLARATION**

<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that ..... meets the ITU minimal eligibility criteria of IBSA sport class B3 as outlined on page 3
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that there is no contra-indication for this individual to compete at a competitive level. in ITU sport.
Name(PRINT):.....
Qualifications:
Registration number: .....
Address:
E-mail: .....

Signature of Ophthalmologist: .....

Date: .....

## DEFINITION OF ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in IPC Paralympic Sport, the athlete with visual impairment must be affected by at least one of the following impairments, resulting from disease/disorder:

- impairment of the eye structure;
- impairment of the optical nerve/optic pathways;
- Impairment of the visual cortex of the central brain.

An athlete evaluation and sport class allocation will be based on the assessment of visual acuity in the eye with better visual acuity whilst wearing best optical correction using spectacles or contact lenses.

### IBSA Sport Class B1

An Athlete shall compete in Sport Class B1 if the Athlete is unable to recognize the orientation of a 100M Single Tumbling E target (height: 145mm) at a distance of 250mm.

Within this class, the vision ability may range from no light perception to a Single Tumbling E visual acuity poorer than LogMAR = 2.60.

### IBSA Sport Class B2

An Athlete shall compete in Sport Class B2 if the Athlete:

- Is unable to recognize the orientation of a 40M Single Tumbling E target (height: 58mm) at a distance of 1m (STE LogMAR = 1.60); and/or
- Has a visual field that is constricted to a diameter of less than 10 degrees.

Within this class, the vision acuity may range from Single Tumbling E visual acuity poorer than LogMar = 1.60 to Single Tumbling E visual acuity of LogMar = 2.60.

### IBSA Sport Class B3

**An athlete will be eligible for International Triathlon Union if he/she:**

- Has a visual acuity that is poorer than LogMar = 1.00 (6/60) measured with an ETDRS letter chart or an equivalent chart (Tumbling E) in the LogMAR format presented at a distance of at least 1meter.; and/or
- Has a visual field that is constricted to a diameter of less than 40 degrees.

Within this class, the visual acuity may range from a letter chart acuity poorer than LogMAR = 1.60 to a Single Tumbling E visual acuity of LogMAR = 1.60.

### Note 1 Diagnosis

*Evidence confirming the diagnosis must be attached and forwarded with this application. The medical evidence should include a comprehensive medical history and the results of all relevant examinations, laboratory investigations and imaging studies. Copies of the original reports or letters should be included when possible. Evidence should be as objective as possible in the clinical circumstances and in the case of non-demonstrable conditions independent supporting medical opinion will assist this application. This includes report and graphic results (where applicable) on:*

- Pattern Visual Evoked Potentials
- Electroretinography / Electrooculography
- Cerebral Magnetic Resonance Imaging

### Note 2

*Visual Field has to be tested by full-field strategy (30° central field test will not be accepted, by means of any of the following devices:*

- Humphrey Field Analyzer, Twinfield (Oculus), Octopus (interzeag), Rodenstock Peristat, Medmont (MAP), Goldmann Perimetry Intensity III/4

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**It is mandatory the Athlete submits a copy of this Medical Diagnostic Form and all relevant documentation to the ITU Chief Classifier when he/she presents for classification**



## APPENDIX 5: TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATION FORM

### International Triathlon Union (ITU) Paratriathlon

#### TEMPORARY CLASSIFICATION FORM

Athletes wishing to enter an ITU Paratriathlon competition must have a classification. Classification ensures fair and equitable competition and involves assessment by a qualified ITU Classifier to determine eligibility for competition and the allocation of a competition class.

At ITU competitions where classification is not available a temporary classification is given for that event. Please complete this form, is to collect relevant information to allow for an interim placement in a competition class.

**Please complete this form and include the Certificate of Diagnosis or if appropriate, Certificate of Visual Impairment. (Both forms attached)**

We may require additional information depending on the nature of the impairment.

Information disclosed on these forms will be dealt with in confidence and according to ITU Code of Ethics for Classification.

#### CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Country</b>		<b>Gender</b>	<b>M</b> <b>F</b>
<b>E-Mail</b>		<b>Date of Birth</b>	

#### Type of Impairment (circle one)

<b>Neurological</b>	<b>Locomotor</b>	<b>Visual</b>	<b>Spinal Cord</b>	<b>Congenital</b>	<b>Acquired Date:</b>
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#### Brief Medical History (Feel free to use more space.)

