

## CLASSIFICATION

## CLASSIFICATION REVIEW PROCESS

### Information Document

This document outlines GBWR's classification review process, including, who is eligible to apply, how to apply, and what is GBWR's process once an application is received.

A classification review is when an athlete who has previously been through the classification process can apply to have their classification decision reviewed, as they believe their status may change due to a change in medical circumstances.

The review applies to athletes who have either:

- Received interventions, which may change their impairment profile

Or

- Have an impairment that is progressive and has significantly deteriorated since previous classification

Or

- Have a new additional **eligible** health condition that has resulted in a permanent change to the athlete's degree of impairment

An athlete who would like to apply for a review can do so by completing the Classification Review Request form <https://forms.office.com/r/x401SvvHDY>

Along with the form, **all requests need to be accompanied with medical evidence** from an appropriate medical professional that explains the athlete's change in circumstances. 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](mailto:classifiers@gbwr.org.uk).

Once received GBWR will process the application and it will be viewed by the classification panel. See flowchart below for the whole process. If the classification panel deem a review necessary, then a face-to-face classification appointment will be arranged (in some circumstances, only part of the classification process will need to be completed).

By completing the form, athletes will understand that their application will be reviewed on paper, and only if the panel deem necessary will they arrange a face-to-face appointment. Also, by providing the information, athletes will be made aware that their classification may change, athletes may go up or down in class, likewise, they may also be deemed not classifiable or not eligible.

An athlete can apply for a review initially any time after their original classification request, providing they meet one of the three medical circumstances. However, once an athlete has submitted a review (accepted or not), they are unable to request any further reviews for a two-year period from the date of the classifier's decision. There are exceptions to this rule; for instance, the classifiers have informed an athlete they should request a review within a specific time frame, or with GBWRs discretion.

There are currently no timescales as to when a review needs to be processed.

