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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the Guide

The *4th Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 Classification Guide* (hereinafter referred to as the “*Guide*”) is designed to provide NPCs and IFs/IPSFs with information about classification policies and procedures that will apply to the 4th Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 (hereinafter as “Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022” or “the Games”).

While it is acknowledged that each sport has its own rules and regulations, certain classification policies and procedures are common to all sports at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022. This *Guide* details those policies and procedures that apply to all sports as well as those that are special to some sports, including:

- Asian Para Games sport class status
- Classification activities (before the Games and at Games time)
- Classification protest policies and procedures
- Classification appeals
- Sport-specific classification information

The policies and procedures contained herein are valid for the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 only, unless otherwise specified by the respective IFs/IPSFs. All information contained in this *Guide* has been submitted to all IFs/IPSFs involved in the Games and is correct at the time of publication.

## 1.2 General Information

Classification provides a structure for competition to ensure that athletes with impairments that have a similar impact on sport performance will compete in the same sport class and thus ensure fair competition. Classification is an indispensable process by which athletes are assessed whether they are eligible to compete and are systematically grouped into sport classes according to their physical, visual, or intellectual function in a sport.

The goal of the APC and HAPGOC is to ensure that classification services during the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 are of the highest quality, and are sport- and athlete-focused. The key objectives are as follows:

- To enable athletes to focus on preparations for competition;

- To provide the best possible working environment for ensuring expedient and accurate classification of those athletes required to be present for classification during the Games;
- To develop clear and concise policies and procedures for sport class and classification-related appeals in cooperation with the IFs/IPSFs, while maintaining the integrity and independence of each sport-specific classification system.

### **1.3 Underlying Principles**

The *Guide* is based on the following principles:

- The APC is the supreme authority of the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022.
- The APC and HAPGOC share responsibility for planning and implementing the classification process for the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022.
- The governing body of each sport is responsible for the allocation and verification of athletes' sport classes and sport class status.

- Only athletes who meet the qualification criteria of respective sports and corresponding sport class status are eligible to participate in the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022.
- This Guide is the rulebook for the classification of the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022. Updates to the Guide will be sent by HAPGOC to all NPCs as and when necessary.

The *IPC Code of Ethics* (Chapter 1.1, Section 2 of *IPC Handbook*) applies to the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022. For details, please visit [www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org). In accordance with the *IPC Code of Ethics*, APC and HAPGOC are committed to providing classification services at the Games that represent the highest standards of integrity, honesty and dignity.

## **2 NPC Responsibilities**

NPCs have the responsibility to inform athletes through their Chefs de Mission and team officials about classification policies and procedures required by each IF/IPSF and outlined in this *Guide*. Each NPC is responsible for providing HAPGOC with accurate classification information before the deadline of final entries (15 July 2022).



In addition, NPCs are responsible for ensuring that athletes have a thorough understanding of the *Guide* and classification-related procedures of the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022.

Furthermore, each NPC must identify a Classification Authorised Representative responsible for all communications (including those relating to classification procedures) during the Games, including the Classification Evaluation Period (from 3 to 8 October 2022) and the Competition Period (from 9 to 15 October 2022).

For sanctioned sports, NPCs must ensure that the correct medical diagnosis information, such as medical reports, IF/IPSF-specific Medical Diagnostics Form (MDF), and other supporting documents required under the respective IF/IPSF classification rules, is submitted to the IF/IPSF in accordance with the respective IF/IPSF classification rules. To ensure smooth operations, NPCs are advised to submit the documents at least eight weeks prior to the competition (before 4 August 2022), otherwise the athletes will not be permitted to undergo classification and consequently not be permitted to participate in the competition.

**Please note:** Athletes who do not comply with the classification rules specified by the respective IF/IPSF will not be classified at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022. NPCs are required to

ensure that all athletes in their delegations have undergone the required tests/exams, obtained the necessary documents, and followed the IF/IPSF classification rules before their arrivals in Hangzhou. For non-sanctioned sports such as Chess, NPCs should submit the required documents to the sport's governing body and email these documents to HAPGOC via the address provided in this *Guide*.

