



# **National Wheelchair Basketball Association**

Classification  
Policies & Procedures

*These policies and procedures are developed by the NWBA Classification Committee. Any changes to these policies and procedures must be approved by the NWBA Board of Directors. Some changes to these policies the NWBA Board of Directors will present the change for approval to NWBA membership to vote on accepting those changes.*

## **Introduction**

The document aims to provide a clear statement of the purpose of athlete classification, as well as a framework of policies and procedures that will uphold confidence in classification systems across the wheelchair basketball operations managed by the NWBA.

The NWBA classification policies and procedures strive to be aligned with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athlete Code as well as the respective International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) Player Classification Rules & Manual where relevant and applicable.

## **International and National Standards for Classification**

IPC Classification Code: <https://www.paralympic.org/classification-code>

Article 1.6 of the IPC Code illustrates specific standards for executing classification. These standards are divided into six main sub documents as part of the Code:

- Eligible Impairments
- Athlete Evaluation
- Protests and Appeals
- Classifier Personnel and Training
- Classification Data Protection

Each set of standards must be followed for international and national classification in the way that the Code specifies. There will be slight variations as to how these elements will be implemented on a national level and these variations are described in this document.

## **Upholding the Code**

NWBA has developed the Classification Policies & Procedures and national standards to uphold the Code where and when possible, while creating a fair and equitable process for resolving situations where non-compliance with the Code has been raised.

## **Classification Overview**

Classification is the structure for competition within Paralympic sport. Classification is undertaken to ensure that an athlete's impairment is relevant to sport performance and to ensure that the athlete competes equitably with other athletes.

Paralympic athletes have an impairment in body structures and functions that leads to a competitive disadvantage in sport. Consequently, criteria are put in place to ensure that winning is determined by skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability and mental focus, the same factors that account for success in sport for athletes who are able-bodied.

Wheelchair basketball classification is the grouping of players into categories (classes), based on the player's physical capacity to execute fundamental basketball movements; pushing the wheelchair, dribbling, shooting, passing, catching, rebounding and reacting to contact.

The purpose of player classification in wheelchair basketball is to ensure that all eligible players have an equal right and opportunity to be an integral member of a team.

## **Standards for Eligible Impairments – National Standard**

To be eligible for play in the NWBA, a player shall have:

a. A permanent physical disability which consistently reduces the function of the lower limbs to a degree where they cannot run, pivot or jump at the speed and with the control safety, stability and endurance required to play running basketball as an able bodied player; and

b. A disability that must be of a nature that it can be objectively verified by acknowledged medical and/or paramedical investigations such as measurement, X-ray, CT, MRI, etc.; and

c. Including, but not limited to, paralysis, amputation, radial evidence of limb shortening, full to partial joint ankylosis or joint replacement which consistently interferes with functional mobility, and have provided confirmation of the relevant surgery from their attending physician or surgeon, and supporting X-rays/scans; and

d. In the instance of amputation, at minimum total removal of the first ray of one foot; and

e. In the instance of a leg length discrepancy,

For documentation of leg length discrepancy the following procedure will be used if "radiological evidence of limb shortening" is unavailable. The ideal measure is a Scanogram providing a grid measurement to accurately measure bone length. However, since it may not be medically necessary to expose the athlete to x-ray radiation and the Scanogram is expensive it may not be a realistic option for the initial classification. To ensure consistency with measurement the method to be used is by tape measure from Anterior Superior Iliac Spine to Medial Malleolous. The measurement should be in cm and recorded under the measurement for girth. Minimum measurement must be a 6cm difference except that the 6 cm minimum shall not apply to players for participation in the Junior Division.

Findings such as soft tissue contracture, ligamentous instability, edema or disuse atrophy, or symptoms such as pain or numbness without other objective findings shall not be considered a permanent lower extremity disability. Degrees of pain and/or numbness are not considered measurable and permanent disabilities within this meaning.

