

Overview

This document gives an overview of the BWF Classifier Training Framework and Certification structure.

Classification Framework and Personnel

The BWF recognises the following positions within the classification framework:

Head of Classification	The Head of Classification is responsible for the direction, administration, coordination and implementation of classification matters for the BWF.
Chief Classifier	This is the role assumed by a Senior International Classifier when appointed for a specific BWF Tournament or BWF sanctioned international tournament, responsible for the direction, administration, coordination and implementation of classification matters at that tournament.
Senior International Classifier	A Senior International Classifier is a person appointed and certified by the BWF as being competent to evaluate players as part of a classification panel for international tournaments. A Senior International Classifier can also serve as a Chief Classifier at a BWF Tournament or BWF sanctioned international tournament and can deliver BWF National Level 1 & 2 Classification courses.
International Classifier	An International Classifier is a person appointed and certified by the BWF as being competent to evaluate players as part of a Classification Panel for international tournaments.
National Level 2 Classifier	A National Level 2 Classifier has successfully completed the BWF National Level 2 Classifier Training and has been certified to be a member of a classification panel at a national tournament. The classifier must have a medical background to attend this course and is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.
National Level 1 Classifier	A National Level 1 Classifier has successfully completed the BWF National Level 1 Classifier training and has been certified to be a member of a classification panel at a national tournament. The classifier may or may not have a medical background and is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.
Trainee Classifier	A trainee classifier is in the process of being trained by the BWF in one or more of the above positions. The classifier is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.



National Level 1 Classifier

The duties of a National Level 1 Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- being part of a classification panel at national Para badminton tournaments;
- being part of a protest panel at national Para badminton tournaments;
- attending and as required, running classification meetings at tournaments; and
- assisting in and supporting trainee national classifiers.

Prerequisites to Attend National Level 1 Classifier Training

Open to all with an interest in Para badminton classification.

Current, active athletes are not permitted to attend this workshop.

National Level 1 Course Structure

There are two main stages, and the programme involves a minimum commitment of:

- Attendance at one tournament where training will be conducted:
 - ✓ Half-day workshop / training theory;
 - ✓ One day of player evaluation observation;
 - ✓ Half-day observation of players in competition.
- Participation in workshops, theory sessions, observation and practical tasks.

National Level 1 Classifier Training

Day 1 – Theory 1	Day 2 - Observation	Day 3 – Assignments
Workshops, theory sessions, presentations. Core areas include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classifier training / roles - The sport / structures - Classification Regulations - Code of Conduct - Badminton / Para badminton - Classification system - Minimal impairment criteria - Player evaluation - stages 	Structured observation of the classification process in action. Observing Senior and International Classifiers undertaking player evaluation at an international tournament. Completion of tasks.	Observation of players in competition. Videoing of players from each sport class. Completion of observation tasks and written material. Discussion with and feedback from course facilitator.

Certification

A National Level 1 Certificate of Attendance is issued to participants who fully complete and actively participate in the course.



National Level 2 Classifier

The duties of a National Level 2 Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- being part of a classification panel at national Para badminton tournaments;
- being part of a protest panel at national Para badminton tournaments;
- attending and as required, running classification meetings at tournaments; and
- assisting in and supporting trainee national classifiers.

Prerequisites to Attend National Level 2 Classifier Training

Open to those who have completed the National Level 1 Classifier Training and have the following profile/qualification:

- Qualified in one or more of the following disciplines:
 - ✓ *Medical:* a doctor who has experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Competition Profiles.
 - ✓ *Medical:* a physiotherapist who has experience in dealing with people with the impairments and Activity Limitations described in Competition Profiles.

National Level 2 Course Structure

There are two main stages and the programme involves a minimum commitment of:

- Attendance at one tournament where training will be conducted:
 - ✓ Half-day workshop / training theory;
 - ✓ One day of player evaluation observation;
 - ✓ Half-day observation of players in competition.
- Participation in workshops, theory sessions, observation and practical tasks.
- Completion of course assignment.

National Level 2 Classifier Training

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Certification

A BWF National Level 2 Certificate will be issued to participants who successfully complete the above stages, including successful completion of assignments to the satisfaction of the BWF.

International Classifier

As required, the BWF may invite candidates who have completed the BWF National Level 2 Classifier training and meet the below prerequisites to progress to become International Classifiers. This selection is based on a number of factors including; qualifications, geographical location, language and experience.

