



IGF Classification Rules

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Part One: General Provisions

1. Scope and Application

Adoption

- 1.1 These Classification Rules and Regulations are referred to throughout this document as the 'Classification Rules'. They have been prepared by the International Golf Federation (IGF) to implement the requirements of the 2015 IPC Athlete Classification Code and International Standards, by adopting the Classification Model Rules for Para Sports
- 1.2 The Classification Rules have been adopted by the IGF.
- 1.3 These Classification Rules refer to a number of Appendices. These Appendices form an integral part of the Classification Rules.
- 1.4 The Classification Rules are supplemented by a number of Classification forms that have been prepared to assist Athlete Evaluation. These forms are available from the IGF, and can be amended by the IGF from time to time.

Classification

- 1.5 Classification is undertaken to:
 - a) define a framework to for the "classification" process, to identify who is eligible to compete in competitions for golfers with disability under the jurisdiction of the IGF.
 - b) group Golfers into Sport Classes which aim to ensure that the impact of Impairment is minimised, that Athletes compete equitably with each other and sporting excellence determines which Golfer or team is ultimately victorious.
 - c) minimise the impact of eligible Impairment types on the outcome of competition

Application

- 1.6 These Classification Rules apply to all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel who are participating in any Events or Competitions under the jurisdiction of the IGF.
- 1.7 These Classification Rules shall be read and applied in conjunction with all other applicable rules of the IGF, including but not limited to the R&A and USGA "Modification of the Rules for Golfers with Disabilities". In the event of any conflict between these Classification Rules and any other rules, the Classification Rules shall take precedence.

Classification

- 1.8 The IGF will only permit an Athlete to compete in a competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF if that Athlete has been allocated a Sport Class (other than Sport Class Not Eligible) and designated with a Sport Class Status in accordance with these Classification Rules.
- 1.9 The IGF will provide opportunities for Athletes to be allocated a Sport Class and designated with a Sport Class Status in accordance with these Classification Rules at Recognised Competitions (or other such locations as defined by the IGF). The IGF will advise Athletes, National Federation Members (NFM) in advance as to such

Recognised Competitions (or other such locations).

Interpretation and Relationship to Code

- 1.10 References to an 'Article' mean an Article of these Classification Rules, references to an 'Appendix' mean an Appendix to these Classification Rules, and Capitalised terms used in these Classification Rules have the meaning given to them in the Glossary to these Classification Rules.
- 1.11 The Appendices to these Classification Rules are part of these Classification Rules both of which may be amended, supplemented and/or replaced by the IGF from time to time.
- 1.12 Headings used in these Classification Rules are used for convenience only and have no meaning that is separate from the Article or Articles to which they refer.
- 1.13 These Classification Rules are to be applied and interpreted as an independent text but in a manner that is consistent with the 2015 IPC Athlete Classification Code and the accompanying International Standards.

2 Roles and Responsibilities

- 2.1 It is personal responsibility of Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel, and Classification Personnel to familiarise themselves with all the requirements of these Classification Rules.

Athlete Responsibilities

- 2.2 The roles and responsibilities of Athletes include to:
 - a) be knowledgeable of and comply with all applicable policies, rules and processes established by these Classification Rules;
 - b) participate in Athlete Evaluation in good faith;
 - c) ensure when appropriate that adequate information related to Health Conditions and Eligible Impairments is provided and/or made available to the IGF;
 - d) cooperate with any investigations concerning violations of these Classification Rules; and
 - e) actively participate in the process of education and awareness, and Classification research, through exchanging personal experiences and expertise.

Athlete Support Personnel Responsibilities

- 2.3 The roles and responsibilities of Athlete Support Personnel include to:
 - a) be knowledgeable of and comply with all applicable policies, rules and processes established by these Classification Rules;
 - b) use their influence on Athlete values and behaviour to foster a positive and collaborative Classification attitude and communication;
 - c) assist in the development, management and implementation of Classification Systems; and



- d) cooperate with any investigations concerning violations of these Classification Rules.

Classification Personnel Responsibilities

2.4 The roles and responsibilities of Classification Personnel include to:

- a) have a complete working knowledge of all applicable policies, rules and processes established by these Classification Rules;
- b) use their influence to foster a positive and collaborative Classification attitude and communication;
- c) assist in the development, management and implementation of Classification Systems, including participation in education and research; and
- d) cooperate with any investigations concerning violations of these Classification Rules.

Part Two: Classification Personnel

3 Classification Personnel

- 3.1 Classification Personnel are fundamental to the effective implementation of these Classification Rules. They have a key role in the organisation, implementation and administration of Classification for golfers with a disability.

Head of Classification

- 3.2 The IGF Head of Classification is a person responsible for the direction, administration, co-ordination and implementation of Classification matters for golfers with disability.
- 3.3 The IGF Head of Classification may delegate specific responsibilities and/or the transfer specific tasks to designated Classifiers, or other persons authorised by the IGF.
- 3.4 Nothing in these Classification Rules prevents the IGF Head of Classification (if certified as a Classifier) from also being appointed as a Classifier and/or Chief Classifier.

Classifiers

- 3.5 A Classifier is a person authorised as an official and certified by the IGF to conduct some or all components of Athlete Evaluation as a member of a Classification Panel for Athletes wishing to obtain an R4GD pass. (a Ranking for Golfers with a Disability Pass).
- 3.6 Classifiers are required, as appropriate, to assist in:
- research, development and clarification of the Classification Rules and Sport Class profiles.
 - participate in Classifier Workshops arranged by the IGF and/or the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) from time to time.
 - attend such Classifier Training as requested from time to time by the IGF.

Chief Classifiers

- 3.7 A Chief Classifier is a Classifier appointed to direct, administer, co-ordinate and implement Classification matters for a specific Competition or at such other location as defined by the IGF. In particular, a Chief Classifier may be required by the IGF to do the following:
- identify those Athletes who will be required to attend an Evaluation Session;
 - supervise Classifiers to ensure that the Classification Rules are properly applied during Classification;
 - manage Protests in consultation with the IGF; and
 - liaise with the relevant Competition organising committee to ensure that all travel, accommodation and other logistics are arranged in order that Classifiers may carry out their duties at the Competition.
- 3.8 A Chief Classifier may delegate specific responsibilities and/or transfer specific tasks to other appropriately qualified Classifiers, or other appropriately qualified IGF officers or

representatives, and/or appropriately qualified persons in the local organising committee of a Competition.

Trainee Classifiers

- 3.9 A Trainee Classifier is a person who is in the process of formal training by the IGF.
- 3.10 The IGF may appoint Trainee Classifiers to participate in some or all components of Athlete Evaluation under the supervision of a Chief Classifier, to develop Classifier Competencies to be certified by the IGF as an International Classifier.