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**Brief Description of Impairment and how it impacts on the sport of Paratriathlon**

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**List of Regular Medications**

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**Surgery**

Year	Description

**Additional Conditions: E.g. epilepsy, asthma, sensory, other**

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**Equipment used: (circle one)**

<b>Bicycle</b>	<b>Tricycle</b>	<b>Handcycle</b>	<b>Tandem</b>	<b>Racing Wheelchair</b>	<b>Prosthetics</b>
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List any other aids or adaptations used in the swim, bike, run or transition: e.g. braces, orthotics, strapping.

Swim	Transition	Cycle	Run

Please return this form, the Certificate of Medical Diagnosis and if appropriate Certificate of Visual Impairment to:

**Eric Angstadt, Coordinator - ITU Technical Operations**  
[eric.angstadt@triathlon.org](mailto:eric.angstadt@triathlon.org)

## **APPENDIX 6: CLASSIFIER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The ITU Classifiers' Education and Certification Programme has been created to develop Paratriathlon Classifiers (ITU Technical Officials) and defines the requirements needed for different levels of certification.

### **2. Purpose**

- 2.1. The purpose of this document is to:
  - a.) Identify, and make transparent, the competencies required to classify for ITU;
  - b.) Establish the level of certification required to classify in ITU events;
  - c.) Identify the role & responsibilities Of the different levels of certification.

## **SECTION 1: CLASSIFIERS' LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION**

### **3. General**

- 3.1. The ITU Classifier Education and Certification System has four (4) levels
  - a.) National Classifier;
  - b.) Trainee International Classifier;
  - c.) Level 1 International Classifier; and
  - d.) Level 2 International Classifier.
- 3.2. Paratriathlon classifiers shall be:
  - a.) medical and/or health professionals, for example - medical doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists;
  - b.) sports specific and/or technical experts for example sport scientists, coaches, former athletes, physical educators.
- 3.3. Potential ITU International Classifiers shall be National Classifiers, who are actively classifying in Paratriathlon for their National Federations.
- 3.4. The criteria, the training requirements and the validation requirements are set out in Table 1 below.

## **SECTION 2: PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS ON CERTIFICATION OF CLASSIFIERS**

### **4. Certification of classifiers**

- 4.1. ITU is responsible, through the ITU Sport Department and the ITU Head of Classification, for maintaining the ITU Classifiers' Database, which will include all the relevant data of each ITU classifier, such as certification level, events in which they have taken part and the position they held, seminars attended, etc. The responsibility of assessing whether a classifier has met the requirements for certification at a particular level is the responsibility of the ITU.
- 4.2. The ITU Paratriathlon Committee and the ITU Technical Committee will approve the new classifiers, and any change of level of the existing classifiers once per year, based on the ITU Sport Department and the ITU Head of Classification's report.

## **5. Delivery of certification courses (National Level, International Level 1 & Level 2)**

- 5.1. All certification courses will be conducted by an ITU Level 2 Classifier certified as an ITU facilitator and selected by the ITU Sport Department and the ITU Head of Classification.
- 5.2. Attendees training to become an ITU National Classifier will be selected by their own NF and must meet the eligibility criteria set by ITU. NFs can apply to host a course before December 1st of the previous calendar year. The ITU Sport Department will publish the calendar of National level Classifiers' courses before January 31<sup>st</sup> of the actual calendar year.
- 5.3. Attendees training to become an ITU Level 1 International Classifier will be nominated by the Continental Confederations from those who comply with the pre-requirements listed in Table 1. Attendees who need to validate their level will be admitted upon request. Continental Confederations can apply to host a course before December 1st of the previous calendar year. ITU can also decide to organise courses for any level, anywhere in the world, at its discretion. The ITU Sport Department will publish the calendar of courses before January 31<sup>st</sup> of the actual calendar year.
- 5.4. Attendees training to become an ITU Level 2 International Classifier will be selected by ITU from those who comply with the prerequisites listed in Table 1. Attendees who need to validate their level will be admitted upon request. ITU will decide whether and when to organise courses for this level. The ITU Sport Department will publish the calendar of courses before January 31<sup>st</sup> of the actual calendar year.
- 5.5. ITU remains the right to alter the pre-course requirements after proposal from the ITU HOC and the ITU Sport Department and approval by the ITU Paratriathlon Committee and the ITU Technical Committee

