

# **INTERNATIONAL WORLD PARAVOLLEY CLASSIFIER CERTIFICATION PATHWAY**

## **Preamble**

As a professional International Sports Federation, World ParaVolley has an ongoing responsibility to educate and train International Classifiers that are capable of delivering high quality classification services for ParaVolley athletes.

World ParaVolley has devised an education and training pathway for International Classifiers that provides them with the necessary skills, knowledge and experience to deliver classification evaluation at the highest possible standard. World ParaVolley places a high priority on developing its human resources in order to provide the necessary services for the conduct of classification now and into the future.

This pathway has three levels of certification. Each level is designed to strengthen the participant's knowledge and skills about classification in World ParaVolley, and must be taken in sequence. Successful completion of each level will allow trainee classifiers to progress along the pathway to be eligible for appointment to a World ParaVolley International Classification Panel.

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# INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PATHWAY MATRIX

## LEVEL 3 International Classifier

**May be a Chief Classifier or International Classifier in any World ParaVolley controlled events**

NOMINATED BY HEAD OF CLASSIFICATION COMMISSION & APPOINTED TO THESE EVENTS BY WORLD PARAVOLLEY MEDICAL DIRECTOR

## LEVEL 2 Classifier

**May be appointed as a Classifier in Zonal controlled events with some restrictions**

NOMINATED BY ZONE, APPROVED BY WORLD PARAVOLLEY HEAD OF CLASSIFICATION & APPOINTED BY WORLD PARAVOLLEY MEDICAL DIRECTOR

## LEVEL 1 Classifier

**May be a Classifier in National events**

APPOINTED TO THESE EVENTS BY NATIONAL FEDERATION/NPC WITH NOTIFICATION TO ZONE HEAD OF CLASSIFICATION

## WORLD PARAVOLLEY CLASSIFIER TRAINING

### Level One Program ([link to Level One](#))

- World ParaVolley education program (theory and practical) to be organized by the World ParaVolley Head of Classifier Education or Medical Director in coordination with the LOC and Head of Classification for the Zone.
- Course delivered by a World ParaVolley Educator (Level 2 and above Classifier who is also a World ParaVolley recognized Educator).
- Course completed at a Competition where sufficient numbers of athletes to evaluate will be present.
- Participants must be nominated by their National World ParaVolley member (NPC/NF).
- Participants must be a medical doctor, physiotherapist (or equivalent qualification), with a current professional license to practice by a nationally recognized authority.
- Upon completion of the program, a World ParaVolley Level One Diploma Certificate to be issued to successful participants by the World ParaVolley Medical Department.
- This certification authorises the qualified personnel to serve as a National Classifier in National Competitions for their NPC/NF of residence.

### Level Two Program ([link to Level Two](#))

- World ParaVolley education program (theory and practical) to be delivered by a World ParaVolley Level 3 Classifier who is also a recognized World ParaVolley Educator.
- Course completed at a World ParaVolley Zonal/International Competition.
- Upon successful completion of all components of the program, a World ParaVolley Level Two Diploma Certification will be issued to the participants.
- This certification authorises the qualified personnel to serve in his/her zone with other experienced classifiers. He/she can be part of a Zonal panel that includes a Senior Level 3 Classifier (except Zonal events that are qualifiers for the Paralympic Games). A Classification panel of two level two trainees cannot allocate a Confirmed International class. They are not authorized to resolve International Classification Protests without involvement of a Level 3 World ParaVolley International Classifier.

### Level Three Program ([link to Level Three](#))

- World ParaVolley education program (theory and practical) to be delivered by a World ParaVolley Level 3 Classifier who is also be a recognized World ParaVolley Senior Educator.
- The practical component is completed over at least two Sanctioned World ParaVolley International Events, at least one of which must be a World Championship, Intercontinental Cup, or World Cup.
- Upon successful completion of all components of the program, a World ParaVolley

Level 3 Diploma Certificate will be issued to the participants.

- 🌐 This certification authorises the qualified personnel to provide International level classifications as part of an International World ParaVolley Classification Panel at any international event.

### **World ParaVolley Course Educators**

- 🌐 A recognized Senior Educator with a Level 3 qualification may deliver the World ParaVolley Classifier Education Program at all levels.
- 🌐 A recognized Educator with a Level 2 qualification may deliver a World ParaVolley Level 1 Classifier Course.
- 🌐 World ParaVolley Educators must demonstrate excellent teaching and evaluation skills through mentorship of other classifier trainees in their zone and at competitions, and through teaching components of courses with a Senior Educator.
- 🌐 A World ParaVolley Educator Certificate to be issued by the World ParaVolley Medical Department.

## WORLD PARAVOLLEY CLASSIFIER TRAINING PROGRAMS

### Level One Program

This face-to-face program is delivered in English and/or the local language and allows for immediate feedback from the Educators and practical assessment. Classification rules and forms are available on the official World ParaVolley website [www.worldparavolley.org](http://www.worldparavolley.org). The World ParaVolley Educator will provide additional training materials to be studied prior to attending the course.

