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2018 PARA-EQUESTRIAN CLASSIFICATION RULES

Introduction

Please find below the Para-Equestrian Dressage Committee's proposals for the Para-Equestrian Classification Rules. The below document includes the feedback received and the Committee detailed proposal for approval of the General Assembly.

As the full document was revised to comply with the IPC Code of Classification, please note that the new document was published, without the below changes, with all other Rules Revisions documents.

The rationale of the Para-Equestrian Dressage Committee for proposing the change is indicated in italics and purple.

Summarized feed-back from NFs.

Para-Equestrian Dressage Committee's answers further to NFs feedbacks are at the bottom of the last comment – when applicable.

2018 Para-Equestrian Classification Rules – 1st Edition, (revision of FEI Para-Equestrian Classification Manual 5th Edition) suggested for implementation in January 2018

CHAPTER II – CLASSIFICATION PERSONEL

ARTICLE 3.6 HEAD OF CLASSIFICATION

The Head of Classification is not required to be a certified Classifier.

NED NF

Advise: The Head of Classification is a Para Equestrian classifier with at least 5 years' experience at international level.

PED Technical Committee: Agree, change to be made as below.

Final Text Proposal:

The Head of Classification is ~~not required to be a certified Classifier~~ **required to be a certified Level 2 FEI Classifier.**

ARTICLE 5

NED NF

5. Classifier Code of Conduct

5.2 seems to be missing?

PED Technical Committee: This was a technical problem, PDF cut 5.2 "All FEI Classification Personnel must comply with the Classifier Code of Conduct"

CHAPTER III – ATHLETE EVALUATION

ARTICLE 6.8 ATHLETE EVALUATION

Athlete Evaluation is not available for Athletes with New (N) Status at Championships

NED NF

Advise: Athlete Evaluation is not available for Athletes with New (N) Status at Championships, except for athletes who compete in Championships for Para Driving.

PED Technical Committee: Para Driving and Para Dressage Classification Rules should not be different. There are other opportunities for Drivers to be assessed prior to a Championship.

ARTICLE 7.7 ASSESSMENT OF ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENT

If in the course of determining if an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment the FEI becomes aware that the Athlete has a Health Condition, and believes that the impact of that Health Condition may be that it is unsafe for that Athlete to compete or there is a risk to the health of the Athlete (or other Athletes) if that Athlete competes, it may designate the Athlete as Classification Not Completed (CNC) in accordance with Article 10 of these Classification Rules. In such instances the FEI will explain the basis of its designation to the relevant National Federation.

NED NF

Advise: In our opinion it is not up to the FEI to decide that it is unsafe for the athlete to compete or that there is a risk to the health of the athlete. Maybe it is better to modify the text:

If the FEI, after consulting the involved classifier or other professional, becomes aware that the athlete has a health condition.

PED Technical Committee: As officials under the FEI, Classifiers represent the FEI. No change needed to the text.

CHAPTER IV – ATHLETE EVALUATION AND THE CLASSIFICATION PANEL

ARTICLE 15.3 GRADE STATUS NEW

An Athlete is allocated Grade Status New (N) by the FEI prior to attending the Athlete's first Evaluation Session. This will apply if a National Federation has allocated an Entry Grade to the Athlete, and the Athlete has not completed FEI Classification yet. An Athlete with Grade Status New (N) must attend an Evaluation Session prior to competing at any FEI Para-Equestrian Event, unless the FEI specifies otherwise.

NED NF

15 Grade Status
Grade Status New

15.3 Advise: An athlete is allocated Grade Status New (N) by the FEI prior to attending the Athlete's first Evaluation Session. This will apply if a National Federation has allocated an Entry Grade to the Athlete and the Athlete has not competed FEI Classification yet, **or when the athlete has attended an evaluation session but could not be observed during competition.**

An athlete with Grade Status New (N) must attend an Evaluation Session prior to competing at any FEI Para-equestrian Event, unless the FEI specifies otherwise, or , in case of already undergone an evaluation session, need to be observed during first appearance in the competition, **or, in case of already undergone an evaluation session, needs to be observed during first appearance in the competition.**

PED Technical Committee: Introduction in 2018 of Athletes with tracking code Observation Assessment (OA) will remove this issue.