4 Classifier Competencies, Training and Certification

- 4.1 A Classifier will be authorised to act as a Classifier if that Classifier has been certified by the IGF as having the relevant Classifier Competencies.
- 4.2 The IGF will provide training and education to Classifiers to ensure Classifiers obtain and/or maintain Classifier Competencies.
- 4.3 The IGF shall specify and publish Classifier Competencies in a manner that is transparent and accessible.
- 4.4 The Classifier Competencies shall include that a Classifier has:
- a) a thorough understanding of these Classification Rules;
 - b) an understanding of the sport of golf, including an understanding of the technical rules of the sport(s) and Modifications of the Rules for disabled Golfers;
 - c) an understanding of the Code and the International Standards; and
 - d) a professional qualification(s), level of experience, skills and/or competencies in order to act as a Classifier for the IGF. These include that Classifiers shall either:
 - be a certified health professional in a field relevant to the Eligible Impairment category which the IGF as its sole discretion deems acceptable, such as a physician or physiotherapist for Athletes with a physical Impairment; ophthalmologist or optometrist for Athletes with a Vision Impairment; and or a psychologist for Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment; or
 - have an extensive coaching or other relevant background in golf; or a a recognised and reputable academic qualification which encompasses a requisite level of anatomical, biomechanical and golf - specific expertise, which the IGF, as its sole discretion deems to be acceptable.
- 4.5 The IGF established a process of Classifier Certification by which Classifier Competencies are assessed. This process shall include:
- a) a process for the certification of Trainee Classifiers;
 - b) quality assessment for the period of certification;
 - c) a process for handling substandard performance, including options for remediation and/or withdrawal of certification; and
 - d) a process for Re-certification of Classifiers.

- 4.6 The IGF shall specify Entry-Level Criteria (certified health care professionals) applicable to persons who wish to become Trainee Classifiers. The IGF will provide Entry-Level Education to Trainee Classifiers.
- 4.7 The IGF provides Continuing Education to Classifiers for the purposes of Certification and Re-certification.
- 4.8 The IGF may provide that a Classifier is subject to certain limitations, including (but not limited to):
- a) a limitation on the Impairment type for which a Classifier is certified to act as a Classifier;
 - b) a limitation on the components of Athlete Evaluation that a Classifier is certified to conduct;
 - c) a limitation on the level of Competition or Event that a Classifier is authorised to act as a Classifier;
 - d) the maximum time that a Classifier Certification is valid;
 - e) that Classifier Certification is subject to review within a specific time frame by reference to the Classifier Competencies;
 - f) that a Classifier may lose Classifier Certification if the IGF is not satisfied that the Classifier possesses the required Classifier Competencies; and/or
 - g) that a Classifier may regain Classifier Certification if the IGF is satisfied that the Classifier possesses the required Classifier Competencies.

5 Classifier Code of Conduct

- 5.1 The integrity of Classification for competitions for golfers with a disability depends on the conduct of Classification Personnel. The IGF has therefore adopted a set of professional conduct standards referred to as the “IGF Code of Conduct for Tournament Support Personnel and Official”, available as [APPENDIX .](#)
- 5.2 All Classification Personnel shall comply with the IGF Code of Conduct for Tournament Support Personnel.
- 5.3 Any person who believes that any Classification Personnel may have acted in a manner that contravenes the IGF Code of Conduct for Tournament Support Personnel shall report this to IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson.
- 5.4 If the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson receives such a report he/she will investigate the report and, if appropriate, take disciplinary measures.
- 5.5 The IGF has discretion to determine whether or not a Classifier has an actual, perceived and/or potential conflict of interest.

Part Three: Athlete Evaluation

6 General Provisions

- 6.1 The IGF has specified in these Classification Rules the process, assessment criteria and methodology whereby Athletes will be allocated a Sport Class and designated a Sport Class Status. This process is referred to as Athlete Evaluation.
- 6.2 Athlete Evaluation encompasses a number of steps and these Classification Rules therefore include provisions regarding:
- An assessment of whether or not an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment for the sport;
 - An assessment of whether an Athlete complies with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability
 - The allocation of a Sport Class (and designation of a Sport Class Status) depending on the extent to which an Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to golf (with the exception for athletes with Vision Impairment, where the current assessment criteria is not yet sport specific and does not include a requirement that the Athletes are assessed in respect of the 'extent to which the Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to golf').

7 Eligible Impairment

- 7.1 Any Athlete wishing to compete in a competition for golfers with a disability under the jurisdiction of the IGF shall have an Eligible Impairment and that Eligible Impairment shall be Permanent.
- 7.2 Appendices One and Two of these Classification Rules specify the Eligible Impairment(s) an Athlete shall have in order to compete in a competition for golfers with disability under the jurisdiction of the IGF.
- 7.3 Any Impairment that is not listed as an Eligible Impairment in [APPENDIX 1, APPENDIX 2](#) is referred to as a Non-Eligible Impairment.

Assessment of Eligible Impairment

- 7.4 The Assessment of Eligible Impairment shall determine if an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment as defined in the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability document, [APPENDIX 2](#) of this document.
- In order to be satisfied that an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment, any Athlete may have to demonstrate that he or she has an Underlying Health Condition.
 - The means by which the IGF determines that an individual Athlete has an Eligible Impairment is at its sole discretion. The IGF may consider that an Athlete's Eligible Impairment is sufficiently obvious and therefore not require evidence that

demonstrates the Athlete's Eligible Impairment.

- c) If in the course of determining if an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment the Eligibility Assessment Committee 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 IGF will explain the basis of its designation to the relevant NFM.

7.5 An Athlete shall (if requested to do so) supply the IGF with Diagnostic Information that shall be provided as follows:

- a) The relevant NFM shall submit a Medical Diagnostics Form to the IGF, upon completing the registration of an Athlete.
- b) The Medical Diagnostics Form shall be completed in English and dated and signed by a certified health care professional.
- c) The Medical Diagnostic Form shall be submitted with supportive Diagnostic Information if required by the IGF.

7.6 The IGF may require an Athlete to re-submit the Medical Diagnostics Form (with necessary supportive Diagnostic Information) if the IGF, as its sole discretion considers the Medical Diagnostic Form and/or the Diagnostic Information to be incomplete or inconsistent.

7.7 The process by which an Eligibility Assessment Committee is formed and considers Diagnostic Information is as follows:

- a) The Head of Classification will notify the relevant NFM that Diagnostic Information shall be provided on behalf of the Athlete. The Head of Classification will explain what Diagnostic Information is required, and the purposes for which it is required.
- b) The Head of Classification will set timelines for the production of Diagnostic Information.
- c) The Head of Classification will appoint an Eligibility Assessment Committee. The Eligibility Assessment Committee will, if practicable, be comprised of the Head of Classification and at least two other experts with appropriate medical qualifications. All members of the Eligibility Assessment Committee shall sign confidentiality undertakings.
- d) If the Head of Classification believes that he or she does not hold the necessary competencies to assess the Diagnostic Information, he or she will not participate in the review of the Diagnostic Information, but will assist the Eligibility Assessment Committee.
- e) Wherever possible all references to the individual Athlete and the source(s) of the Diagnostic Information should be withheld from the Eligibility Assessment Committee. Each member of the Eligibility Assessment Committee will review the Diagnostic Information and decide whether such information establishes the existence of an Eligible Impairment.
- f) If the Eligibility Assessment Committee concludes that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment the Athlete will be permitted to complete Athlete Evaluation with a Classification Panel.