NPCs must ensure that all supporting documents, such as medical reports, the IF/IPSF-specific MDF, and other supporting documents required by the respective IF/IPSF classification rules, are brought by each of the athletes who need to undergo classification at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022. These documents shall be in English or if not, shall have an English translation of each of the documents attached. Each athlete to be classified must provide at least one photocopy of the required documents, which may be retained by the classification panel. Athletes must carry with them a photocopy of their passport (only the page with the athlete's photograph and personal details) and submit it to the Classification Committee if requested.

**Please note:** Athletes who do not provide the required documentation specified by the IF/IPSF classification rules will not be classified at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 and consequently be disqualified from the competition. NPCs are



again reminded of ensuring that all athletes in their delegations have undergone the required tests/exams and have obtained the necessary documents before their arrivals in Hangzhou.

### 3 Asian Para Games Sport Class Status

The designation of a sport class status (hereinafter as “sport class status”) at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 denotes whether an athlete’s sport class is consistent or whether her/his impairment may change over time. Each athlete’s sport class status is assigned by a classification panel of the respective IF/IPSF.

In the context of the Asian Para Games, a sport class status informs NPCs whether an athlete must attend the classification evaluation of the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022, and denotes what protest opportunities may be available.

The table below defines the sport class status that will be used at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022:

**Table of Sport Class Status**

<b>SPORT CLASS STATUS</b>	<b>ABBREVIATION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
Confirmed	C	C is assigned to athletes who have been internationally classified according to relevant sport classification rules and are not under

		review. C-athletes will <b>NOT</b> be required to undergo classification evaluation at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022.
Review	R	R is assigned to athletes who have been internationally classified according to relevant sport classification rules, but are subject to review. R-athletes will <b><u>be required to undergo classification evaluation</u></b> during the scheduled Classification Evaluation Period and possibly be observed during competition at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 according to the relevant sport rules. Athletes assigned R may have a changing or progressive condition that requires ongoing evaluation.
Review	R+ Date/Year	R-athletes may also be assigned a Fixed Review Date or Year.  R+ Date:  Athletes are <b>NOT</b> required to undergo classification evaluation until the Fixed Review Date.  R+ Year:



		<p>- If the R+ Year is 2022 or before, and the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 is the first international event the athletes attend in 2022, they will <b><u>be required to undergo classification evaluation</u></b> during the scheduled Classification Evaluation Period, and be observed during competition at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 according to relevant sport rules.</p> <p>- If the Year is 2023 or later, athletes will <b>NOT</b> be required to undergo classification evaluation until the Review Year specified.</p>
New	N	<p>N is assigned to athletes who have not been internationally classified according to relevant sport classification rules and only under certain conditions can N-athletes obtain the qualification to attend the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022. N-athletes will <b><u>be required to undergo classification evaluation</u></b> during the scheduled Classification Evaluation Period of the Asian Para</p>

		Games Hangzhou 2022 according to relevant sport rules.
Observation Assessment	OA	OA is a tracking code assigned to an athlete who need to accept observation in competition after the classification evaluation. It is a substitution for the athlete’s sport class status. The athlete’s final sport class and sport class status will be determined upon completion of the observation, after which the tracking code “OA” will be deleted.

In the case where an athlete requires observation in competition to determine his or her final sport class (only applicable to certain sports and sport classes), a tracking code will be assigned. Once the Chief Classifier of the respective IF/IPSF has confirmed a final sport class for an athlete, his or her sport class status will be changed correspondingly.

**Please note:** The sport class status and the tracking code in this section are valid only for the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022.



## Table of Sport Class Status Tracking Code

<b>SPORT CLASS STATUS TRACKING CODE</b>	<b>ABBREVIATION</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
Competition Review Status	CRS	CRS is assigned to athletes who enter with R status and have been classified according to relevant sport rules during the Classification Evaluation Period at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022, but are subject to observation during the Games to complete the classification process. CRS is only a tracking code that identifies athletes who have yet to fully complete the classification process.
Competition New Status	CNS	CNS is assigned to athletes who enter with N status and have been classified according to relevant sport rules during the Classification Evaluation Period at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022, but are subject to observation during the Games to complete the classification process. CNS is only a tracking

		code that identifies athletes who have yet to fully complete the classification process.
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## 4 Pre-Games Classification Activities

### 4.1 Classification Master List

The purpose of the *Classification Master List* is to ensure that accurate classification information is available to staff in charge of Sport Entries and Classification in HAPGOC by 15 July 2022.