The player must demonstrate clear evidence of permanent loss of nerve function, muscle strength, joint range of motion, or similar loss of function. An otherwise able-bodied player with a temporary disability, (involving for instance, the rehabilitative period following a surgery or a fracture) is considered able-bodied player, as the player would be expected to regain function within normal limits. The player must supply, as requested, medical documentation of the permanent lower extremity disability, which may include physician's reports, radiological findings, nerve conduction studies and associated documentation.

An otherwise able-bodied player with a temporary disability or a disability not meeting above impairment criteria may only compete in the following divisions of play within the NWBA; Intercollegiate Women, Intercollegiate Men, Women's and/or Military. These individuals would not be eligible to compete in other divisions within the NWBA.

#### **Standards for Eligible Impairments – International Standard**

The NWBA follows the IWF Classification Rules for high performance program players to be eligible for IWF sanctioned events. Reference the IWF Player Classification Rules for the Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) specifics.

#### **Determination of Eligibility – National Standard**

To be eligible to participate in any NWBA competitions, a player who does not have a lower extremity impairment which can be clearly established by observation alone will need to apply for consideration of their eligibility to the NWBA, by submitting an Application for Consideration of Eligibility.

This application will be forwarded to the NWBA Classification Committee for determination. The Classification Committee is detailed in the NWBA Bylaws.

To apply for consideration under the minimal disability criteria an athlete must submit an Application of Consideration for Eligibility Form which includes submitting supporting medical documentation via the online Registration form as outlined on the NWBA website.

1. The athlete shall have the responsibility to determine what supporting documentation to submit.
2. The Application and supporting documentation submitted by the athlete is sent to the Classification Committee Chair
3. Classification Committee Chair will communicate with the Committee for each determination.
4. A conference call may be held by the Committee to discuss or in the event there is a lack of consensus.
5. If the Classification Committee and/or Chair determine that additional supporting documentation is needed, the athlete is notified and allowed 30 days to provide sufficient information. If the player does not provide information within 30 days the application

becomes invalid, the player registration status “inactive”, and the player is not eligible to play in the respective division if/as applicable.

6. The Classification Committee shall make the decision within 30 days of receiving a complete application.
7. The Classification Committee will communicate (via email as submitted in SportsEngine) the application determination to the player, the NWBA National Office and the respective Division Commissioners.
8. If an athlete meets the Minimal Disability Standard, the athlete may be classified.

NOTE: An athlete may continue to participate in competition while an application for Eligibility is under consideration, but if the athlete is determined to be ineligible all games shall be forfeited.

NOTE: All Eligibility determinations must be completed before the Application for Nationals Application Deadline.

#### *Junior Division Minimal Disability Eligibility*

All Junior Division Teams shall use the Minimal Disability Form, signed by a licensed medical doctor, to determine whether the athlete meets the NWBA eligibility criteria.

If a Junior Division athlete does not have an obvious disability by sight the athlete must apply for Eligibility Consideration using the process outlined, except that an athlete that is denied eligibility as a Junior may appeal a decision when he/she becomes an adult. This application shall be considered a new Eligibility Consideration application and will be subject to the process. Eligibility determination for the Junior Division shall be determined by the Classification Committee.

#### **Previous IWBf Eligibility**

All athletes with an IWBf classification prior to 2020 may continue to compete in the NWBA under their previous IWBf classification. *(this pertains to the MIC that the IWBf changed 2020—deemed ineligible that previously competed in the NWBA with an IWBf Card—only players that played prior to 2020).*

#### **Determination of Eligibility – International Standard**

The NWBA follows the Player Evaluation Process set forth by the IWBf. Reference the IWBf Player Classification Rules for specifics.

## **Sport Class – National Standard**

A sport class is a category defined by in which athletes are categorized in reference to activity limitation resulting from impairment. The sport classes used by the NWBA are based on a functional classification system that is set to allow even levels of competition on the court for wheelchair basketball based on functional mobility. Players are classified as belonging to one of 8 classes: 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5. The higher the player's classification on the court, the greater the player's functional ability.