- g) If the Eligibility Assessment Committee is not satisfied that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment the Head of Classification will provide a decision to this effect in writing to the relevant NFM. The NFM will be given an opportunity to comment on the decision and may provide further Diagnostic Information to the Eligibility Assessment Committee for review. If the decision is subsequently revised, the Head of Classification will inform the NFM.
- h) If the decision is not changed, the Head of Classification will issue a final decision letter to the NFM.
- i) The Eligibility Assessment Committee may make its decisions by a majority. If the Head of Classification is part of the Eligibility Assessment Committee, he or she may veto any decision if he or she does not agree that the Diagnostic Information supports the conclusion that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment.

7.8 The IGF Head of Classification may delegate one or more of the functions described above to a Classification Panel.

8 Minimum Impairment Criteria

- 8.1 An Athlete who wishes to compete in a competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF shall have an Eligible Impairment that complies with the relevant Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability.
- 8.2 The IGF has set Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability to ensure that an Athlete's Eligible Impairment affects the extent to which an Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport of golf.
- 8.3 APPENDIX 1 and APPENDIX 2 of these Classification Rules specify the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability applicable to golf and the process by which an Athlete's compliance with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability is to be assessed by a Classification Panel as part of an Evaluation Session.
- 8.4 Any Athlete who does not comply with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability shall be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE).
- 8.5 A Classification Panel shall assess whether or not an Athlete complies with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability. This will take place as part of an Evaluation Session. Prior to participating in an Evaluation Session, the Eligibility Assessment Committee shall have determined that the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment (see ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENT).
- 8.6 In relation to the use of Adaptive Equipment, the IGF has set Minimum Impairment Criteria as follows:
 - a) for Eligible Impairments other than Vision Impairment, Minimum Impairment Criteria shall not consider the extent to which the use of Adaptive Equipment might affect how the Golfer is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to golf;
 - b) for Vision Impairment, Minimum Impairment Criteria shall consider the extent to which the use of Adaptive Equipment might affect how the Golfer is able to

execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to golf.

9 Sport Class

- 9.1 A Sport Class is a category defined by the IGF in these Classification Rules, in which Athletes are grouped by reference to the impact of an Eligible Impairment on their ability to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the sport of golf.
- a) An Athlete who does not have an Eligible Impairment or does not comply with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability shall be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) in accordance with the provisions of Article 18 of these Classification Rules.
 - b) An Athlete who complies with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability shall be allocated a Sport Class (subject to the provisions in these Classification Rules concerning Failure to Attend Athlete Evaluation and Suspension of Athlete Evaluation).
 - c) Except for the allocation of Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) by the IGF Eligibility Assessment Committee (in accordance with Article 18.1), the allocation of a Sport Class shall be based solely on an evaluation by a Classification Panel of the extent to which the Athlete's Eligible Impairment affects the specific tasks and activities fundamental to golf. This evaluation shall take place in a controlled non-competitive environment, which allows for the repeated observation of key tasks and activities.
- 9.2 [APPENDIX 1 AND APPENDIX 2](#), of these Classification Rules specify the assessment methodology and assessment criteria for the allocation of a Sport Class and the designation of Sport Class Status.

10 Classification Not Completed

- 10.1 If at any stage of the Athlete Evaluation, a Classification Panel is unable to allocate a Sport Class to an Athlete, the Head of Classification or the relevant Chief Classifier may designate that Athlete as Classification Not Completed (CNC).
- 10.2 The designation Classification Not Completed (CNC) is not a Sport Class and is not subject to the provisions in these Classification Rules concerning Protests. The designation Classification Not Completed (CNC) will however be recorded for the purpose of the Classification Master List.
- 10.3 An Athlete who is designated as Classification Not Completed (CNC) may not compete in any competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF until Athlete's evaluation is completed.

Part Four: Athlete Evaluation and the Classification Panel

11 The Classification Panel

- 11.1 A Classification Panel is a group of Classifiers appointed by the IGF Head of classification to conduct some or all of the components of Athlete Evaluation including as part of an Evaluation Session.

General Provisions

- 11.2 A Classification Panel shall be comprised of at least two certified Classifiers. In exceptional circumstances a Chief Classifier may provide that a Classification Panel comprise only one Classifier, subject to that Classifier holding a valid medical qualification and who has been certified by the IGF to conduct physical assessment.
- 11.3 A Trainee Classifier may be part of a Classification Panel in addition to the required number of certified Classifiers, and may participate in Athlete Evaluation.

12 Classification Panel Responsibilities

- 12.1 A Classification Panel is responsible for conducting an Evaluation Session. As part of the Evaluation Session the Classification Panel shall:
- assess whether an Athlete complies with Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability;
 - assess the extent to which an Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to golf, which may include, but is not limited to, an assessment of the Athlete's ability to perform a golf swing, in a non-competitive environment, such as the driving range or practice area. The Athlete may be required to demonstrate the specific tasks and activities that are part of playing golf; and
 - conduct (if required) Observation in Competition, which shall involve observing a golfer performing the specific skills that are part of playing golf in competition. Observation Assessment need only take place if a Classification Team believes that they cannot complete a Golfer Evaluation and allocate a fair Sport Class without observing the golfer in competition.
- 12.2 Following the Evaluation Session the Classification Panel shall allocate a Sport Class and designate a Sport Class Status, or designate Classification Not Completed (CNC).
- 12.3 Prior to the Evaluation Session, the assessment as to whether an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment shall be undertaken by the IGF Eligibility Assessment Committee, unless the Head of Classification decides this to be undertaken by a Classification Panel.
- 12.4 The Evaluation Session shall take place in a controlled non-competitive environment that allows for the repeated observation of key tasks and activities.
- Although other factors such as low fitness level, poor technical proficiency and

aging may also affect the fundamental tasks and activities of the sport of golf, the allocation of Sport Class shall not be affected by these factors.

- 12.5 An Athlete who has a Non-Eligible Impairment and an Eligible Impairment may be evaluated by a Classification Panel on the basis of the Eligible Impairment, provided the Non-Eligible Impairment does not affect the Classification Panel's ability to allocate a Sport Class.
- 12.6 The Sport Class allocated to the GolferAthlete will be in accordance with the processes specified in [APPENDIX 1 AND APPENDIX 2](#).