The duties of an International Classifier may include, but are not limited to:

- being part of a classification panel at BWF Para badminton sanctioned tournaments;
- being part of a protest panel at BWF Para badminton sanctioned tournaments;
- attending classification meetings at tournaments; and
- assisting in classifier training and certification as requested by the Head of Classification.

Prerequisites to Attend International Classifier Training

There are several prerequisites to undertaking International Classifier training and to becoming a BWF International Classifier. These are:

- Qualified in one or more of the following disciplines:
 - ✓ *Medical*: a doctor who has experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Competition Profiles.
 - ✓ *Medical*: a physiotherapist who has experience in dealing with people with the impairments and Activity Limitations described in Competition Profiles.
- Able to communicate effectively in English - undertake classifier training and conduct player evaluations in English.
- Capacity to commit time as a Para badminton International Classifier once qualified.
- Successful completion of BWF National Level 1 & 2 Classifier Training.

The following would be a significant advantage when being selected to train as an International Classifier:

- Experience and/or International Classifier in another sport.
- Knowledge of badminton, its rules and physical and technical demands of the sport.

International Classifier Course Structure

There are two main stages and the programme involves a minimum commitment of:

- Attendance at two international tournaments where the following training will be conducted:
 - ✓ One day of workshops / training theory;
 - ✓ One day of player evaluation observation;
 - ✓ Two days observation of players in competition.
- Participation in workshops, theory sessions, observation and practical tasks;
- Completion of written assignment work between the two international tournaments;
- Completion of assessment tasks.



International Classifier Training - Summary

Stage 1 – International Classifier Training

Day 1 – Theory 1	Day 2 - Observation	Day 3 - Assignments	Day 4 - Assignments
<p>Workshops, theory sessions, presentations. Core areas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classifier training / roles - The sport / structures - Classification Regulations - Code of Conduct - Badminton / Para badminton - Classification system - Minimal impairment criteria - Player evaluation - stages 	<p>Structured observation of the classification process in action.</p> <p>Observing Senior Classifiers undertaking player evaluation at an international tournament.</p> <p>Completion of tasks.</p> <p>Assistance as required in the player evaluation process.</p>	<p>Observation of players in competition.</p> <p>Videeing of players from each sport class.</p> <p>Completion of observation tasks and written material.</p> <p>Assignment work.</p> <p>Discussion with and feedback from course facilitator.</p>	<p>Observation of players in competition.</p> <p>Videeing of players from each sport class.</p> <p>Completion of observation tasks and written material.</p> <p>Assignment work.</p> <p>Discussion with and feedback from course facilitator.</p>

Post course assignment work – including a minimum of four Para badminton player evaluations (two wheelchair / two standing) using the BWF Classification Regulations. Submission of assignment work for evaluation and feedback by course facilitator.

Stage 2 – International Classifier Training

Day 5 – Theory 2	Day 6 - Practice	Day 7 - Observation	Day 8 - Observation
<p>Workshops, theory sessions, presentations. Core areas include a second level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of content from stage 1 - Classification theory 2 - Classification Regulations - Minimal impairment criteria - Code of Conduct - Para badminton – case studies - introduction to the physical and technical demands and affect particular impairment has on performance - Classification system - Player evaluation - Administration / reporting - Communication 	<p>Player evaluation under supervision of Senior Classifier.</p> <p>Trainee completes a minimum of four player evaluations under supervision.</p> <p>Assessment / feedback.</p> <p>Observation of Senior Classifiers – player evaluation.</p>	<p>Observation of players in competition – first appearance.</p> <p>Observation of any protest / appeals processes.</p> <p>Completion of observation tasks and written material.</p> <p>Assessment tasks.</p>	<p>Observation of players in competition.</p> <p>Videeing of players from each sport class.</p> <p>Completion of observation tasks and written material.</p> <p>Assignment work.</p> <p>Discussion with and feedback from course facilitator.</p> <p>Candidate Assessment Meeting (see below).</p>

International Classifier Training Assessment

Assessment is carried out on an on-going basis during the training programme. Methods of assessment include, but are not limited to:

- Observation, videoing and written assignments on Para badminton players in competition from a range of sport classes;
- Observation tasks during player evaluation;
- Written and oral theory examinations on classification and player evaluation;
- Player evaluation at the national level and submission of evaluations (written and video) of players in a minimum of four different sport classes (two wheelchair and two standing sport classes);
- Attendance and active participation in at least two BWF Classifier Training Courses (Stages 1 and 2) and three days of subsequent observation following classification days.

International Classifier Training Course Results

Course Facilitator provides feedback to candidates. Confirms areas where competencies are met.