Each IF/IPSF is responsible for promptly updating and ensuring the accuracy of its *Classification Master List*, which should contain all relevant information pertaining to the sport class and the sport class status of each athlete that may be eligible to participate in the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022. Each IF/IPSF is responsible for making the *Classification Master List* available to all NPCs, HAPGOC, and the IPC.

Each NPC is responsible for verifying the sport class information of their athletes with the respective IF/IPSF. NPCs should liaise directly with the IF/IPSF in cases where:

- The Classification Master List contains incorrect athlete data (name, sport class, sport class status, etc.);
- An athlete is not included on the Classification Master List.



NPCs are required to submit evidence in support of their proposed changes to the *Classification Master List* or any errors noted to the respective IF/IPSF.

**Please note** that the procedures for altering athletes' information on the *Classification Master List* may differ among IFs/IPSFs. It may be subject to varying conditions such as payment of fees, or submission of certain documents as specified by the respective IF/IPSF. Should the need for data changes arise, NPCs should communicate with the relevant IF/IPSF as soon as possible. Classification at the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 will be based on the latest *Classification Master List* as provided by the respective IF/IPSF. Should any NPC communicate with the respective IF/IPSF regarding a change to an athlete's data, they must provide a copy of the relevant communications to the Chief Classifier for the sport, who will take action in accordance with the IF's/IPSF's classification rules and regulations.

The final deadline for sport entries is 15 July 2022. After this date, any change to athlete sport class and/or sport class status data must be submitted by IFs/IPSFs to the APC and HAPGOC.

Each IF/IPSF will release its final *Classification Master List* by 30 July 2022. The list shall contain only the information of athletes who are eligible and are entered by their NPC for the Games.

## 4.2 Classification Authorised Representative

Each NPC must designate a team official as Classification Authorised Representative, who takes full charge of all classification-related communications with relevant IFs/IPSFs, the APC and HAPGOC, and has the right to accompany athletes to classification evaluation sessions.

Each NPC should list the details of its Classification Authorised Representative on the *Classification Authorised Representative Form*, which should be submitted to the APC and HAPGOC by 31 May 2022.

The *Classification Authorised Representative Form* will be released timely on Hangzhou 2022 NPCnet.

## 4.3 Classification Evaluation Schedule

The Classification Evaluation Schedule will be released on Hangzhou 2022 NPCnet by 20 September 2022.

Any potential updates to the released Classification Evaluation Schedule will be published on Hangzhou 2022 NPCnet, and available at the Sport Information Desks upon the arrival of athletes.

All athletes listed on the Classification Evaluation Schedule must be present for classification at the specified time and location, with the specified clothes, necessary equipment and



documentation as required. Athletes who are late for or absent from classification or fail to wear specified clothes or bring required equipment or documentation will be deemed to violate the classification rules and may be disqualified from competition.

## **5 Games-time Classification Activities**

### **5.1 Classification Evaluation Period (3-8 October 2022)**

HAPGOC will announce the detailed classification evaluation timetable in the Classification Evaluation Schedule. Each NPC is responsible for ensuring that its athletes with sport class status of New (N) and Review (R) are made aware of the Classification Evaluation Schedule and attend the classification evaluation sessions at the regulated time.

Athletes required to be present for classification, except those participating in Athletics, Swimming, Wheelchair Basketball, Table Tennis, and Cycling, who will be classified at their respective competition venues, will all be classified at the Classification Centre in the Asian Para Games Village. Please refer to the table below for detailed locations for classification evaluation and results release:



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<b>NO.</b>	<b>SPORT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>INFORMATION RELEASE</b>
1	Badminton	Classification Centre	Sport Information Centre
2	Boccia		
3	Lawn Bowls		
4	Blind Football		
5	Goalball		
6	Judo		
7	Powerlifting		
8	Rowing		
9	Canoe		
10	Archery		
11	Wheelchair Fencing		
12	Sitting Volleyball		
13	Taekwondo		
14	Wheelchair Tennis		
15	Go		
16	Chess		
17	Athletics	Huanglong Sports Centre Stadium	Sport Information Desk