13 Evaluation Sessions

- 13.1 This Article applies to all Evaluation Sessions.
- 13.2 The Athlete's NFM is responsible for ensuring that Athletes comply with their duties in relation to the provisions in this Article.
- 13.3 In respect of Athletes:
- a) Athletes have the right to be accompanied by a member of the Athlete's NFM when attending an Evaluation Session. The Athlete shall be accompanied if the Athlete is a minor or has an Intellectual Impairment.
 - b) The person chosen by the Athlete to accompany the Athlete at an Evaluation Session should be familiar with the Athlete's Impairment and sport history.
 - c) The Athlete and accompanying person shall acknowledge the terms of the Athlete Evaluation Agreement Form as specified by the IGF.
 - d) The Athlete shall verify his or her identity to the satisfaction of the Classification Panel, by providing a document such as a passport, ID card.
 - e) The Athlete shall attend the Evaluation Session with any sports attire or equipment relevant to the sport for which the Athlete wishes to be allocated a Sport Class.
 - f) The Athlete shall disclose the use of any medication and/or medical device/implant to the Classification Panel.
 - g) The Athlete shall comply with all reasonable instructions given by a Classification Panel.
- 13.4 In respect of the Classification Panel:
- a) The Classification Panel may request that an Athlete provide medical documentation relevant to the Athlete's Eligible Impairment if the Classification Panel believes that this will be necessary in order for it to allocate a Sport Class.
 - b) The Classification Panel will conduct Evaluation Sessions in English unless otherwise stipulated by the IGF. If the Athlete requires an interpreter, a member of the Athlete's NFM will be responsible for arranging for an interpreter. The interpreter is permitted to attend the Evaluation Session in addition to the person referred to in Article 13.3 above.
 - c) The Classification Panel may at any stage seek medical, technical or scientific opinion(s), with the agreement of the Head of Classification and/or a Chief Classifier if the Classification Panel feels that such opinion(s) is necessary in order

- to allocate a Sport Class.
- d) In addition to any opinion(s) sought in accordance with Article 13.4 c), a Classification Panel may only have regard to evidence supplied to it by the relevant Athlete, NFM and the IGF (from any source) when allocating a Sport Class.
 - e) The Classification Panel may make, create or use video footage and/or other records to assist it when allocating a Sport Class.

14 Sport Class Status

- 14.1 If a Classification Panel allocates a Sport Class to an Athlete, it shall also designate a Sport Class Status. Sport Class Status indicates whether or not an Athlete will be required to undertake Athlete Evaluation in the future; and if the Athlete's Sport Class may be subject to Protest.
- 14.2 The Sport Class Status designated to an Athlete by a Classification Panel at the end of an Evaluation Session will be one of the following:
 - ✓ Confirmed(C)
 - ✓ Review (R)
 - ✓ Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD)

Sport Class Status New

- 14.3 An Athlete is allocated Sport Class Status New (N) by the Eligibility Assessment Committee or the Head of Classification prior to attending the Athlete's first Evaluation Session. An Athlete with Sport Class Status New (N) shall attend an Evaluation Session prior to competing at any competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF.

Sport Class Status Confirmed

- 14.4 An Athlete will be designated with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) if the Classification Panel is satisfied that both the Athlete's Eligible Impairment and the Athlete's ability to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to golf are and will remain stable (with the exception for Athletes with Vision Impairment as referred to in Article 6.2 c).
 - a) An Athlete with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) is not required to undergo any further Athlete Evaluation (save pursuant to the provisions in these Classification Rules concerning Protests (Article 19), Medical Review (Article 31) and changes to Sport Class criteria (Article 15.7)).
 - b) A Classification Panel that consists of only one Classifier may not designate an Athlete with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) but shall designate the Athlete with Sport Class Status Review (R).

Sport Class Status Review

- 14.5 An Athlete will be designated Sport Class Status Review (R) if the Classification Panel believes that further Evaluation Sessions will be required.

- a) A Classification Panel may base its belief that further Evaluation Sessions will be required based on a number of factors, including but not limited to situations where the Athlete has only recently entered Competitions sanctioned or recognised by the IGF; has a fluctuating and/or progressive Impairment/Impairments that is/are permanent but not stable; and/or has not yet reached full muscular skeletal or sports maturity.
- b) An Athlete with Sport Class Status Review (R) shall complete Athlete Evaluation prior to competing at any subsequent competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF, unless the IGF specifies otherwise.

Sport Class Status Review with Fixed Review Date

- 14.6 An Athlete may be designated Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) if the Classification Panel believes that further Athlete Evaluation will be required but will not be necessary before a set date, being the Fixed Review Date.
- a) An Athlete with Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) will be required to attend an Evaluation Session at the first opportunity after the relevant Fixed Review Date.
 - b) An Athlete who has been allocated Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) may not attend an Evaluation Session prior to the relevant Fixed Review Date save pursuant to a Medical Review Request and/or Protest.
 - c) A Classification Panel that consists of only one Classifier may not designate an Athlete with Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) but shall designate the Athlete with Sport Class Status Review (R).

Changes to Sport Class Criteria

- 14.7 If the IGF changes any Sport Class criteria and/ or assessment methods defined in the Appendices to these Rules, then:
- a) The IGF Classification Panel may re-assign any Athlete who holds Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) with Sport Class Status Review (R) and require that the Athlete attend an Evaluation Session at the earliest available opportunity; or
 - b) The IGF Classification Panel may remove the Fixed Review Date for any Athlete and require that the Athlete attend an Evaluation Session at the earliest available opportunity; and
 - c) in both instances the relevant NFM shall be informed as soon as is practicable.

15 Notification

- 15.1 The outcome of Athlete Evaluation shall be notified to the Athlete and/or NFM and published as soon as practically possible after completion of Athlete Evaluation.
- 15.2 The IGF shall publish the outcome of Athlete Evaluation at the Competition following Athlete Evaluation, and the outcomes shall be made available post Competition via the Classification Master List.

Part Five: Sport Class Not Eligible

16 Sport Class Not Eligible

General Provisions

- 16.1 If the IGF Eligibility Assessment Committee or the Classification Panel determines that an Athlete:
- a) has an Impairment that is not an Eligible Impairment; or
 - b) does not have an Underlying Health Condition,

The IGF Eligibility Assessment Committee or the Classification Panel shall allocate that Athlete Sport Class Not Eligible (NE).

- 16.2 If a Classification Panel determines that an Athlete who has an Eligible Impairment does not comply with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability, that Athlete shall be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) for golf.

Absence of Eligible Impairment

- 16.3 If the IGF Eligibility Assessment Committee or the Classification Panel determines that an Athlete does not have an Eligible Impairment, that Athlete:
- a) will not be permitted to attend an Evaluation Session; and
 - b) will be allocated with Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and designated with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) by the IGF.
- 16.4 An Athlete who is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) by IGF Eligibility Assessment Committee or a Classification Panel (if delegated by IGF Head of Classification) because that Athlete has
- a) an Impairment that is not an Eligible Impairment; or
 - b) a Health Condition that is not an Underlying Health Condition;

has no right to request such determination be reviewed by a second Classification Panel and will not be permitted to participate in any competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF.

Absence of Compliance with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability

- 16.5 A second Classification Panel shall review by way of a second Evaluation Session any Athlete who is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) on the basis that a Classification Panel determines that the Athlete does not comply with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability. This shall take place as soon as is practicable.
- a) Pending the second Evaluation Session the Athlete will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and designated Sport Class Status Review (R). The Athlete will not be permitted to compete before such re-assessment.
 - b) If the second Classification Panel determines the Athlete does not comply with the Minimal Impairment Criteria for Golfers with a Disability (or if the Athlete declines to participate in a second Evaluation Session at the time set by the Chief



Classifier); Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) will be allocated and the Athlete designated with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C).

- 16.6 If an Athlete is allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE), this does not question the presence of a genuine Impairment. It is only a ruling on the eligibility of the Athlete to compete in a competition for golfers with a disability under the jurisdiction of the IGF.