- ✓ Pass - International Classifier certification recommended.
- ✓ Provisional- If trainee has not demonstrated all competencies, but has the potential to pass, the areas where competencies are not met are discussed and a training plan agreed to complete training. Further tasks and training can be assigned to achieve remaining competencies.
- ✓ Fail - If trainee has not met the competencies and has not demonstrated the potential to achieve the competencies, they may be awarded a "Not Competent" status.

Certification

On successful completion of the course an evaluation report and a recommendation from the course facilitator is sent to the Head of Classification. The Head of Classification and Chair of the BWF Para Badminton Committee make recommendations to the BWF Para Badminton Committee and Council for their endorsement of new International Classifiers. Upon endorsement from the BWF Council, a certificate will be issued by the BWF to the successful candidate.

The newly certificated International Classifier will be supported during their first international tournament. A Senior International Classifier will be assigned as the mentor for the new classifier and will be present during the first international tournament assisting and providing support and guidance as required.

Curriculum Content Overview – International Classifier Training

The BWF Course Facilitator is responsible for the preparation of course material and assessment tasks for any particular learner group depending on individual backgrounds, entry point and current competencies.

The following gives a broad idea of the core content areas of the curriculum.

Essential components of International Classifier training curriculum, include:

- badminton rules / regulations including those that govern classification;
- BWF classification system, roles, responsibilities;
- classification theory;
- practical training – player evaluation;
- training in administration and management;
- professional conduct and ethical behavior;
- communication, cross cultural communication, cultural differences and diversity.

The below provides a more detailed overview of topics or areas for Classifier Training.

Curriculum Content – Detail

1. Overview of BWF Classifier Education / Training

- ✓ Aims and objectives of training programme
- ✓ Classifiers – levels, competencies and pathways
- ✓ Roles and Responsibilities of Classifiers including national / international
- ✓ Theory and practical components - qualification pathway
- ✓ Content of training - Stages 1 and 2
- ✓ Practical requirements while a trainee classifier
- ✓ Assessment
- ✓ Certification
- ✓ Minimum work requirements as a classifier annually – record of work – to maintain the credential.

2. Overview - BWF (Governance / Management)

- ✓ Governance and management set up
- ✓ Committees / Commissions
- ✓ Para Badminton Commission – Role and Terms of Reference
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3. Overview – Badminton / Para badminton

- ✓ Basics of Badminton – fundamentals of the sport
- ✓ The physical demands of badminton – impairment effect on performance
- ✓ Tournaments – levels / cycle

4. Badminton / Para badminton Rules and Regulations

- ✓ Laws of Badminton Rules / Regulations and Variations of Rules as it applies to Para badminton
- ✓ Classification Regulations – overview - sections / structure / key points

5. Classification / Classification System

- ✓ Classification and principles of classification
- ✓ Code of Conduct - confidentiality
- ✓ Classification Panels
- ✓ Preparing for classification at an international tournament
- ✓ Classification process – steps / stages / possible outcomes
- ✓ Player evaluation process
- ✓ Sport class and sport class status
- ✓ Ineligibility
- ✓ Failing to comply – non-cooperation / intentional misrepresentation
- ✓ First appearance and observation - protocols
- ✓ Classification protest and appeals - appeal process
- ✓ Sport profiles – players with a physical impairment

6. Physical Impairment / Minimal Impairment Criteria

- ✓ System of describing Minimal Impairment Criteria
- ✓ Practical Application
- ✓ Minimal Impairment Criteria for Wheelchair Badminton WH1
- ✓ Minimal Impairment Criteria for Wheelchair Badminton WH2
- ✓ Minimal Impairment Criteria for playing Standing Badminton with Impairment at the Lower Limb - SL3
- ✓ Minimal Impairment Criteria for playing Standing Badminton with Impairment at the Lower Limb - SL4
- ✓ Minimal Impairment Criteria for playing Standing Badminton with Impairment at the Upper Limb - SU5
- ✓ Minimal Impairment Criteria for playing Standing Badminton with Impairment of Short Stature - SH6

7. Observation

- ✓ Observation criteria
- ✓ Performance impact of specific impairments

8. Advanced training in administration and management

- ✓ Managing classification sessions / player evaluation
- ✓ Reporting and record system

9. Professional conduct

- ✓ IPC Code of Conduct
- ✓ BWF Classifier Code of Conduct

10. Cultural differences and diversity training.

- ✓ Effective communication
- ✓ Cultural diversity and communication style
- ✓ Resolving misunderstandings and conflict