



IBSA Head of Classification

Role Description

Preamble:

The role of Head of Classification is one of the most senior appointments within IBSA reflecting the importance and responsibility for the oversight of IBSA classification policies and systems. The individual filling this volunteer role collaborates with the IBSA Classification Manager, IBSA sport leaders, IBSA recognized classifiers, the IPC Classification team and others to ensure compliance with the IPC Classification Code and related International Standards; to facilitate fair play in IBSA sports; and to promote high regard for the dignity and well-being of blind and visually impaired athletes participating in IBSA competitions.

The Role:

- To chair meetings of the Classification Committee
- To recommend candidates for the Classification Committee to the President and Executive Board
- To lead the recruitment of classifiers
- To collaborate with the Classification Manager in the organisation and conduct of classifier education & training; certification, re-certification and overall classifier development
- To oversee the assignment of classifiers to UHC assessment committees and on-site classification panels
- To support the Classification Manager in the maintenance of the classifier activity data base
- To work alongside the IBSA Classification Manager to ensure that IBSA's Classification rules, policies and practices are compliant with the IPC Athlete Classification Code including the related International Standards
- To advise classifiers at events as necessary
- To oversee maintenance of the IBSA Classification Master Lists, including their periodic review
- To support the Classification Manager in handling of classification protests and appeals

- To stimulate and contribute to Classification Research in IBSA sports and to help disseminate the outcomes of research to IBSA classifiers and others
- To be IBSA's principal spokesperson on matters of Classification policy to external agencies and individuals

Qualifications

- Current qualified ophthalmologists who can demonstrate significant service to IBSA over several years
- Expressions of interest from those with a specialty and/or experience in low vision are particularly welcomed
- The Head of Classification must have leadership-level organizational and communications skills and a high degree of proficiency in English

Process

- Candidates should present a letter of interest, curriculum vita, and letter of recommendation from their home nation's IBSA member organization President, CEO or Secretary General by **Monday, October 15, 2024**
- Send materials to classification@ibsasport.org.