18	Swimming	Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Aquatic Sports Arena	Sport Information Desk
19	Wheelchair Basketball	Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre Gymnasium	Sport Information Desk
20	Table Tennis	Gongshu Canal Sports Park Gymnasium	Sport Information Desk
21	Cycling	Chun'an Jieshou Sports Centre Velodrome/Cycling Road Course	Sport Information Desk

**Please note:**

1. The functional assessment of the Wheelchair Tennis athletes in Quad Sport Class will be conducted on the tennis court.
2. Observation assessment will be conducted on water for Rowing and Canoe.
3. All athletes with visual impairment will be classified at the Classification Centre in the Asian Para Games Village. Athletes participating in Cycling competitions with visual impairment will collectively come to the Asian Para Games Village and be classified there.

4. NPCs shall ensure that athletes required to be present for classification arrive at corresponding evaluation locations no less than 30 minutes before classification starts.

5. No classification opportunities will be offered to athletes participating in Shooting competitions in the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022.

Classification will take place in two sessions at the designated location (please refer to the relevant content in 5.1 Classification Evaluation Period), and each athlete shall be subject to a 60-120 minute classification evaluation.

With the exception of an interpreter, only the Classification Authorised Representative of NPC will be allowed to accompany an athlete to evaluation session and, if applicable, re-evaluation session. Athletes under 18 must be accompanied by a member of the NPC delegation as the guardian. For athletes with intellectual impairment, it is recommended that these athletes bring a copy of the assessment report from a qualified psychologist that supports the diagnosis of intellectual impairment as defined by the Virtus World Intellectual Impairment Sport. According to the IF/IPSF classification rules and requirements, the assessment report has been submitted to the IF/IPSF along with all other medical documents. Athletes



who cannot communicate in English should be accompanied by an interpreter during the classification evaluation.

Classification evaluation will be conducted daily and the results will be posted publicly at the Classification Centre in the Asian Para Games Village and in the venues where the evaluation takes place. HAPGOC will provide the results to all NPCs and Chief Classifiers of the respective IFs/IPSFs within the following period:

### **Timetable for the Release of Classification Results During the Classification Evaluation Period**

DATE	DAILY CLASSIFICATION SESSION	CLASSIFICATION TIME	RESULTS RELEASE TIME
4-8 October 2022	Evaluation Session I	08:30-12:30	15:30
	Evaluation Session II	14:30-18:30	21:30

The deadline of the classification evaluation period is 18:30 on 8 October 2022. NPCs can get the detailed classification results at the Sport Information Desk in the Asian Para Games Village at 22:00 on 8 October 2022.

## **5.2 Observation in Competition Period (9-15 October 2022)**

In some sports where athletes with sport class status of N or R are subject to observation in competition (please refer to Section “First Appearance”), the classifiers will observe athletes on their first appearance.

Athletes subject to observation in competition will be assigned the tracking code of “OA (Observation Assessment)” subsequent to the classification evaluation in replacement of the sport class status. Once the final sport class and sport class status for an athlete are confirmed following observation in competition, the tracking code will be deleted and final sport class and sport class status inserted in lieu.

The classification results in competition will be posted at the respective competition venue. For all individual events and team events, classification results shall be confirmed no later than fifteen (15) minutes and one (1) hour, respectively, following the completion of the event.

## **5.3 Sport Class Status Evolution**

The following rules of evolution shall apply for the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022:

The sport class status of athletes with a sport class status of C will not change for the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022, except a change as a possible result of a protest.

Athletes with a sport class status N or R, and participating in sports where observation in competition is not part of the sport's classification rules (for the sport class status to which the athlete has been allocated), will be allocated a sport class status of C after the classification evaluation. This sport class status will apply for the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022, and beyond if so, decided by the IPSF concerned.