Part Six: Misconduct during Evaluation Session

17 Failure to Attend Evaluation Session

- 17.1 An Athlete is personally responsible for attending an Evaluation Session.
- 17.2 An Athlete's NFM shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the Athlete attends an Evaluation Session.
- 17.3 If an Athlete fails to attend an Evaluation Session, the Classification Panel will report the failure to the Chief Classifier. The Chief Classifier may, if satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to attend and subject to the practicalities at a Competition, specify a revised date and time for the Athlete to attend a further Evaluation Session before the Classification Panel.
- 17.4 If the Athlete is unable to provide a reasonable explanation for non-attendance, or if the Athlete fails to attend an Evaluation Session on a second occasion, no Sport Class will be allocated and the Athlete will not be permitted to compete at the relevant Competition.

18 Suspension of Evaluation Session

- 18.1 A Classification Panel, in consultation with the Chief Classifier, may suspend an Evaluation Session if it cannot allocate a Sport Class to the Athlete, including but not limited to, in one or more of the following circumstances:
- a) a failure on the part of the Athlete to comply with any part of these Classification Rules;
 - b) a failure on the part of the Athlete to provide any medical information that is reasonably required by the Classification Panel;
 - c) the Classification Panel believes that the use (or non-use) of any medication and/or medical procedures/device/implant disclosed by the Athlete will affect the ability to conduct its determination in a fair manner;
 - d) the Athlete has a Health Condition that may limit or prohibit complying with requests by the Classification Panel during an Evaluation Session, which the Classification Panel considers will affect its ability to conduct the Evaluation Session in a fair manner;
 - e) the Athlete is unable to communicate effectively with the Classification Panel;
 - f) the Athlete refuses or is unable to comply with any reasonable instructions given by any Classification Personnel to such an extent that the Evaluation Session cannot be conducted in a fair manner; and/or
 - g) the Athlete's representation of his or her abilities is inconsistent with any information available to the Classification Panel to such an extent that the Evaluation Session cannot be conducted in a fair manner.
- 18.2 If an Evaluation Session is suspended by a Classification Panel, the following steps shall be taken:
- a) an explanation for the suspension and details of the remedial action that is required on the part of the Athlete will be provided to the Athlete and/or the

relevant NFM;

- b) if the Athlete takes the remedial action to the satisfaction of the Chief Classifier or Head of Classification, the Evaluation Session will be resumed; and
- c) if the Athlete fails to comply and does not take the remedial action within the timeframe specified, the Evaluation Session will be terminated, and the Athlete shall be precluded from competing at any Competition until the determination is completed.

- 18.3 If an Evaluation Session is suspended by a Classification Panel, the Classification Panel may designate the Athlete as Classification Not Completed (CNC) in accordance with **CLASSIFICATION NOT COMPLETED** of these Classification Rules.
- 18.4 A Suspension of an Evaluation Session may be subject to further investigation into any possible Intentional Misrepresentation.

Part Seven: Intentional Misrepresentation

19 Intentional Misrepresentation

- 19.1 It is a disciplinary offence for an Athlete to intentionally misrepresent (either by act or omission) his or her skills and/or abilities and/or the degree or nature of Eligible Impairment during Athlete Evaluation and/or at any other point after the allocation of a Sport Class. This disciplinary offence is referred to as 'Intentional Misrepresentation'.
- 19.2 It will be a disciplinary offence for any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel to assist an Athlete in committing Intentional Misrepresentation or to be in any other way involved in any other type of complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation, including but not limited to covering up Intentional Misrepresentation or disrupting any part of the Athlete Evaluation process.
- 19.3 In respect of any allegation relating to Intentional Misrepresentation a hearing will be convened by the Head of Classification to determine whether the Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel has committed Intentional Misrepresentation.
- 19.4 The consequences to be applied to an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who is found to have been guilty of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation will be one or more of the following:
- a) disqualification from all events at the Competition at which the Intentional Misrepresentation occurred, and any subsequent Competitions at which the Athlete competed;
 - b) being allocated with Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and designated a Review with Fixed Review Date (FRD) Sport Class Status for a specified period of time no longer than 4 years;
 - c) suspension from participation in golf Competitions under the jurisdiction of the IGF for a specified period of time no longer than 4 years; and
 - d) publication of their names and suspension period.
- 19.5 Any Athlete who is found to have been guilty of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation on more than one occasion will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible with Fixed Review Date Status for a period of time from four years to life.
- 19.6 Any Athlete Support Personnel who is found to have been guilty of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation on more than one occasion will be suspended from participation in any Competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF for a period of time from four years to life.
- 19.7 If another International Sports Federation brings disciplinary proceedings against an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel in respect of Intentional Misrepresentation which results in consequences being imposed on that Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel, those consequences will be recognised, respected and enforced by the IGF.
- 19.8 Any consequences to be applied to teams, which include an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who is found to have been guilty of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation, will be at the discretion of the IGF



Tribunal.

- 19.9 Any disciplinary action taken by the IGF pursuant these Classification Rules shall be resolved in accordance with the applicable Board of Appeal of Classification Bylaws.

Part Eight: Use of Athlete Information

20 Classification Data

- 20.1 The IGF may only Process Classification Data if such Classification Data is considered necessary to conduct Classification.
- 20.2 All Classification Data Processed by the IGF shall be accurate, complete and kept up-to-date.

21 Consent and Processing

- 21.1 Subject to Article 34.3, the IGF may only Process Classification Data with the consent of the Athlete to whom that Classification Data relates.
- 21.2 If an Athlete cannot provide consent (for example because the Athlete is under age) the legal representative, guardian or other designated representative of that Athlete shall give consent on their behalf.
- 21.3 The IGF may only Process Classification Data without consent of the relevant Athlete if permitted to do so in accordance with National Laws.

22 Classification Research

- 22.1 The IGF may request that an Athlete provide it with Personal Information for Research Purposes.
- 22.2 The use by the IGF of Personal Information for Research Purposes shall be consistent with these Classification Rules and all applicable ethical use requirements.
- 22.3 Personal Information that has been provided by an Athlete to the IGF solely and exclusively for Research Purposes shall not be used for any other purpose.
- 22.4 The IGF may only use Classification Data for Research Purposes with the express consent of the relevant Athlete. If the IGF wishes to publish any Personal Information provided by an Athlete for Research Purposes, it shall obtain consent to do so from that Athlete prior to any publication. This restriction does not apply if the publication is anonymised so that it does not identify any Athlete(s) who consented to the use of their Personal Information.

23 Notification to Athletes

- 23.1 The IGF shall notify an Athlete who provides Classification Data as to:
 - a) that fact that the IGF is collecting the Classification Data; and
 - b) the purpose for the collection of the Classification Data; and
 - c) the duration that the Classification Data will be retained.

24 Classification Data Security

- 24.1 The IGF shall:

- a) protect Classification Data by applying appropriate security safeguards, including physical, organisational, technical and other measures to prevent the loss, theft or unauthorised access, destruction, use, modification or disclosure of Classification Data; and
- b) take reasonable steps to ensure that any other party provided with Classification Data uses that Classification Data in a manner consistent with these Classification Rules.