CHAPTER VI – PROTESTS

ARTICLE 25 PROTEST PANEL

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25.8 and 25.9 seem to be the same text?

PED Technical Committee: Typing error to be corrected

CHAPTER VIII – MEDICAL REVIEW

ARTICLE 31.3 MEDICAL REVIEW

A Medical Review Request must be made by the Athlete's National Federation (together with a €40 non-refundable fee and any supporting documentation), or by the Head of Classification. The Medical Review Request must explain how and to what extent the Athlete's Impairment has changed and why it is believed that the Athlete's ability to execute the specific tasks and activities required by a sport has changed.

NED NF

Question: Why does the request have to be made by the Head of Classification?

PED Technical Committee: The request does not have to be made by the HoC, it is made by the NF or HoC. No change needed.

CHAPTER XII - GLOSSARY

NED NF

Classification Master List: A list, which is maintained and monitored by the FEI, made available by the FEI that identifies Athletes who have been allocated a Grade and designated a Grade Status, **and registers the compensating aids the athlete is allowed to use.**

Entry Criteria: Standards set by the FEI relating to the expertise or experience levels of persons who wish to be Classifiers. This may be, for example, former Athletes or coaches, sports scientists, physical educators and medical professionals, all of whom have the qualifications and abilities relevant to conduct all, or specific parts of, Athlete Evaluation. **For Para equestrian classifiers medical doctors or physiotherapists are also suitable.**

PED Technical Committee: Agree to suggestion for Master List.
Will make change as below for Entry Criteria.

Proposed text:

Entry Criteria: Standards set by the FEI relating to the expertise or experience levels of persons who wish to be Classifiers. This ~~may must~~ be, ~~for example, former Athletes or coaches, sports scientists, physical educators and medical professionals, all of~~ **medical doctors or physiotherapists** who have the qualifications and abilities relevant to conduct all, or specific parts of, Athlete Evaluation.



APPENDIX I – ATHLETES WITH PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT

ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENT TYPES, ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY AND MINIMUM IMPAIRMENT CRITERIA

NED NF
Ataxia - Coordination Power (MS)
Impaired Passive Range of Movement - Range of movement Arthrogryposis
<i>PED Technical Committee: Will correct typing error in Arthrogryposis</i>

GRADES AND PROFILES FOR ATHLETES

NED NF
"28 - III Grade IV
<i>PED Technical Committee: Will correct typing error</i>

APPENDIX II – ATHLETES WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT

Eligible Impairment	Examples of Health Conditions	Assessment Methodology	Minimum Impairment Criteria
<p>Vision Impairment</p> <p>Athletes here considered with Vision Impairment have very reduced vision to total blindness caused by damage of the eye structure and physiology, optical pathways (including the optic nerves), visual cortex.</p> <p>Athletes with Vision Impairment have reduced or no vision caused by damage to the eye structure, optical nerves or optical pathways, or visual cortex of the brain.</p>	<p>Examples of an underlying Health Condition that can lead to such Vision Impairment include retinitis pigmentosa, diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachment, optic nerves atrophy</p> <p>Examples of an underlying Health Condition that can lead to Vision Impairment include retinitis pigmentosa and diabetic retinopathy</p>	<p>A basic vision assessment based on Visual Acuities and Visual Fields.</p>	<p>Minimum Impairment Criteria for Athletes with such a vision Impairment have been set based on the Athlete's best eye with the better optical correction possible vision. The Non Eligible have visual acuity equal or better than LogMAR 0.9 and / or visual field diameter equal or greater than 40 degrees tested with a III/4 stimulus in Goldmann perimeter (or equivalent in automatic perimeters)</p>