Athletes with sport class status N or R, and participating in sports where observation in competition is part of the sport's classification rules (for the sport class status to which the athlete has been allocated), will be assigned a tracking code instead of sport class status from the period after the classification evaluation to the point at which the classifiers have finished the observation. The classifiers will allocate the athletes final sport class status after their first appearance. This sport class status will apply for the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022, and beyond if so, decided by the IPSF concerned.

## **5.4 First Appearance**

The classifiers will observe the athlete performing specific skills in his or her first appearance. For team events with preliminaries and finals, the athletes subject to observation in competition must fulfil their first appearance before the completion of preliminary rounds. Athletes will be deemed ineligible to participate in the subsequent competitions, if they have not undergone observation in competition before the completion of preliminary rounds.

During the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022, first appearance is defined as “the conclusion of the first time an athlete competes in a medal event that requires a specific sport class”, and applies only to athletes with a CNS or CRS status.

A final sport class will be allocated after the classifiers have finished its classification evaluation following the athlete’s first appearance. The Chief Classifier of the relevant IF/IPSF will be required to confirm an athlete’s sport class no later than 15 minutes (or one hour for team events) after the completion of the event in which the first appearance occurs.

## **5.5 Re-Entry after Changes in Athlete Sport Class**

If an athlete’s sport class changes during the Classification Evaluation Period or the Observation in Competition Period, the

athlete must be re-entered into the competition. For the re-entry procedures, please refer to *The 4th Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 Accreditation Guide* and *The 4th Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 Sport Entries Guide* by logging in to Hangzhou 2022 NPCnet.

## **6 Classification Protests and Appeals**

### **6.1 General Principles**

Only athletes with a sport class status N or R may be subjected to classification protest, provided that the relevant sport rules and regulations allow for such a protest. Athletes with a sport class status C may only be subjected to classification protest under exceptional circumstances by the Chief Classifier of the relevant IF/IPSF (please refer to the Section “Protests under Exceptional Circumstances”).

All protests must be lodged in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in this *Guide*. An athlete may only be subjected to classification protest once throughout the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022.

Protests shall be lodged in accordance with the provisions set forth in the table below and in accordance with the timetables established for the Classification Evaluation Period and the Observation in Competition Period.

## Overview of the Classification Protest Opportunities after Classification

<b>PROTESTS DURING CLASSIFICATION EVALUATION PERIOD</b>			
<b>SPORT CLASS STATUS AT FINAL ENTRY</b>	<b>PROTEST BY OWN NPC</b>	<b>PROTEST BY OTHER NPC</b>	<b>IF/IPSF PROTEST</b>
N	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
R	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
R+ and C	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
NE	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>PROTESTS DURING OBSERVATION IN COMPETITION PERIOD</b>			
<b>TRACKING CODE AT ENTRY OF COMPETITION PERIOD</b>	<b>PROTEST BY OWN NPC</b>	<b>PROTEST BY OTHER NPC</b>	<b>IF/IPSF PROTEST</b>
OA	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Note:** Protests may only be lodged by NPCs during the first appearance. NPCs are not allowed to lodge protests during semi-finals or finals, unless the athlete earns direct qualification into the semi-final or final at the first time he or she competes in

an event.

All protests must be submitted using the *Classification Protest Form*. For the submission details, please refer to the Section “Sport-specific Classification Information”. *Classification Protest Forms* will be available at the Sport Information Desk/Classification Protest (Appeal) Desk in the Athletes Village and at the Sport Information Desk/Classification Protest (Appeal) Desk at the respective competition venue.

Protests must be submitted in English on the *Classification Protest Form* in order to be considered by the Chief Classifier of an IF/IPSF. The *Classification Protest Form* must be verified and signed by the Chef de Mission or the Classification Authorised Representative of the respective NPC.

During the Classification Evaluation Period, protests must be submitted within the designated time-frames at the Sport Information Desk/Classification Protest (Appeal) Desk in the Athletes Village or at the Sport Information Desk/Classification Protest (Appeal) Desk at the respective competition venue. Protests lodged in relation to athletes with visual impairment must be submitted at the Sport Information Desk at the Classification Centre in the Athletes Village.

During the Observation in Competition Period, protests are only applicable to sports with first appearance.