25 Disclosures of Classification Data

- 25.1 The IGF shall not disclose Classification Data to other Classification Organisations except where such disclosure is related to Classification conducted by another Classification Organisation and/or the disclosure is consistent with applicable National Laws.
- 25.2 The IGF may disclose Classification Data to other parties only if such disclosure is in accordance with these Classification Rules and permitted by National Laws.

26 Retaining Classification Data

- 26.1 The IGF shall ensure that Classification Data is only retained for as long as it is needed for the purpose it was collected. If Classification Data is no longer necessary for Classification purposes, it shall be deleted, destroyed or permanently anonymised. The IGF Information Privacy Policy is enclosed can be found as [APPENDIX .](#)
- 26.2 Classifiers and Classification Personnel shall retain Classification Data for only as long as is necessary in order for them to carry out their Classification duties in relation to an Athlete.

27 Access Rights to Classification Data

- 27.1 Athletes may request from the IGF:
 - a) confirmation of whether or not that the IGF processes Classification Data relating to them personally and a description of the Classification Data that is held;
 - b) a copy of the Classification Data held by the IGF; and/or
 - c) correction or deletion of the Classification Data held by the IGF.
- 27.2 A request may be made by an Athlete or a NFM on an Athlete's behalf and shall be complied with within a reasonable period of time.

28 Classification Master Lists

- 28.1 The IGF will maintain a Classification Master List of Athletes, which shall include the Athlete's name, gender, year of birth, country, Sport Class and Sport Class Status. The Classification Master List shall identify Golfers that enter International Competitions.
- 28.2 The IGF will make available the Classification Master List to all relevant NFM.

Part Nine: Appeals

29 Appeal

- 29.1 An Appeal is the process by which a formal objection to how Athlete Evaluation and/or Classification procedures have been conducted is submitted and subsequently resolved.

30 Parties Permitted to Make an Appeal

- 30.1 An Appeal may only be made by one of a NFM

31 Appeals

- 31.1 If a NFM considers there have been procedural errors made in respect of the allocation of a Sport Class and/or Sport Class Status and as a consequence an Athlete has been allocated an incorrect Sport Class or Sport Class Status, it may submit an Appeal.
- 31.2 The Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC) will act as the hearing body for the resolution of Appeals.
- 31.3 An Appeal shall be made and resolved in accordance with the applicable BAC Bylaws.

32 Ad Hoc Provisions Relating to Appeals

- 32.1 The IGF may issue special ad hoc provisions to operate during some Competitions.

Part Ten: Glossary

Adaptive Equipment: Implements and apparatus adapted to the special needs of Athletes, and used by Athletes during Competition to facilitate participation and/or to achieve results.

Appeals: The means by which a complaint that the IGF has made an unfair decision during the Classification process is resolved.

Athlete: For purposes of Classification, any person who participates in sport at the international level (as defined by the IGF) or national level (as defined by each National Federation) and any additional person who participates in sport at a lower level if designated by the person's National Federation Member.

Athlete Evaluation: The process by which an Athlete is assessed in accordance with these Classification Rules in order that an Athlete may be allocated a Sport Class and Sport Class Status.

Athlete Support Personnel: Any coach, trainer, manager, interpreter, agent, team staff, official, medical or para-medical personnel working with or treating Athletes participating in or preparing for training and/or Competition.

BAC: The IPC Board of Appeal of Classification.

Chief Classifier: A classifier appointed by the IGF to direct, administer, co-ordinate and implement Classification matters for a specific Competition according to these Classification Rules.

Classification: Grouping Athletes into Sport Classes according to how much their Impairment affects fundamental activities in each specific sport or discipline. This is also referred to as Athlete Classification.

Classification Data: Personal Information and/or sensitive Personal Information provided by an Athlete and/or a National Body and/or any other person to a Classification Organisation in connection with Classification.

Classification Intelligence: Information obtained and used by an International Sport Federation in relation to Classification.

Classification Master List: A list made available by the IGF that identifies Athletes who have been allocated a Sport Class and designated a Sport Class Status.

Classification Not Completed: the designation applied to an Athlete who has commenced but not completed Athlete Evaluation to the satisfaction of the IGF.,

Classification Organisation: Any organisation that conducts the process of Athlete Evaluation and allocates Sport Classes and/or holds Classification Data.

Classification Panel: A group of Classifiers, appointed by the IGF, to determine Sport Class and Sport Class Status in accordance with these Classification Rules.

Classification Personnel: Persons, including Classifiers, acting with the authority of a Classification Organisation in relation to Athlete Evaluation, for example administrative officers.

Classification Rule: Also referred to as Classification Rules and Regulations. The policies,



procedures, protocols and descriptions adopted by the IGF in connection with Athlete Evaluation.

Classification System: The framework used by the IGF to develop and designate Sport Classes within a Para sport.

Classifier: A person authorised as an official by the IGF to evaluate Athletes as a member of a Classification Panel.

Classifier Certification: The processes by which the IGF shall assess that a Classifier has met the specific Classifier Competencies required to obtain and maintain certification or licensure.

Classifier Competencies: The qualifications and abilities that the IGF deems necessary for a Classifier to be competent to conduct Athlete Evaluation for sport(s) governed by the IGF.

Classifier Code of Conduct: The behavioural and ethical standards for Classifiers specified by the IGF.

Code: The Athlete Classification Code 2015 together with the International Standards for: Athlete Evaluation; Eligible Impairments; Protests and Appeals; Classifier Personnel and Training; and Classification Data Protection.

Competition: A series of individual events conducted together under one ruling body.

Compliance: The implementation of rules, regulations, policies and processes that adhere to the text, spirit and intent of the Code as defined by the IPC. Where terms such as (but not limited to) 'comply', 'conform' and 'in accordance' are used in the Code they shall have the same meaning as 'Compliance.'

Continuing Education: The delivery of higher knowledge and practical skills specified by the IGF to preserve and/or advance knowledge and skills as a Classifier in the sport(s) under its governance.

Diagnostic Information: Medical records and/or any other documentation that enables the IGF to assess the existence or otherwise of an Eligible Impairment or Underlying Health Condition

Eligible Impairment: An Impairment designated as being a prerequisite for competing in disabled golf, as detailed in these Classification Rules.

Eligibility Assessment Committee: An ad hoc body formed to assess the existence or otherwise of an Eligible Impairment.

Entry Criteria: Standards set by the IGF 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.

Entry-level Education: the basic knowledge and practical skills specified by the IGF to begin as a Classifier in the sport(s) under its governance.

Evaluation Session: the session an Athlete is required to attend for a Classification Panel to assess that Athlete's compliance with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for a sport; and allocation of a Sport Class and Sport Class Status depending on the extent to which that Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to that sport. An Evaluation Session may include Observation in Competition.



First Appearance: The first time an Athlete competes in an Event during a Competition in a particular Sport Class.

Fixed Review Date: A date set by a Classification Panel prior to which an Athlete designated with a Sport Class Status Review with a Fixed Review Date will not be required to attend an Evaluation Session save pursuant to a Medical Review Request and/or Protest.