The NWBA Junior Division for Varsity level of play utilizes a simplified functional classification system; a junior point value denoted as “J1”, “J2” or “J2-4” accordingly.

The NWBA, beginning with the 2014-15 season, began using the Functional Classification system. The Functional Classification system uses classifications from 1.0 - 4.5. Each athlete will be classified by a team reviewer in one of eight classes (1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5).

Class 1.0 - No active movement of the trunk in the vertical, forward or sideways plane

Class 1.5 - Has characteristics of a class 1.0, but able to move partially out into forward plane, able to rotate upper trunk, able to transition from catching to passing or shooter faster than class 1.0, more stable upon contact than class 1.0, and more at ease with ball within cylinder of movement.

Class 2.0 - Has active use of upper trunk in the vertical and forward planes, able to rotate the upper trunk while upright in both directions, able to hold the ball forward with both arms extended, able to lean the trunk into the forward plane about 45 degrees with control and return to the upright sitting position, able to actively bring upper trunk off the backrest of the chair, and uses hands to return to upright.

Class 2.5 - Has characteristics of class 1.0, but able to lean forward 90 degrees and may be able to return to upright sitting position without proper upper extremity assist with knees higher than hips, able to lean forward and rotate the upper trunk simultaneously, Able to lean forward and rotate the upper trunk simultaneously, active movement of both the Upper and Lower Trunk but not coordinated or as one unit, lower Trunk is not against the backrest at all times, may have a lordosis (Curve in low back) to assist in returning to upright, and more stable than a Class 2.0 player but still has loss of stability in trunk.

Class 3.0 - Displays active use of the upper and lower trunk in the forward and vertical planes as one unit: Can lean forward 90 degrees, placing chest on thighs and return to upright with ease without knees significantly higher than hips, can hold the ball with both hands outstretched in front of face without loss of stability, can rotate upper and lower trunk as a unit not supported by wheelchair backrest, rotation of the trunk occurs at the level of the pelvis not the waist, unable to maintain stability leaning sideways, and works within a ‘Cylinder’

Class 3.5 - Has characteristics of a class 3.0, but able to move partially out into the sideways plane and return to upright sitting, able to remain upright in hard contact situations anteriorly, able to sit with hips higher than knees, often raises and lowers trunk with each push, able to generate some power in legs with pushing, able to retrieve a ball with two hands from the floor slightly to the side and return to

upright position, can lean to the side but remains within his base of support, plays within a WIDER cylinder than a Class 3.0 player, does not have full volume of action to either side.

Class 4.0 - Displays the ability to move the trunk maximally in all planes of movement with weakness to one side, able to lean strongly to one side, may be able to lean to weak side slightly, can hold the ball with outstretched hands in front or overhead without loss of stability even in contact situations, no need to counterbalance even in contact situations unless contact is forceful and directed into the weaker side.

Class 4.5 - Displays the ability to move the trunk maximally in all planes of movement with no significant weakness in any direction, full volume of action in all planes, displays ability to lean to either side during shooting, passing, contesting a shot or trying to intercept a pass.

Class 4.5 – AB - Within the Intercollegiate Division (Men's & Women's level of play), Women's Division and Military Division of the NWBA, able-bodied athletes will be permitted to participate as 4.5 classification players.

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J1 players encompass classes 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, and 2.5. J1 players are characterized by limited trunk control with limited vertical and forward stability. They rely on passive stabilization of the pelvis.

J2 players encompass classes 3.0 and 3.5. J2 players have a larger volume of action than J1 players. J2 players have active control of their trunk in both the forward and vertical planes. Athletes classified as a 4.0 and 4.5 will be recognized as a J2-4.

### **Sports Class – International Standard**

The IWBF utilizes the following 8 sport classes: 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5. More specifics can be found in the IWBF Player Classification Rules & Manual.

### **Sport Class Status – National Standard**

The NWBA sport class statuses are assigned based on the outcome of the most recent evaluation that has been conducted on an athlete in their sport class. A sport class status will be updated as additional evaluations are conducted.