During the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022, each classification protest submitted by an NPC will be subject to a fee of USD 200. The amount paid will be refunded to the respective NPC only if the classification protest is upheld. No fee will be required if the classification protest is submitted by the Chief Classifier of an IF/IPSF.

The final decision about each protest will be documented on the official *Classification Protest Form*. The original form will be kept by the IF/IPSF Chief Classifier, and copies will be provided to the APC, HAPGOC, the NPC of the athlete concerned, and the NPC who lodged the protest, and the copies will also serve as the receipts for payment of the protest fee. It is the responsibility of the protested athlete's NPC to inform the athlete of the final decision about each protest.

If the protested athlete does not undergo classification re-evaluation, he or she will be deemed ineligible to compete further in the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 and the relevant NPC Chef de Mission will be appropriately notified in writing by the respective Chief Classifier.

**Please note:** Wheelchair Tennis is NOT subject to Classification Protest.

## 6.2 Sport-specific Classification Information

At this time, there are only two sports that are not under the auspices of the respective IF/IPSFs for the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022, these are Chess and Go. These two sports shall use classification rules that are sanctioned by the Asian Chess Federation (ACF). Details of these classification rules shall be available on the website of the ACF. Further information shall be updated as soon as available.

## 6.3 Protest Deadlines

Protests may be submitted by an NPC through its Chef de Mission or the Classification Authorised Representative, or by the respective IF/IPSF through its Chief Classifier under exceptional circumstances as described below.

Classification Evaluation Period (3-8 October 2022)

In order for a protest to be considered during this period, it must be submitted after the completion of the athlete's assigned classification evaluation session within the time-frames listed below:

- Morning session: 14:30-17:00 same day as evaluation

- Afternoon session: 20:30 same day as evaluation to 08:30 next day

### Observation in Competition Period (9-15 October 2022)

In order for a classification protest in relation to an athlete with CNS or CRS sport class status to be considered by an IF/IPSF Chief Classifier during this period, it must be submitted within 15 minutes after the athlete's final sport class and sport class status confirmed by the Chief Classifier is published at the Sport Information Desk/Classification Protest Desk at the respective competition venue.

The NPC will be notified by the Chief Classifier verbally or in writing about any protest lodged against one of its athletes, and will be provided with a specific date and time for any subsequent re-evaluation if required, after the acceptance of a protest by IF/IPSF.

It is the responsibility of the IF/IPSF Chief Classifier, with full cooperation from the NPC concerned, to resolve the protest in the regulated time-frames after the notification of a protest, in order to minimise its impact on the competition.

## **6.4 Protests under Exceptional Circumstances**

Protests under exceptional circumstances may be lodged by the respective IF/IPSF Chief Classifier at any time during the Games.

An exceptional circumstance is defined as any occasion when an athlete, including those with a C sport class status, intentionally or unintentionally performs with significantly less or greater functional ability, which does not reflect their current sport class profile during the competition.

A protest under exceptional circumstances may be lodged against an athlete who has already been protested during the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 on the condition that the respective IF/IPSF has the opportunity to resolve the protest immediately.

## **6.5 Classification Appeals**

The term “Classification Appeal” refers to the procedure by which a formal objection to the manner in which an athlete’s classification evaluation and/or classification procedures have been conducted is submitted and subsequently resolved.

The IPC Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC) is the final appeal body available to NPCs and IFs/IPSFs for the resolution of classification issues.

*The Bylaws of the IPC Board of Appeal of Classification* are part of the *IPC Handbook*. For more information, please refer to the *IPC Handbook* published on [www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org).

If an athlete is assessed as not eligible (for having no eligible impairment for a sport or not complying with the minimum impairment criteria), his or her status will be changed from Athlete (Aa) to Competition Partner (Ab). Such athletes are not eligible to compete in the Games, but entitled to participate in the Asian Para Games Hangzhou 2022 as NPC delegation members.

The change in athlete status will not affect the NPC delegation quota, unless the NPC has no other athletes eligible to compete in the Games, in which case the eligibility of the whole NPC will be revoked.

## **7 Sport-specific Classification Information**

Please refer to the *Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games Qualification Criteria* for the Sport-specific classification information, and further details will be published in the second version of this *Guide*.