Head of Classification: A person appointed by the IGF to direct, administer, co-ordinate and implement Classification matters for the IGF.

Health Condition: A pathology, acute or chronic disease, disorder, injury or trauma.

IGF: International Golf Federation.

Impairment: A Physical, Impairment.

International Competitions: A Competition designated and sanctioned as such by the IGF, where the IGF or a Major Competition Organisation is the governing body for the Competition and/or appoints the technical officials for the IGF sanctioned Competition.

International Sport Federation: A sport federation recognised by the IPC as the sole world-wide representative of a sport for Athletes with an Impairment that has been granted the status as a Paralympic sport by the IPC. The IPC and the International Organisations of Sports for the Disabled act as an International Sport Federation for certain sports.

International Standards: A document complementing the Code and providing additional technical and operational requirements for Classification.

IPC: International Paralympic Committee.

Maintaining Certification: The advanced training, education and practice necessary for continued competency as a Classifier.

Major Competition Organiser: An organisation that functions as the ruling body for an International Competition that has been sanctioned by the IGF.

Medical Diagnostics Form: a form that a National Federation Member shall submit in order for an Athlete to undergo Athlete Evaluation, identifying the Athlete's Health Condition if so required.

Models of Best Practice: An ad hoc guidance document prepared by the IPC to assist in the implementation of the Code and International Standards.

NFM: National Federation Member of the International Golf Federation

National Laws: The national data protection and privacy laws, regulations and policies applicable to a Classification Organisation.

Non-Competition Venue: Any place or location (outside of a Competition) designated by the IGF as being a place or location where Athlete Evaluation is made available to Athletes in order that they may be allocated a Sport Class and designated with a Sport Class Status.

Paralympic Games: Umbrella term for both Paralympic Games and Paralympic Winter Games.

Permanent: The term Permanent as used in the Code and Standards describes an Impairment that is unlikely to be resolved meaning the principle effects are lifelong.

Personal Information: Any information that refers to, or relates directly to, an Athlete.



Physical Impairment: an Impairment that affects an Athlete's biomechanical execution of sporting activities, comprising Ataxia, Athetosis, Hypertonia, Impaired Muscle Power, Impaired Passive Range of Movement, Limb Deficiency, Leg Length Difference, Short Stature and impaired hearing.

Process/Processing: The collection, recording, storage, use or disclosure of Personal Information and/or sensitive Personal Information.

Re-certification: The process by which the IGF shall assess that a Classifier has maintained specific Classifier Competencies.

Recognised Competition: a Competition that is sanctioned or approved by the IGF.

Research Purposes: Research into matters pertaining to the development of sports within the Paralympic Movement, including the impact of Impairment on the fundamental activities in each specific sport and the impact of assistive technology on such activities.

Signatories: Any organisation that accepts the Code and commits to implement it and the International Standards by way of its Classification Rules.

Sport Class: A category for Competition defined by the IGF by reference to the extent to which an Athlete can perform the specific tasks and activities required by a sport.

Sport Class Status: A designation applied to a Sport Class to indicate the extent to which an Athlete may be required to undertake Athlete Evaluation and/or be subject to a Protest.

Team Sport: a sport in which substitution of players is permitted during a Competition.

Underlying Health Condition: a Health Condition that may lead to an Eligible Impairment.

Part Eleven: Appendices

Appendix 1

Athletes with Physical Impairment: Eligible Impairment Types

As specified also in the Appendix One of the IGF Classification Model Rules for Para Sports, the following conditions derive from the IPC classification model rules for Para Sport

Eligible Impairment	Examples of Health Conditions
<p>Limb Deficiency</p> <p>Athletes with Limb Deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints as a consequence of trauma.</p>	<p>Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Limb Deficiency include: traumatic amputation, illness (for example amputation due to bone cancer) or congenital limb deficiency (for example dysmelia).</p>
<p>Leg Length Difference</p> <p>Athletes with Leg Length Difference have a difference in the length of their legs</p>	<p>Examples of an Underlying Health Condition that can lead to Leg Length Difference include: dysmelia and congenital or traumatic disturbance of limb growth.</p>

Appendix 2

Minimum Impairment Criteria

The Minimum Impairment Criteria have been created to provide for a proper and fair evaluation for participation. The general idea is that an individual who has a severe difficulty to play golf due to an eligible impairment is allowed to compete in a tournament for Golfers with a Disability.

Classifiers have to decide whether the impairment(s) meets the minimal impairment criteria to qualify for the tournament. The impairment has to be permanent or variable (increasing or decreasing) (review status). Evaluation contains a physical examination, a functional golf profile status and observation during competition.

To play golf, you are dependent upon the following functions:

<i>Section</i>	<i>Body part</i>	<i>Functions disabled</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Measurement</i>
A	Leg	Length (amputation)	A3	Ey
B		A3	Ex	Ey

A major impairment in any of the above mentioned functions, or in combination, will qualify for participation according to the following criteria:

Methods of Measuring

Section A3

Measurement of the amputated limb

The measurement must be taken from the most distal point of the amputated limb to the next anatomical joint above. The relevant point of the other leg must also be measured.

Section Ex

Leg length difference

Leg length difference should be at least 20 cm to qualify.

Section Ey

Limb deficiency: See Measurement of Amputated Limb Form

Lower limb

An amputation on Syme level or above on at least one side will be eligible.



Golf club aids

Classification examination and observation always takes place with all the aids and support the golfer needs to play in tournaments. The most significant aspect is that the aids, support and assistance is taken into consideration when assessing the handicap. The provided aids, support and assistance have to be in accordance with the Modification of the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities as published by The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

Use of buggy

The general intention is that buggies are only allowed in tournaments for those who have an urgent or absolute need related to the impairment that makes them eligible. Players who are eligible due to an impairment of the lower extremities are allowed to have a buggy.

Classification Code of Conduct / Code of Ethics

The code is included in these Minimal Impairment Criteria, being the same as those used by all Paralympic sports organisations and can be found in the IPC handbook.

Decisions

In each IGF tournament there has to be a Classifier and a Chief Classifier appointed by the Medical Committee (Head of Classification) that confirms the results of the national classification and approves the players eligibility.

Each country is also very strongly recommended to follow these rules in their national tournaments. We recommend that the national Medical Classifier have both personal experience and knowledge of golf so as to be aware of, and familiar with the restrictions and difficulties, which will occur with regard to playing golf.

All the reports for evaluation, written in English, have to be sent to the Head of Classification.

Duration of license

The license is valid as long as:

- The rules are not revised related to the disability at hand.
- There has been no changes, for any reason, in the golfer's impairment.