The NWBA follows these specifies sport class statuses:

PROPOSED (P): Preliminary sport class provided initially for an athlete by a Team Reviewer.

APPROVED (A): Sport class has been approved by two opposing Team Reviewers.

CERTIFIED (C): Sport class status has been confirmed by a classification panel. No requirement for further evaluation is needed at this status.

REVIEW (R): Sport class is to be reviewed and further evaluation by a classification panel must be conducted.

IWBF (IWBF): Sport class that has been provided by international classification panel.

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Team Reviewer shall classify the athletes on his/her team prior to the team's first game. These will represent "proposed" classifications; Team Reviewers shall mark the Classification Roster Form with a "P" for proposed classifications; Players shall play as the "proposed" classifications for the first game of the season, at which time the Team Reviewer from the competing team, shall either:

- a. Approve the opposing team's proposed classifications; or
- b. Propose a different classification for player(s) for which they disagree.

In the event of a disagreement between the Team Reviewer and the opposing Team Reviewer on the classification of a player, the player's proposed classification will remain, until:

- a. A Team Reviewer from a different opposing Team agrees to the classification of the player;
- b. A player's approved classification shall be determined by the agreement of two Team Reviewers, regardless of whether or not the player's Team Representative agrees;
- c. The player's approved classification shall remain until further review by an official certified Classification Panel.

Once the team has received an agreement by two Team Reviewers for a player's classification, the player's classification shall stand as "Approved" for the season, or until the player is seen by an official certified classifier at a classification tournament;

The Team Reviewer shall submit the approved rosters to the NWBA within 72 hours of approval, at such time as two Team Reviewers have agreed to the proposed classification for each player on the roster. Team Reviewers that do not submit approved rosters may be fined a \$200 team fee and/or the team may be deemed ineligible for postseason play if there is intentional misrepresentation. A player's proposed classification can only be approved during sanctioned competition games (i.e. not practice or exhibition games).

Following observation of the player by an official Classification Panel, the Head Classifier shall submit the information to the Classification Committee and/or representative to enter the athlete into the NWBA database and remove the "P" or "A". The sport class of "C" [certified] is assigned.

No athlete can attend a national tournament with a sport class status of "Proposed".

Any team that plays against a team without a certified Team Reviewer will still be allowed to count all of their game towards post-season competition. The athlete will still need to be seen by two Team Reviewers.

Teams that play a game against a team without a Team reviewer present may NOT have the opposing team Reviewer sign off at a later date.

**Sports Class Status – International Standard**

The IWBf utilizes the following sport class statuses: New, Review, Confirmed, Non Eligible and Review with Fixed Date. More specifics can be found in the IWBf Player Classification Rules & Manual.

**Player Classification Request for Review - National**

In the event a decision is unfavorable to the athlete, the athlete shall have the option to appeal the decision and to provide additional documentation to the Classification Committee for a subsequent

review. This request is done by submitting a Player of Classification Request for Review available here, <https://www.nwba.org/classificationreview>.

A fee of \$150 will be collected for any Player Classification Request for Review.

The players sport class is changed to “R”.

Reviews will occur at the first available opportunity that the athlete is in attendance at a Classification Event with a suitable panel to conduct the review.

If the decision is that the classification is upheld, the fee will not be refunded. If the request to appeal/adjust the classification is approved the fee will be refunded to the original payment method.

A second determination by the Classification panel shall be considered final and shall not be appealable.

A player classified by an IWBF classification panel and who receives an IWBF classification, shall be required to compete in the NWBA at the same classification. Once an IWBF Sport Class is provided it immediately becomes the sport class that must be used by a player for competition with the NWBA.