#### L1 Participant Profile

- 🌀 Participants in this program should have a desire to serve as a National Classifier and contribute to the development of ParaVolley at a National level. This is also the entry level to becoming an international classifier.
- 🌀 Be a medical doctor, physiotherapist (or equivalent qualification), with a current professional license to practice by a nationally recognized authority.
- 🌀 Have experience in the evaluation of individuals with impairment and activity limitation, especially those impairments most common in World ParaVolley sport disciplines (such as amputation, orthopedic musculoskeletal conditions, and other neurological conditions such as multiple sclerosis, brain injury and cerebral palsy)
- 🌀 Have clinical experience in the assessment techniques used in World ParaVolley Classification (manual muscle testing, goniometric ROM measurement, and relevant neurological testing methods)
- 🌀 Knowledge/understanding of the sport of volleyball
- 🌀 Past experience as a classifier in another sport would be an asset.

#### L1 Learning Outcomes

The following learning outcomes should be achieved upon completion of the World ParaVolley Level One Program:

- 🌀 Understand and apply the conceptual basis of classification
- 🌀 Have an understanding of the IPC Athlete Classification Code and International Standards
- 🌀 Understand and conduct relevant medical and functional tests for Physical Impairment
- 🌀 Understand basic movement requirements for core volleyball skills
- 🌀 Understand and observe impact of impairment on core volleyball actions during in-competition Observation assessment
- 🌀 Be able to properly complete all relevant classification documents
- 🌀 Know all Minimum Disability Criteria (MDC) and Sport Class Criteria/Profiles and where to locate it within the Classification Rules and Regulations
- 🌀 Learn how to properly communicate classification outcomes
- 🌀 Understand and be able to manage risk as a classifier
- 🌀 Understand and be able to follow the proper procedures of classification

- 🌀 Know the role of a National Classifier

### L1 Course Content:

- 🌀 Introduction to Classification
- 🌀 ParaVolley Sport Disciplines
- 🌀 IPC Classification Code & International Standards
- 🌀 World ParaVolley Classification Rules
- 🌀 Underlying Health Conditions & Eligible (and Non-Eligible) Impairments, MDF
- 🌀 Confidentiality and Duty of Care – Code of Conduct
- 🌀 Medical “bench” Testing
- 🌀 Measurement of Impairments
- 🌀 Minimum Impairment Criteria
- 🌀 Sport Classes – (including NE)
- 🌀 Functional Assessment
- 🌀 Completion of Athlete Evaluation Form
- 🌀 General Discussion on Protests/Appeals, Intentional Misrepresentation, Medical Review Requests
- 🌀 Practical assessment skills; observation of Classification and formal observation on Court

### L1 Assessment:

- 🌀 Theory Exam
- 🌀 Practical Exam
- 🌀 Trainees in the Level 1 Classifier Program will be advised of strengths and weaknesses as a Classifier based on a competency transcript.

### L1 Program Outcome:

- 🌀 World ParaVolley will notify each successful trainee’s NPC/National Federation and Zonal Head of Classification of his/her successful completion of the Level One Program.
- 🌀 After completing the Level One program, World ParaVolley advises National Classifiers to keep a log of the events attended, number of athletes and types of impairments the National Classifier has classified.
- 🌀 Trainees will be eligible to attend a Level Two Classification Program dependent on meeting all program prerequisites, including accrual of sufficient documented classification practice.

## Level Two Program

The Level Two Program is delivered in English and allows for direct feedback and probing questions from the Evaluator that can immediately change practices, and identify areas of weakness requiring further study. Unsupervised experience can be made more valuable by reviewing the trainee's experiences recorded in the logbook, jointly reflecting on cases, and providing feedback prior to a future classification experience. The World ParaVolley Educator will provide additional training materials to be studied prior to attending the course.

### L2 Participant Profile

Participants must have the following:

- 🌐 Practical Successful completion of Level 1 Classifier Certification
- 🌐 Desire to progress classification knowledge and experience and to assist in the development of ParaVolley on a Zonal level
- 🌐 Proof of at least 12 months experience as a Level 1 Classifier in his/her own country. He/she must have completed a minimum of 5 (de-identified and written) National Classification Evaluations other than those with amputation impairment.
- 🌐 A high level of written and spoken English relevant to medical and physical testing.
- 🌐 Does not have a role with their National member federation (i.e. as team doctor or physiotherapist)

### L2 Learning Outcomes

The following learning outcomes should be achieved upon completion of the World ParaVolley Level Two Program:

- 🌐 Understand and apply the conceptual basis of classification to more complex cases
- 🌐 Know and be able to complete all relevant medical tests for Physical Impairment to a high standard of validity and reliability
- 🌐 Know all Minimum Disability Criteria (MDC) and Sport Class Criteria/Profiles and where to locate it within the Classification Rules and Regulations rapidly, accurately and efficiently
- 🌐 Know and conduct in competition Observation assessment independently and integrate information with physical and functional assessment findings to allocate a class and status as part of a panel
- 🌐 Know how to properly communicate classification outcomes accurately and efficiently
- 🌐 Understand and demonstrate leadership in the management of risks in classification
- 🌐 Understand World ParaVolley Protest and Appeals Procedures and administrative responsibilities of classifiers in World ParaVolley
- 🌐 Know the role of a Zonal Level 2 Classifier
- 🌐 Understand learning concepts in order to teach Level One Courses

