

CLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION APPLICATION PROCESS

(Paralympic discipline only)

Information document

This document outlines GBWR's classification application process.

GBWR's classification application process is for any athlete who is interested in playing the Paralympic discipline of wheelchair rugby. Every athlete needs to go through the classification process to ensure they are eligible to play in this discipline.

GBWR follow [World Wheelchair Rugby's \(WWR\) rules & regulations on classification](#). To progress through classification the athlete must have a verifiable and permanent impairment due to an underlying health condition that leads to an eligible impairment according to the IPC Athlete Classification Code and the WWR Classification Rules. The athlete's sport class is specific to the impact of impairment on the fundamental activities of wheelchair rugby. Information regarding eligible and non-eligible impairments can be found on GBWR's website.

An athlete who would like to apply for classification can do so by completing the [GBWR Classification Request Form](#) (Paralympic discipline only):

This form is only to be completed by athletes looking to gain a Paralympic classification for the first time. If you have previously applied or been given a decision/classification, please do not complete this form.

Along with the form, **all requests need to be accompanied with medical evidence** from an appropriate medical professional that explains the athlete's medical diagnosis. Any request that does not have medical evidence to accompany it will not be considered and will be removed from the process. All medical evidence needs to be sent to the GBWR classifiers email address - classifiers@gbwr.org.uk.

Should further clarity be required, an athlete may be contacted and asked to provide additional information/evidence to support their initial application.

Once GBWR receive the application, the information is reviewed by a panel of classifiers, and they determine whether the athlete's disability or impairment(s) are classifiable, or not eligible/not classifiable to play the Paralympic discipline of wheelchair rugby. Athletes will then be informed of this decision (see fig.1).

If an athlete is classifiable, they will be eligible to play under a temporary classification until seen face-to-face with the classifiers for a full classification (see GBWR's Temporary Classification document for all information relating to playing with a temporary classification).

Athletes deemed classifiable following the initial review should note that they may be deemed not classifiable or not eligible following the face-to-face classification appointment. In this instance the athlete would then not be allowed to play in any further Paralympic discipline events.

If an athlete is not eligible or not classifiable, then they will not be eligible to play in any GBWR Paralympic discipline events. However, there would be an opportunity to continue playing wheelchair rugby fives.

Fig.1