The player may Request a Review if:

1. A player has not participated in any international competition (amateur or professional) for at least one full Paralympic Quadrennium may petition for an NWBA classification review to the Classification Committee.
2. The Classification Committee shall review the player’s classification using National procedure for Review and may change or uphold the player’s classification.
3. If the Classification Committee adjusts or changes a player’s classification pursuant to this section, the player may compete ONLY in the NWBA at that classification.
4. In the event the player is selected to play internationally the IWBF classification will control and the player shall compete at the IWBF classification. He/she must petition the IWBF for reconsideration pursuant to IWBF policies. The players subsequent IWBF classification will then be the final NWBA classification.

### **Player Classification Review & Protest – International**

An athlete interested in requesting a review and/or protest of their classification must be aligned with the NWBA National Office, have approval from the NWBA High Performance and Classification Committees, and must follow the process available per the IWBF Player Classification Rules & Manual.

### **Standard for Data Protection**

NWBA data protection is aligned with SportsEngine and that policy is that documents are only retained for 180 days and then automatically deleted.

All athletes are required to submit medical documentation for the purposes of classification. The NWBA follows the data protection policies of its own, IWBF and IPC to protect medical and sensitive information that is exchanged during classification process. The policies in place will give athletes the confidence that their information is being protected and shared in the appropriate manner.

The NWBA has policies in place to protect the sensitive information that is submitted by each athlete in regard to classification evaluation. All athletes that submit information will have information seen by classifiers and/or NWBA and IWBF as deemed appropriate ONLY for purposes of classification and determining Para-sport eligibility. For any further use of medical records or information outside of this scope, the athlete and/or parent/guardian will be notified for consent.

*Data Protection for Medical Diagnostics Forms – available via NWBA (appendix) & IWBF*

All medical documents that are submitted to the NWBA are handled with great sensitivity. As necessary the information may be shared with classifiers and/or NWBA, IWBF and submitted through the appropriate channels for international classification as relevant to the IWBF.

Once an athlete is approved to undergo classification evaluation at the national or international level their information will be saved in their athlete file. All files are protected with restricted access, whether hard copy or digital.

**Stage 1: Data Retention**

All medical diagnostics forms submitted to NWBA are kept in a secure electronic file along with other licensing documents for the NWBA and/or IWBF. All classification cards and documentation submitted by national classifiers or international classifiers are logged into a secure online database and/or filed under lock and key within the NWBA offices as relevant. These files are kept indefinitely for all U.S. athletes.

**Access to Classification Data**

Athletes that wish to request a copy of their own classification card and/or sport-specific evaluation documentation may do so via written request to NWBA. Only an athlete and/or an athlete's parent/guardian may request and receive a copy of the classification card and or sport-specific evaluation documentation

**Standard for Classification Personnel and Training - National**

*Role of the Classifier*

The individuals that implement classification hold a critically important role in helping to ensure that the core integrity of a fair playing field in Para-sport competition is maintained. As a classifier, the role is to uphold these tenets to the highest level, thereby representing NWBA, and IWBF, in the Paralympic movement.

The role of a classifier must always be to best serve the athletes of the entire Paralympic movement. Well-executed and professionally administered classification will best ensure a level playing field for competition.

*Classifiers and Classification Panel*

A classifier is a person authorized as an official by the NWBA and/or approved by IWBF to evaluate athletes while serving as a member of a classification panel. The duties and responsibilities of a classifier are defined below.

Classification panel is a group of certified classifiers that is convened to provide certified classifications and conduct review request within a competition setting.

### Classifier Training Process

Any individual wishing to pursue international classification education/authorization must be a national classifier recognized and endorsed by NWBA.

The NWBA Classifier education and training process is customized and completed in-person and held in conjunction with a sanctioned NWBA competition. Exceptions can be made with Approval of NWBA Classification Chair and the NWBA for special circumstances or when evaluating different learning format.

A typical course will be 3 days of on-site training by an NWBA Instructor. The training format will include classroom lectures, Video training, court observation. The testing format will be Observation of players on court, video testing, and Written test. Classes will not exceed 8 candidates unless approved by NWBA Classification chairperson and Instructor and accommodation made in format to accommodate the necessary increased observation and testing time.

NWBA Classifiers will be 2 Levels: Regional and National level.

