

CLASSIFICATION RULES CHANGE LOG DOCUMENT

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This change log summarizes the main changes between the IPPTC Classification Code published in 2010 and the new ITTF-PTT Classification Rules published in 2018.

The intention of this document is to help players, coaches, classifiers, spectator and other Para Table Tennis stakeholders to locate and understand the main changes in classification rules. The list of changes should not be considered as exhaustive and, therefore, the only official document to be considered when dealing with PTT classification doubts is the "Classification Rules for ITTF Para Table Tennis" published in January 2018

The following table shows a common format used for a project change log:

Standard Change Log Template:

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Change Log						
Change No.	Change Type	Description of Change	Comments			
Each change request is assigned a reference number.	This may be a design, scope, schedule or other type of change.	The change request should be described in detail.	This section may describe why the change request was rejected, deferred or provide any other useful information.			

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1.14	Scope	PTT Classification Rules have to be applied in a consistent manner with IPC Classification Code	Knowledge of IPC Classification Code is mandatory and it should be			
2.2	Responsibilities	New responsibilities for Athletes	available in IPTTC webpage			
2.3	Responsibilities	New responsibilities for Athletes Support Personnel	Athletes Support Personnel includes team leaders, coaches, trainers, physiotherapist,			
3.2 to 3.6	Responsibilities	Role of Head of Classification				
3.8 to 3.9	Responsibilities	A chief classifier will be nominated for every tournament among the designated classifiers.				
3.10 to 3.11	Responsibilities	Trainee classifiers could be present during the Athlete Evaluation	Maximum of 2 trainee classifiers per panel			
4.4	Education	Classifiers maybe required for re-certification				
4.7	Responsibilities	Classifiers may be limited in their certifications	Limitation of impairments type or event factor			
5	Responsibilities	New Classifiers Code of Conduct	IPC Code of ethics should be available in IPTTC webpage			
7.4.1	Eligibility	An Underlying Health Condition has to be the origin of the Eligible impairments	There is a list of not Underlying Health Conditions			
7.4.3	Athlete Evaluation	New designation: Classification Not Completed				
7.5.1	Athlete Evaluation	Medical reports must be sent upon completing the registrations of an Athlete	Written in English, dated and signed.			
7.7 to 7.8	Athlete Evaluation	New Eligibility Assessment Committee				
8	Athlete Evaluation	New concept: Minimum Impairment Criteria				
9	Sport Class	Non Eligible (NE) is a Sport Class, not a Sport Class Status				
14.6.1	Athlete Evaluation	Changes of Sport Class after Observation are effective immediately				
15	Sport Class Status	4 status: N, C, R and FRD				

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15.7	Change criteria for Sport Class	Players with Sport Class Status Confirmed may be changed to Sport Class Status Review	This may be done after a change in Sport Class criteria			
18.4	Non Eligibility	If an Athlete is NE by another federation, ITTF-PTT may allocate Sport Class NE without performing the Athlete Evaluation				
18.5	Non Eligibility	Cases when NE Athlete has no right to be reviewed by a second panel	IF the reason for NE is the absence of an eligible impairment			
18.6	Non Eligibility	Automatic Review when NE is decided because of absence of compliance with minimum impairment criteria				
18.7	Non Eligibility	A final review may be requested is the Athlete has been allocated as NE as a result of a protest from a previous Sport Class allocation other than NE				
19.2	Protest	NE decision cannot be protested				
21.1	Protest	Protest against other nations are not allowed anymore				
21.2	Protest	Timeframe for a protest to be valid is reduced				
23.1.2	Protest	To define the form for requesting ITTF-PTT to initiate a protest				
25.7	Protest	Only one protest is allowed for National Bodies and NPCs				
31.6	Medical Review and Intentional Misrepresentation	Athletes and Coaches have the obligation of warn ITTF-PTT about changes in an Athlete's nature or degree of impairment	If not, they may be investigated in respect of possible Intentional Misrepresentation			
32.4.4	Intentional Misrepresentation	Suspensions may be disclose publicly				

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35.1	Data protection	Athletes may be requested to provide personal information for research purposes				
41.1	Data protection	Sport Class Status will be public.				
44.2	Appeals	Appeals may be resolved by IPC Board of Appeal of Classification				
Appendix 1	Classification Criteria	Very mild CP are included in class 10				
Appendix 1	Classification Criteria	Severe CP hemiplegia are included in class 7	Added text is "Severe CP hemiplegia or diplegia with good playing arm: playing arm almost normal with severe problems of leg(s) movements"			
Appendix 1	Classification Criteria	MIC are better defined for class 10				
Appendix 2	Classification Criteria	Intellectual Impairment classification criteria are included.	Now, it is part of the classification code and is not in a separate document anymore			
Appendix 3	Classification Criteria	Examples of Non eligible impairments are described				