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## **8 COVID-19 Prevention and Control**

For the sake of COVID-19 prevention and control, Hangzhou is the first place of entry for all personnel participating in classification, who will be incorporated into the closed-loop management from their entry into China to the end of work and their exit. Please refer to *Hangzhou 2022 COVID-19 Prevention and Control Manual* for the concrete measures by logging in to Hangzhou 2022 NPCnet.

## **9 Management**

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## Appendix 1 Contact Details for Each IF/IPSF

SPORT	IF/IPSF	LINK TO IF/IPSF	LINK TO CLASSIFICATION RULES
Archery	WA	<a href="http://www.worldarchery.org">www.worldarchery.org</a>	<a href="https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php/?doc=4347">https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php/?doc=4347</a>
Athletics	IPC Para Athletics	<a href="http://www.paralympic.org/athletics">www.paralympic.org/athletics</a>	<a href="http://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/2020-01/180305152713114_2017_12_20%2B%2BWPA%2BClassification%2BRules%2Band%2BRegulations_Edition%2B2018%2Bonline%2Bversion%2B.pdf">www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/2020-01/180305152713114_2017_12_20%2B%2BWPA%2BClassification%2BRules%2Band%2BRegulations_Edition%2B2018%2Bonline%2Bversion%2B.pdf</a>
Badminton	BWF	<a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/</a>	<a href="https://extranet.bwfbadminton.com/docs/document-system/81/1466/1471/Section%205.5%20-%20Para%20badminton%20Classification%20Regulations%20.pdf">https://extranet.bwfbadminton.com/docs/document-system/81/1466/1471/Section%205.5%20-%20Para%20badminton%20Classification%20Regulations%20.pdf</a>
Blind Football	IBSA	<a href="http://www.ibsasport.org">http://www.ibsasport.org</a>	<a href="https://ibasasport.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/IBSA-Classification-rules-2018.pdf">https://ibasasport.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/IBSA-Classification-rules-2018.pdf</a>
Boccia	BISFed	<a href="https://www.worldboccia.com/">https://www.worldboccia.com/</a>	<a href="https://www.worldboccia.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Boccia-Classification-Rules-5th-Edition-September-2021287.pdf">https://www.worldboccia.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Boccia-Classification-Rules-5th-Edition-September-2021287.pdf</a>
Canoe	ICF	<a href="http://www.canoeicf.com">http://www.canoeicf.com</a>	<a href="https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf_classification_rules_regulations_for_paracanoe.pdf">https://www.canoeicf.com/sites/default/files/icf_classification_rules_regulations_for_paracanoe.pdf</a>
Chess	ACF	<a href="http://www.asia-chess.com/">www.asia-chess.com/</a>	<a href="http://asianchess.com/news/asian-paralympic-committee-chess-classification-system/">http://asianchess.com/news/asian-paralympic-committee-chess-classification-system/</a>
Cycling	UCI	<a href="http://www.uci.ch/mm/Document/News/Rulesandregulation/16/26/73/16-PAR-20180201-E_English.pdf">www.uci.ch/mm/Document/News/Rulesandregulation/16/26/73/16-PAR-20180201-E_English.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.uci.ch/mm/Document/News/Rulesandregulation/16/26/73/16-PAR-20180201-E_English.pdf">www.uci.ch/mm/Document/News/Rulesandregulation/16/26/73/16-PAR-20180201-E_English.pdf</a>
Go	IGF	<a href="http://www.intergofed.org">www.intergofed.org</a>	<a href="http://asianchess.com/news/asian-paralympic-committee-chess-classification-system/">http://asianchess.com/news/asian-paralympic-committee-chess-classification-system/</a>
Goalball	IBSA	<a href="http://www.ibsasport.org">http://www.ibsasport.org</a>	<a href="https://ibasasport.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/IBSA-Classification-Manual-classifiers.pdf">https://ibasasport.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/IBSA-Classification-Manual-classifiers.pdf</a>
Judo	IBSA	<a href="http://www.ibsasport.org">http://www.ibsasport.org</a>	<a href="https://ibasasport.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/IBSA-Judo-Classification-rules-2022.pdf">https://ibasasport.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/IBSA-Judo-Classification-rules-2022.pdf</a>