- A Regional Level Classifier will have successfully completed the Classification course and be qualified to be on a panel. A Regional level classifier can be assigned to any NWBA panel. A Regional level classifier can participate in Review panels. A Regional Classifier is identified on the court by a Gold Yellow color NWBA Classifier shirt.
- A National Level Classifier will have successfully completed the NWBA National Level course and testing. A National level classifier is eligible to become a Head Classifier. A Review panel should consist of 2 neutral National level classifiers or 1 IWBF classifier at minimum. A National level classifier will be identified on court by a Carolina Blue NWBA Classifier shirt.

**NOTE:** A NWBA Classifier that is also a certified IWBF classifier, at any level, will be identified by a navy blue NWBA Classifier shirt. A NWBA/IWBF classifier is eligible to be a Head Classifier. A Review Panel can consist of at least 1 IWBF classifier.

All NWBA Classifiers should complete a recertification every 4 years. Recertification format can include, but not limited to, Classification course, online format or observation by NWBA Instructor during panel participation.

A NWBA Classifier can be required to complete a recertification course earlier than 4 years if based on the feedback from Head Classifiers their performance is below expectations. The NWBA Instructor or Chairperson will notify the NWBA, and a letter will be sent to classifier from the National Office and the Chair of Classification.

### Appointment of Classification Panel(s)

NWBA Classification Committee and Chair will appoint the classification panel(s) based on the availability of classifier(s), Classifier level, experience, geographic location, neutral classifier for Review panels. The Committee will officially notify the LOC of panel assignments and pertinent contact details.

The LOC is expected to cover all travel (flight / ground transportation) and accommodation (lodging / meals) costs for classifier(s) appointed to the classification panel(s) for the competition, as well as any other costs associated with conducting classification at the competition.

### Classification Panel Facility & Expectations

The LOC is responsible for providing necessary space and equipment to conduct classification evaluation at the competition.

The following are the minimum requirements for the LOC:

- A room (with appropriate privacy) at the venue
- Check-In area adjacent to Team-Check In to address classification related matters with teams (if applicable for event)
- 3-4 chairs opposite the bench area on each court designated for Classification Panel
- Tables (1 per panel) + chairs (4 per panel) in the classification room for paperwork/classifier work area
- Access to a printer within the workspace provided
- Wireless internet available in facility / competition venue

### Role of Team Reviewer

A Team Reviewer must be nominated by each team and shall be an individual that regularly attends games for the team. The Team Reviewer is not required to be a classifier, but they are responsible for becoming trained in the applicable classification system they will be using for their team. Team Reviewer is the first review of classification.

### Team Reviewer Training

Team Reviewer must complete the certification process prior to the team's first game. Team Reviewers must successfully complete the appropriate on-line course for Adult or Junior Team Reviewer. A Team Reviewer certification is valid for a 2 season period.

### Team Reviewer Responsibilities

A certified Team Reviewer shall propose the classifications of players on his/her team's roster that do not currently have an Approved or Certified classification in the eight-point system.

A certified Team Reviewer shall observe Proposed players and sign off on opposing team rosters. This Reviewer may only serve as such for one (1) team per division. A team may certify more than one Team Reviewer.

The NWBA Classification Committee manages all Team Reviewer Courses, verifies all Team Reviewer certifications and helps administer Team Reviewer operations when / where applicable.

### **Standard for Classifier Personnel and Training – International**

For classifier personnel and training at international level the NWBA follows the directive from the IWBFF Classification Commission.

### **National Classification Database**

The NWBA holds a classification database on its website AND provides a link to the IWBFF Masterlist available at <https://www.nwba.org/memberplayers>. The national database includes the athlete name, competition gender, jersey number (s), sport class(es) and sport class status.