Appendix 3

IGF Code of Conduct for all Athletes and Support Personnel

Policy Title		IGF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL ATHLETES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL	
Lead Functional Area		EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OFFICE	
Policy Number	ED10	Last update	12 December 2010
<u>OBJECTIVE OF THE CODE</u>			
<p>The aim of this Code is to provide fair and reasonable standards of conduct for all athletes, to ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct for an event or competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF and to protect the athletes' rights and the respective rights of the IGF.</p>			
<u>CODE DESCRIPTION</u>			
1) INTRODUCTION			
<p>Athletes participating in an event or competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF shall observe the Rules of Golf and Local Rules or Conditions in effect for the conduct of the Competition, and at all times shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not reflect unfavourably on the IGF and its members, officers or representatives.</p> <p>The Executive Director shall be the final authority for the interpretation of this Code as to all matters arising that requires immediate resolution at the competition site.</p>			
2) RULES OF GOLF & IGF REGULATIONS			
<p>Any athlete who breaches the Rules of Golf or the Local Rules or Conditions or the any other relevant IGF Regulations in effect for the conduct of the Competition, shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules, Regulations or Conditions, as well as any other penalties determined by the IGF Rules Committee. The decision of the IGF Rules Committee for the competition with respect to such breach(es) shall be final and conclusive.</p>			
3) ATHLETE ON-SITE OFFENCES			
a) GENERAL			
<p>Every athlete shall, during the competition and at all times while within the precincts of the competition site, conduct themselves in an orderly and sportsmanlike manner and in accordance with the normally accepted standards of courtesy and golf etiquette. The following provisions shall apply to each athlete's conduct while within the precincts of the site.</p>			

b) AUDIBLE OBSCENITY

Athletes shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the IGF Rules Committee, spectators or television viewers.

c) VISIBLE OBSCENITY

Athletes shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by an athlete with their hands and/or equipment that commonly have an obscene meaning.

d) VERBAL ABUSE

Athletes shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, other athlete, spectator or other person within the precincts of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

e) PHYSICAL ABUSE

Athletes shall not at any time physically abuse any official, other athlete, spectator or other person within the precincts of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

f) ABUSE OF EQUIPMENT

Athletes shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a golf ball, club or other equipment within the precincts of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of golf clubs or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging clubs or equipment, or intentionally and violently hitting the course or other fixture during the competition or practice rounds out of anger or frustration.

g) UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Athletes shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents spectators and others. For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by an athlete that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Sport, but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence contained herein. In addition, Unsportsmanlike Conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the competition and/or the officiating thereof.

h) BEST EFFORTS

An athlete shall use their best efforts when competing in an event or competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF.

i) LEAVING THE COURSE

An athlete shall not leave the course area during a round without the permission of the Chief Referee.

j) FAILURE TO COMPLETE COMPETITION

An athlete must complete a competition in progress unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. A violation of this Section shall subject an athlete to immediately default and shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

k) CEREMONIES

An athlete must attend and participate in the medal ceremony unless reasonably unable to do so.

l) MEDIA CONFERENCE

Unless injured and physically unable to appear, an athlete must attend, if requested, the post-competition media conference(s) organised after the conclusion of each round whether the athlete was leading the round or not. In addition, all athletes must participate, if requested, in a pre-event press conference to be arranged during the two days before the start of the event. All media obligations include, but are not limited to, interviews with the host and athlete’s national broadcaster.

4) FAILURE TO REPORT A BREACH OF THE CODE

Athletes shall report a breach of the Code by another athlete when the breach is known to that athlete or in circumstances where he/she should reasonably have realised that a breach of the Code may have occurred. Furthermore, athletes shall fully co-operate in any enquiry or proceedings relating to a breach or suspected breach of the Code.

5) DETERMINATION AND SANCTIONS

Any allegation or suspicion of a Violation of the Code of Conduct shall be reported to the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson. The procedure used will be determined by the nature and the seriousness of the breach. Not every breach of the Code must be the subject of a formal investigation and determination. In some cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson may determine the sanction and/or may decide to refer, at his/her sole discretion, the case to the IGF Tribunal for Hearing and/or to the relevant Professional Member to which the athlete is a member.

6) ATHLETE MAJOR OFFENCES

a) AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR

No athlete or Athlete Support Personnel in an event or competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF shall engage in “Aggravated Behaviour” which is defined as follows:

One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting “Aggravated Behaviour”.

One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of an event or competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF, or is singularly egregious.

A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code which singularly do not constitute “Aggravated Behaviour”, but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the event or competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF.

In addition, any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who, directly or indirectly, offers or provides or receives any money, benefit or consideration to or from any other Covered Person or third party in exchange for access and/or accreditation to the competition site shall be deemed to have engaged in Aggravated Behaviour and be in violation of this Section.

Furthermore, neither athletes nor other individuals acting on such athletes’ behalf shall solicit or accept any compensation, gratuity or other thing of value offered for the purpose of guaranteeing their appearance in in an event or competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF.

Conversely, neither athletes nor other individuals acting on such athletes’ behalf shall offer anything of value to the IGF in return for special treatment of any kind.

Violation of this Section by an athlete, directly or indirectly through Athlete Support Personnel or others, shall be reported to the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson who will examine possible breaches of this Policy. The procedure used will be determined by the nature and the seriousness of the breach. Not every breach of the Code must be the subject of a formal investigation and determination. In some cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson may determine the sanction and/or may decide to refer, at his/her sole discretion, the case to the IGF Tribunal for Hearing and/or to the relevant Professional Member to which the athlete is a member

Violation of this Section shall subject Athlete Support Personnel to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to the event or competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF.

b) CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

No athlete or Athlete Support Personnel shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of golf.

If an athlete has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the Sport, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Golf and be in violation of this Section. Violation of this Section by an athlete, directly or indirectly through Athlete Support Personnel or others shall be reported to the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson. The procedure used will be determined by the nature and the seriousness of the breach. Not every breach of the Code must be the subject of a formal investigation and determination. In some cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson may determine the sanction and/or may decide to refer, at his/her sole discretion, the case to the IGF Tribunal for Hearing and/or to the relevant Professional Member to which the athlete is a member.

Other Functions impacted by policy

ALL

POLICY APPROVED

Date: January 2018

Appendix 4

IGF Information Privacy Policy

Policy Title		INFORMATION PRIVACY POLICY	
Lead Functional Area		EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OFFICE	
Policy Number	ED25	Last update	25 November 2016

POLICY OBJECTIVE	
To ensure that all International Golf Federation Staff and Officials who are responsible for handling personal and/or health information do so in a manner that protects every individual's right to privacy.	
POLICY DESCRIPTION	
The International Golf Federation (IGF) is fully committed to protecting everyone's right to privacy. IGF officials in collecting information will comply with all aspects of the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP) and the Ordinance to the Federal Act on Data Protection	
It is the IGF's responsibility to ensure that relevant staff and officials are familiar with their obligations under the Acts and that the handling of both personal and health information is done so in accordance with the law.	
In particular:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Golf Federation will only collect personal and health information that is required for its activities • Information will only be used for the purpose for which it was collected • If information is required for other purposes other than those for which it was collected, agreement will be sought beforehand • Health Information will only be accessed by IGF Staff, Medical Committee • Information will be securely stored and as long as required for us to perform our activities or to the extent that we are required to do so by law. • Information will be destroyed if it is no longer needed for any purposes 	
POLICY PROCEDURES	
Other Functions impacted by policy	ALL
<u>POLICY APPROVED</u>	
Date: January 2018	