## **6. Competency Assessment and Certification Notification of Classifiers**

- 6.1. All the ITU Classifiers (National, Trainee, Level 1, Level 2) will be certified by the ITU Paratriathlon Committee and the ITU Technical Committee before January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year based on confirmation of their achievement of demonstrated competence from the ITU Sport Department and the ITU Head of Classification.
  - a.) National Classifier
  - b.) Must pass a written examination and complete five (5) classifications at a national level within one (1) year with mentoring by a Level 2 International Classifier. On completion of the course the course facilitator completes the evaluation form and finalizes and signs together with each of the course participants. The course participant is informed of their status at this time. The course facilitator will send a list of all the attendees on the course to the ITU Sport Department and to the ITU Head of Classification with a copy of the signed competency evaluations, course test results, and recommendations for pathway progression. The HOC will assign the successful participants to a Level 2 International Classifier for mentoring. This person can be the same person as the course facilitator. The Level 2 international classifier/mentor collects and keeps 5x completed assessment cards, over 1 year from each national course candidate along with his/her mentor report. Before Dec. 16th the HOC receives reports and classification cards from Classification Mentors and on Dec 16-21 HOC and ITU Sport Department submit a list of proposed classifiers, their evaluations, test results and scanned copies of assessment cards to the ITU Paratriathlon Committee and the ITU Technical Committee for certification approval. On January 1-15 ITU Paratriathlon Committee and ITU Technical Committee approve the list of certified classifiers who are duly informed by the ITU Sport Department. For those course participants not achieving National certification ITU will call for an expression of interest to repeat the course. The ITU Classifier database to be updated by ITU and the list of the classifiers will be published on [www.triathlon.org](http://www.triathlon.org) Trainee International Classifier

- NFs shall apply for a National Classifier to obtain the ITU Trainee International Classifier status. The ITU Sport Department and the ITU Head of Classification will submit a list of the proposed ITU Trainee International Classifiers to the ITU Paratriathlon Committee for approval and certification, (December 16th-31st), which shall not unreasonably be withheld.
- c.) Level 1 & Level 2 International Classifier
- Must pass a written examination, which will be submitted to the ITU Head of Classification for evaluation. Additional exams may be conducted if the status is unclear. Qualification will be awarded as “Ready to reach the ITU Level 1/Level 2 International Classifier level” or “Not approved to reach ITU Level 1/Level 2 International Classifier” and will be added to the Classifiers’ Database whereupon those in the first category will be put forward for the ITU Level 1/Level 2 International Classifier level. The ITU Sport Department and the ITU Head of Classification will submit a list of the proposed ITU Level 1/Level 2 International Classifiers to the ITU Paratriathlon Committee and the ITU Technical Committee for approval and certification.

## 7. **Validation, suspension and downgrading.**

- 7.1. The National, Level 1 and Level 2 International Classifiers will have to revalidate their qualification after a period by following the procedure and the timelines stated in Table 1.
- 7.2. A classifier will be moved down by one (1) level if the time limits indicated in Table 1 were reached without that classifier attending a validation course. A list of the proposed classifiers to be moved down one (1) level will be submitted by the ITU Sport Department to the ITU Paratriathlon Committee and the ITU Technical Committee for approval once a year.
- 7.3. The respective NF has the right to suspend the status of a classifier in case the individual is not in good standing with their NF. The reason for suspension needs to be detailed in providing a logical rationale to the ITU Sport Department and to the ITU Head of Classification, for submission to the ITU Paratriathlon Committee and ITU Technical Committee for approval.

## 8. **Timelines**

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>WHAT</b>
Before December 1 <sup>st</sup>	National Federations	Apply to host a National Classifier course Apply for gaining trainee status for National Classifiers
Before December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Continental Confederations	Apply to host a a Level 1 International Classifier course
December 16 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	ITU Sport Department/ ITU HOC	Submit a list of proposed classifiers to ITU Paratriathlon Committee and ITU Technical Committee for approval and certification
January 1 <sup>st</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	ITU Paratriathlon Committee/ ITU Technical Committee	Approve the list of certified classifiers
Before January 31 <sup>st</sup>	ITU Sport Department	Publish the calendar of courses and certified classifiers and their levels

