

## CODE OF CONDUCT: CLASSIFIERS



### 1. PURPOSE

To maintain the highest standards of conduct of classifiers in para-badminton who are impartial evaluators who determine a players Sport Class and Sport Class Status. The integrity of classification in the Paralympic Movement is essential and the professional conduct and behaviour of every Classifier is central to this.

### 2. APPLICABILITY

- 2.1. This Code is applicable to BWF International Classifiers and Trainee Classifiers, as defined in the Para Badminton Classification Regulations (BWF Statutes, Section 5.5.5).
- 2.2. BWF International Classifiers and Trainee Classifiers shall also be bound by the BWF Judicial Procedures and the Badminton Code of Ethics as "Officials".

### 3. SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCT

Classifiers are required to follow the specific provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct:

- 3.1. All classification personnel must adhere to this Classifier Code of Conduct which includes:
  - 3.1.1. respecting and valuing players and their support personnel;
  - 3.1.2. respecting the BWF Classification Regulations and BWF Statutes;
  - 3.1.3. respecting their colleagues;
  - 3.1.4. understanding the consequences of non-compliance of the BWF Classification Regulations and Classifier Code of Conduct.
- 3.2. Classifiers should value and show respect for players and player personnel. Classifiers must:
  - 3.2.1. treat players and player support personnel with understanding, patience, and dignity;
  - 3.2.2. be courteous, objective, honest and impartial in performing their classification duties for all players, regardless of team affiliation or national origin;
  - 3.2.3. accept responsibility for all actions and decisions taken and be open to discussion and interaction with players and player support personnel in accordance with the IPC International Standard for Player Evaluation, the International Standard for Protest and Appeals, and with BWF Regulations;
  - 3.2.4. perform classification duties and related responsibilities while not being under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances;
  - 3.2.5. maintain confidentiality of player information as required, according to the International Standard for Player Evaluation and the International Standard for Protest and Appeals.

- 3.3. Classifiers should show respect for and follow the BWF Classification Regulations.

Classifiers must:

- 3.3.1. accurately and honestly represent their qualifications and abilities when applying for training and certification and when accepting classification appointments to competitions;
  - 3.3.2. understand the theory and practical aspects of the BWF Classification Regulations.
  - 3.3.3. make the Classification Regulations widely known and understood by players and player support personnel;
  - 3.3.4. continuously seek self-improvement through study of the Classification Regulations;
  - 3.3.5. keep up to date with any changes to the Regulations;
  - 3.3.6. mentor less-experienced Classifiers and support the development of Trainee Classifiers;
  - 3.3.7. perform duties without yielding to any economic, political, sporting or human pressure;
  - 3.3.8. recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or perceived, must be avoided;
  - 3.3.9. disclose any relationship with a team, player or player support personnel that would otherwise constitute a conflict of interest.
- 3.4. Classifiers should respect their colleagues.

Classifiers must:

- 3.4.1. treat all discussions with colleagues as confidential;
- 3.4.2. explain and justify decisions in a calm and measured way;
- 3.4.3. treat other Classifiers with professional dignity and courtesy, recognizing that it is not appropriate and not acceptable to criticize other Classifiers, Tournament Officials or Technical Advisers in public;
- 3.4.4. respect – both publicly and privately - the decisions and decision-making process of fellow Classifiers, Games Officials and Technical Advisors whether you agree with the final decision or not;
- 3.4.5. share theoretical, technical and practical knowledge and skills with less experienced Classifiers and assist with the training and development of Classifiers in accordance with the International Standards for Classifier Training and Certification.

#### **4. JUDICIAL PROCEDURES**

- 4.1. Potential breaches of this Code of Conduct shall be investigated and adjudicated in accordance with the principles and procedures set out in the BWF Judicial Procedures.