## Links to Reference

<https://www.nwba.org/teamreviewer>

<https://www.nwba.org/classificationform>

<https://www.nwba.org/memberplayers>

<https://www.nwba.org/classificationreview>

<https://iwbf.org/the-game/classification/classification-master-list/>

<https://iwbf.org/player-evaluation-process/>

<https://iwbf.org/the-game/classification/classification-application-guidelines-of-new-player/>

<https://iwbf.org/classification-commission/>

<https://www.paralympic.org/classification-code>

## NWBA Player Evaluation Agreement Form

I wish to undergo the Player Evaluation process (also known as classification) detailed in the [International Wheelchair Basketball Federation \(IWBF\) Player Classification Rules and Regulations](#) and acknowledge that the following steps are essential to complete this process.

1. I understand that this process may require me to participate in sport-like exercises and activities that may include me being observed whilst competing. I understand that there is a risk of injury in participating in such exercises and activities. I confirm that I am healthy enough to participate in the Player Evaluation.
2. I understand that I must comply with the requests made by the National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) and/or the Classification Panel, including providing sufficient documentation to determine whether I have met the eligibility requirements for wheelchair basketball. I also understand that if I fail to comply with any such request then Player Evaluation may be suspended without a sport class being allocated to me.
3. I understand that Player Evaluation requires me to give my best effort, and that any intentional misrepresentation of my skills, abilities and/or the degree of my impairment during Player Evaluation may result in me facing disciplinary action.
4. I may be photographed and/or audio or visual recorded by NWBA staff and officials (including classifiers) during the Player Evaluation process, including my activity on and off the field of play. Otherwise, however, photography, audio and visual recording of the Player Evaluation process are strictly prohibited.
5. My personal data (including my sport class, sport class status and relevant medical information that has not already been collected by the NWBA (may be collected by the NWBA, and will be stored by the NWBA (including being transferred to or stored on the NWBA's contracted servers) and used by the NWBA for the purposes of and to the extent necessary in relation to Player Evaluation and facilitating my participation in NWBA and IWBF competitions.
6. My Personal Data will be transferred to the NWBA (or designated representative) and/or the NWBA Classification Committee and/or the Classification Panel, upon review of medical diagnostic information or through any observation during Player Evaluation, is of the view that I may have a health condition that could be adversely impacted by my participation in the sport of wheelchair basketball for the purposes of assessing that risk and determining the appropriate outcome.
7. My name, gender, year of birth, country, Sport Class and Sport Class Status will be published by NWBA and shared with competition organizers as necessary.

### Release of Claims

I hereby release the NWBA and their respective board of directors, officers, committee members, employees, volunteers, contractors, or agents, from any liability (to the extent permitted by law) for any loss, injury or damage suffered by me in relation to the collection of my Personal Data by the NWBA and/or my participation in the Player Evaluation.

**Access to Personal Data**

I understand that I have a right to access and correct or erase the Personal Data or restrict or object to the processing of such Personal Data that the NWBA holds about me under data protection law by contacting the NWBA, who will, if required, contact the IWBF. I also understand that my eligibility to participate in the sport of wheelchair basketball is contingent on the provision of Personal Data and my voluntary participation in Player Evaluation so that a Sport Class can be allocated to me. I further understand that my agreement in relation to the collection, processing, use, storage and/or transfer of Personal Data may be withdrawn at any time which will result in me being ineligible to participate in the sport of wheelchair basketball.

**Athlete Rights**

I understand that, as an athlete, I have the following rights during classification:

- The right to withdraw: My participation in the classification process is voluntary and I have the right to withdraw from the classification process at any time. Signing this form does not change my right to withdraw at any time. I understand that if I withdraw from the classification process I will not be able to be classified;
- The right to respect and confidentiality: Evaluations will be conducted respectfully and information obtained during the classification process will be treated confidentially;
- The right to challenge a classification decision: This should be done through appropriate channels.

**Contact Details**

I have read and agree to comply with this Player Evaluation Agreement Form. The information set out in this document is correct.

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<i>Printed name of Player</i>	<i>Player Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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<i>Printed name of Player Representative</i>	<i>Player Representative Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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*(Player Representative details are mandatory, if applicable, including if the Player is considered a minor or lacks legal capacity under national legislation)*