



ITU PARATRIATHLON CLASSIFIERS' 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 and 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 classifiers: medical and/or health professionals, for example – licensed medical doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists that have experience in standard Muscle Power assessment procedures.
 - b.) Technical classifiers: sports specific and/or technical experts for example sport scientists, human movements science experts, coaches, physical educators or equivalent
 - c.) In good standing with their National Federation
 - d.) Fluent in both spoken and written English
- 3.3. Potential ITU International Classifiers shall be National Classifiers, who are actively classifying in Paratriathlon for their National Federations. Their NF shall submit a CV detailing all experience and background in sport.
- 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 HoC and ITU Sports Department will review the competencies for new classifiers and will create a list at the end of each season to be co-approved by the ITU Paratriathlon Committee and the ITU Technical Committee.

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

- 5.1. All certification courses will be conducted by an ITU Senior 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 and Continental Confederations 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 the start of the season of the actual calendar year.
- 5.3. Existing National Classifiers may be nominated by their NFs or ITU in consultation with their NFs to become a Trainee level Classifier (CT) in order to become an International Classifier.
- 5.4. 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 organize courses for any level, anywhere in the world, at its discretion. The ITU Sport Department will publish the calendar of courses before the start of the season of the actual calendar year.
- 5.5. Attendees training to become an ITU Level 2 International Classifier will be selected by ITU from those who comply with the pre-requirements listed in Table 1. Attendees who need to validate their level will be admitted upon request. ITU will decide whether and when to organize courses for this level. The ITU Sport Department will publish the calendar of courses before the start of the season of the actual calendar year.
- 5.6. ITU retains the right to alter the pre-course requirements after proposals from the ITU HoC and the ITU Sport Department and approval by the ITU Technical Committee

6. Competency Assessment and Certification Notification of Classifiers

- 6.1. All the ITU Classifiers (National, Trainee, Level 1, and Level 2) will be certified by the ITU Technical Committee before the start of the season 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

Must attend an ITU Paratriathlon Classification Course and successfully pass the evaluation of the course. 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. For those course participants not achieving National certification ITU will call for an expression of interest to repeat the course. The ITU Classifier database will be updated by ITU and the list of the classifiers will be published on www.triathlon.org
 - b.) 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 prior to the start of the new season.

c.) Level 1 & Level 2 International Classifier

Must attend an ITU Paratriathlon Classification Course and successfully pass the evaluation of the course. 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.

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 at the end of each season.

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 at the end of each season.
- 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

WHEN	WHO	WHAT
Before December 1 st	National Federations	Apply to host an ITU Paratriathlon Classification course Apply for gaining trainee status for National Classifiers
Before December 1 st	Continental Confederations	Apply to host an ITU Paratriathlon Classification course
End of the season	Sport Department + HoC	Submit a list of proposed classifiers to ITU Paratriathlon Committee and ITU Technical Committee for approval and certification
Before start of new season	Paratriathlon Committee + Technical Committee	Approve the list of certified classifiers
Before start of new season	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					
National Classifier (NC)	National Events	National Events	<p>1. National Classifiers shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical and/or health professionals such as medical doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, etc, that have experience in standard Muscle Power assessment procedures. - Sports specific and/or technical expertise in areas such as sport scientists, human movements science, coaches, physical educators or equivalent - Fluent in both spoken and written English <p>2. Complete the ITU National Classifier's Course and exam successfully;</p> <p>3. Complete classifications in at least one national level event as part of a panel within 1 year with mentoring by an ITU 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
Trainee Classifier (CT)	National Events	ITU Events (under supervision)	<p>1. One (1) year minimum as a National Classifier or at the discretion of ITU based on a complete competencies report made by the HoC.</p> <p>2. National Classifier's NF shall apply to the ITU Sport Department for trainee status.</p>	n/a	n/a	n/a	CT must attend an ITU Nat. Classifiers course the year they are progressing to international level in order to retain this status.
Level 1 International Classifier (C1)	ITU Events	ITU Events, Major Games	<p>1. One (1) year minimum as Trainee Classifier;</p> <p>2. Assess at minimum of 1 international ITU event as part of a panel under the supervision of an ITU Senior Classifier and have met the required competencies as reported by the HoC;</p> <p>3. Attend the ITU Classifiers Course unless it was completed in the previous two years.</p>	ITU Classifiers 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
Level 2 International Classifier (C2)	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>	Paralympic Games policies and procedures; Classification case studies	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