**Table 1: ITU Paratriathlon Classifier Certification Programme**

Certification Level	Type of Event that Classifier Can Manage		Criteria	Area of Mandatory Training	Courses conducted by	ITU Sport Department's Involvement	Validation
	As Chief Classifier	As Member of a Classification Panel					
<b>National Classifier (NC)</b>	National Events	National Events	<p>1. National Classifiers shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical and/or health professionals. (for example:- medical doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists)</li> <li>- Sports specific and/or technical experts. (for example: sport scientists, coaches, former paratriathletes, physical educators);</li> </ul> <p>2. Complete the ITU National Classifier's Course and exam successfully;</p> <p>3. Complete five (5) classifications at a national level within 1 year with mentoring by a Level 2 international classifier</p>	ITU National Classifier's course	ITU Accredited Facilitator	ITU will provide materials & facilitators	Must attend a seminar at this level every four (4) years, or the classifier will lose this status
<b>Trainee International Classifier</b>	National Events	ITU Events (under supervision)	<p>1. One (1) year minimum as a National Classifier;</p> <p>2. National Classifier's NF shall apply to the ITU Sport Department for trainee status.</p>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Level 1 International Classifier</b>	ITU Events	ITU Events, Major Games	<p>1. One (1) year minimum as Trainee International Classifier;</p> <p>2. Assess at Minimum, four (4) ITU Events within four (4) previous years as Trainee International Classifier</p> <p>3. Assess at Minimum, twenty five (25) classifications under supervision of a Level 2 Classifier;</p> <p>4. Attend the Level 1 Course and complete the formal examination successfully.</p>	ITU Level 1 International classifier course including basic ITU Competition Rules;	ITU Accredited Facilitator	ITU will provide materials & facilitators	Must attend a seminar at this level every four (4) years, or the classifier will lose this status
<b>Level 2 International Classifier</b>	ITU Events, Major Games	ITU Events, Major Games	<p>1. Two (2) years minimum as Level 1 International Classifier;</p> <p>2. Assess at minimum, four (4) ITU Events within four (4) previous years as Level 1 International Classifier;</p> <p>3. Attend the Level 2 International Course and complete the formal examination successfully;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paralympic Games policies and procedure;</li> <li>• Classification case studies</li> </ul>	ITU Accredited Facilitator	ITU will provide materials & facilitators	Must attend a seminar at this level every four (4) years, or the classifier will lose this status

## APPENDIX 7: CLASSIFICATION PROTEST FORM



INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION

### CLASSIFICATION PROTEST FORM

The classification protest must be filed and signed by the protester under the conditions outlined in the ITU Competition Rules and submitted to the Chief Classifier.

<b>Event Name:</b>	_____	<b>Event Date:</b>	_____
<b>Event Location:</b>	_____		
<b>Name of Protester:</b>	_____	<b>NPC or NF of Protester:</b>	_____
<b>Country of Protester:</b>	_____	<b>Email:</b>	_____
<b>Address of Protester</b>	_____		
<b>Telephone (home):</b>	_____	<b>Telephone (mobile):</b>	_____
<b>Name of Protestee:</b>	_____		
<b>Country of Protestee:</b>	_____	<b>Race Number:</b>	_____

**Current international sport class:** TRI1\_\_ TRI2\_\_ TRI3\_\_ TRI4\_\_ TRI5\_\_ TRI6\_\_  
**Sport class protested:** TRI1\_\_ TRI2\_\_ TRI3\_\_ TRI4\_\_ TRI5\_\_ TRI6\_\_

**Reason for protest:**

**Time received by Chief Classifier:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee attached?** Yes  No

**Signature of Protester:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Chief Classifier:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DECISION OF THE CLASSIFICATION PROTEST PANEL**

**Decision of the Protest Panel:** Accepted/Denied

Rationale:

**Members of the Protest Panel**

**Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_ Medical/Technical

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_ Medical/Technical

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date (dd/mm/yyyy):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_



## APPENDIX 8: CLASSIFICATION APPEAL FORM



INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION

### CLASSIFICATION APPEAL FORM

Classification Appeal must be filed under the conditions outlined in the ITU Competition Rules.

**Lodged by:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NPC/ NF :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone (home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone (mobile):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Identification of the athlete whose evaluation and/or classification is subject to the appeal:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Race Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**International sport class:**

**Sport class status:**

**Reason for appeal:**

**Fee attached?**

Yes  No

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*All notice of appeal should be submitted to ITU by email, fax or ordinary mail*

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