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Lawn Bowls	IBD	<a href="http://www.interdisabledbowls.org/">http://www.interdisabledbowls.org/</a>	<a href="http://www.interdisabledbowls.org/View/ShowDoc.aspx?WebID=117&amp;ImageID=358">http://www.interdisabledbowls.org/View/ShowDoc.aspx?WebID=117&amp;ImageID=358</a>
Power-lifting	IPC World Para Power-lifting	<a href="https://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting">https://www.paralympic.org/powerlifting</a>	<a href="https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/171230072004367_World%2Bpara%2Bpowerlifting_Classification%2Brules%2Band%2Bregulations_Jan%2B2018.pdf">https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/171230072004367_World%2Bpara%2Bpowerlifting_Classification%2Brules%2Band%2Bregulations_Jan%2B2018.pdf</a>
Rowing	World Rowing	<a href="http://www.worldrowing.com/">http://www.worldrowing.com/</a>	<a href="https://worldrowing.com/technical/rules/2021-rule-book/">https://worldrowing.com/technical/rules/2021-rule-book/</a>
Shooting	WSPS	<a href="http://www.paralympic.org/shooting">www.paralympic.org/shooting</a>	<a href="https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/190207132510726_World+Shooting+Para+Sport+Classification+Rules+and+Regulations.pdf">https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/190207132510726_World+Shooting+Para+Sport+Classification+Rules+and+Regulations.pdf</a>
Sitting Volleyball	WPV	<a href="http://www.worldparavolley.org/">http://www.worldparavolley.org/</a>	<a href="https://www.worldparavolley.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/World-ParaVolley-Classification-Rules-Jan2018.pdf">https://www.worldparavolley.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/World-ParaVolley-Classification-Rules-Jan2018.pdf</a>
Swimming	IPC World Para Swimming	<a href="https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/contacts">https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/contacts</a>	<a href="https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/171220150814237_2017_12%2BWorld%2BPara%2Bswimming_Classification%2BRules%2Band%2BRegulations_FINAL.pdf">https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/171220150814237_2017_12%2BWorld%2BPara%2Bswimming_Classification%2BRules%2Band%2BRegulations_FINAL.pdf</a>
Table Tennis	ITTF	<a href="https://www.ittf.com/para-table-tennis/">https://www.ittf.com/para-table-tennis/</a> <a href="http://www.ipttc.org/">http://www.ipttc.org/</a>	<a href="http://www.ipttc.org/classification/Rules/ITTF-PTT%20Classification%20Rules%202018.pdf">http://www.ipttc.org/classification/Rules/ITTF-PTT%20Classification%20Rules%202018.pdf</a>
Taekwondo	World Taekwondo	<a href="http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/">http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/</a>	<a href="http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/viewer_pdf/external/pdfjs-2.1.266-dist/web/viewer.html?file=http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/att_file/documents/World%20Para%20Taekwondo%20Athlete%20Classification%20Rules%20as%20of%20April%202022,%202021.pdf">http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/viewer_pdf/external/pdfjs-2.1.266-dist/web/viewer.html?file=http://www.worldtaekwondo.org/att_file/documents/World%20Para%20Taekwondo%20Athlete%20Classification%20Rules%20as%20of%20April%202022,%202021.pdf</a>
Wheelchair Basketball	IWBF	<a href="http://www.iwbf.org">www.iwbf.org</a>	<a href="https://iwbf.org/2021-iwbf-classification-rules-version-202110-1/">https://iwbf.org/2021-iwbf-classification-rules-version-202110-1/</a>
Wheelchair Fencing	IWASF	<a href="http://www.iwasf.com/">http://www.iwasf.com/</a> <a href="https://wheelchairfencing.iwasf.com/">https://wheelchairfencing.iwasf.com/</a>	<a href="https://wheelchairfencing.iwasf.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/copy-IWAS-Wheelchair-Fencing-Classification-Rules-2021.pdf">https://wheelchairfencing.iwasf.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/copy-IWAS-Wheelchair-Fencing-Classification-Rules-2021.pdf</a>



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