## L2 Course Content:

- 🌀 Introduction to Level Two
- 🌀 The Level 2 Classifier – Roles and Responsibilities
- 🌀 World ParaVolley Classification Commission – structure and roles
- 🌀 Athlete and Support Personnel Responsibilities
- 🌀 The difficult Evaluation – CNC; Athlete misconduct
- 🌀 Protest & Appeal Management
- 🌀 Intentional Misrepresentation
- 🌀 Decision Pathways in Complex Cases
- 🌀 Complex Case studies and Mock-up Classification Scenarios
- 🌀 ParaVolley Sport Administration System (PVSAS)
- 🌀 Completion of Classification Result form for Masterlist; protest forms
- 🌀 Learning Concepts and Teaching practical

## L2 Assessment:

- 🌀 Includes completion of theory and practical exam with complex case studies
- 🌀 Practical component that requires the Trainee to work under supervision as part of a classification panel during at least two sanctioned or authorized World ParaVolley Zonal level (or above) international Events, whilst being assessed and observed by the Educator(s) on the basis of a competency transcript.

## L2 Program Outcome

- 🌀 World ParaVolley will notify the Zone Head of Classification of the trainee's successful completion of the Level Two Program and his/her name will be published on the World ParaVolley and Zonal websites.
- 🌀 Trainees will also be eligible to attend a Level Three Classification Program dependent on meeting all other program prerequisites, including accrual of sufficient classification practice.
- 🌀 After completing the Level Two program, World ParaVolley advises Level Two Classifiers to keep a log of the events attended, number of athletes and types of impairments he/she has classified. This is required by World ParaVolley to assist in determining if a Classifier is eligible to be trained in a Level 3 Program, is meeting criteria to maintain the Level Two Certification, or to teach a Level 1 Course at the discretion of the Head of Classifier Education.



## Level Three Program

The Level Three Program is delivered in English. The World ParaVolley Educator will provide additional training materials to be studied prior to attending the course.

### L3 Participant Profile

Participants must have the following:

- 🌀 Successful completion of Level Two Classifier Certification (including participation as a Level Two Classifier during at least TWO World ParaVolley Zonal Level events)
- 🌀 Desire to progress classification knowledge and experience and to assist in the development of ParaVolley on an International (World) level
- 🌀 Involvement in the Delivery of at least ONE Level One Classifier Course in own country or own zone (assistant instructor).
- 🌀 Satisfactory contribution as a Level Two Classifier in a Protest Panel
- 🌀 An excellent level of written and spoken English relevant to medical and physical testing, and be of sufficient level to effectively communicate in official and stressful situations and mentoring/teaching others.

### L3 Learning Outcomes:

- 🌀 Have an in-depth understanding of the IPC Athlete Classification Code and International Standards
- 🌀 Understand and apply the conceptual and practical basis of classification to a high standard, including being the lead classifier in a panel performing complete classification evaluation on complex cases
- 🌀 Know and conduct in competition Observation assessment to a high standard independently for complex cases
- 🌀 Know how to effectively mentor less experienced classifiers
- 🌀 Understand and clearly explain all Classification procedures, protest situations, and other procedures that are the responsibility of the Chief Classifier
- 🌀 Know how to effectively deal with issues relating to Team management, conflict management, ethical and cultural issues
- 🌀 Understand and demonstrate leadership in the management of risks in classification
- 🌀 Know the role of an International Classifier and roles and responsibilities of a Chief Classifier

### L3 Course Content:

- 🌀 Introduction to Level 3
- 🌀 The Chief Classifier – Role & Responsibilities
- 🌀 World ParaVolley Competition Personnel and interdependencies/roles
- 🌀 Review of Medical Diagnostic Forms and Medical Review Request Forms

- 🌀 Eligibility Committee
- 🌀 Pre-Competition Duties
- 🌀 In-Competition Classification Administration
- 🌀 Post-Competition Duties and Event Report
- 🌀 Complex Case studies and Issue Management
- 🌀 Classification Research

### L3 Assessment:

- 🌀 Theory and Practical Exam
- 🌀 Practical component which is completed over at least two Sanctioned World ParaVolley International Events, at least one of which must be a World Championship, Intercontinental Cup, or World Cup.

### L3 Program Outcome:

By successfully completing the program, be able to participate as part of an International Classification Panel at any International event, including World Championships. World ParaVolley will notify each successful trainee's Zone Head of Classification of his/her successful completion of the Level Three Program, and will publish it on the website. Level Three Classifiers should continue to keep a log of the events attended, number of athletes and types of impairments he/she has classified. This is required by World ParaVolley to assist in determining if the Classifier is meeting criteria to maintain the Level Three Certification.

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**For further information about Becoming a Classifier and the Certification Pathway, please complete the [Expression of Interest to Become a Classifier](#), or contact the Head of Classifier Education, Dora Szatmari, at [dora@paravolley.eu](mailto:dora@paravolley.eu)**