

PARA ARCHERY CLASSIFICATION GUIDE BOOK

What is Classification?

Classification is a structure for competition. Paralympic archers have an impairment in body structures and functions that leads to a competitive disadvantage in sport. Consequently, criteria are put in place to ensure that winning is determined by skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability and mental focus, the same factors that account for success in sport for archers who are able-bodied.

The process that is put in place to define who can compete and to group the archers is called Classification.

For archery we test muscle strength or/and range of joint movement or/and coordination.

The allocation of a Sport Class is a process done by Classifiers who determine the level of functional ability of each archer. Archers may be classified a number of times throughout their careers and changes in Sport Class may occur if an archer's condition improves or deteriorates.

Classification panel

Each International classification team shall consist of at least three authorised classifiers, at least one of them having a medical background [eg physiotherapist or doctor.]

Archery sport class profiles

W1 class – is defined as a tetraplegic or comparable disability [problems with both arms and legs] the archer is in a wheelchair.

W2 class – is defined as paraplegic or comparable disability [problem is mainly with the legs] the archer is in a wheelchair.

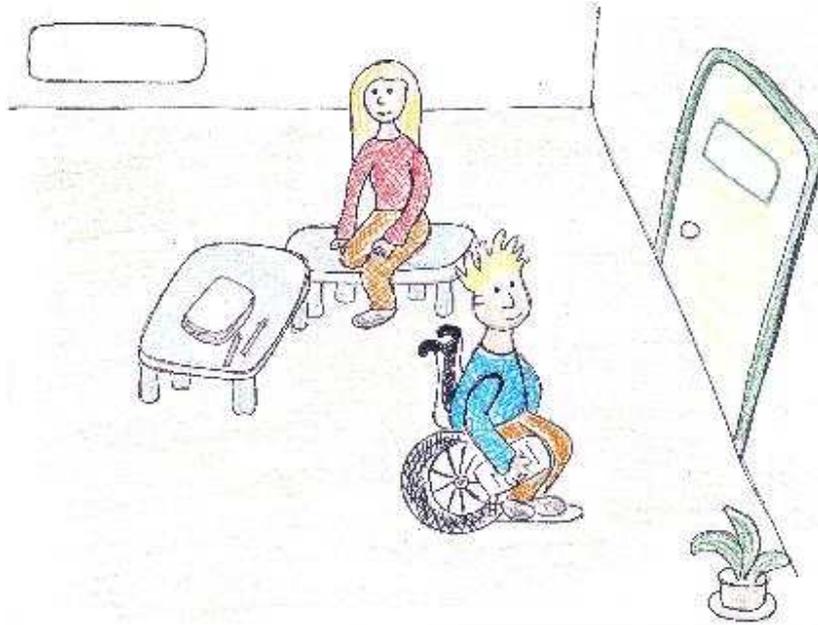
ST class – is defined as an archer who is standing or shooting from a stool or a normal chair

Bow category

There are two bow categories:

- Recurve
- Compound

1. Waiting room



Archer is asked to fill Classification request form which gives the classifier written permission to do the testing

2. Classification room



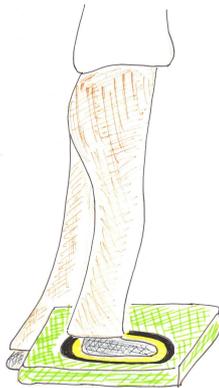
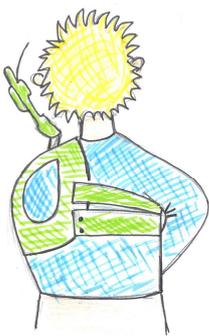
Archer enters the classification room

3. Examination



Classifier examines an archer in the classification room and the result is documented on the classification form

4. Assistive devices



Assistive devices [e.g. wheelchair, chair/stool, body support, prosthesis] are only allowed by classifiers and it is documented in the classification paper work.

5. Results administration



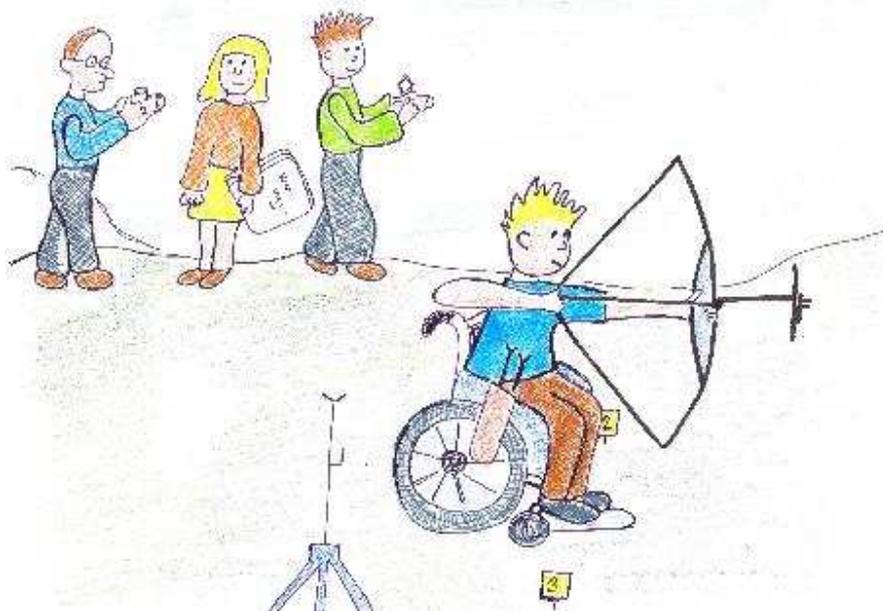
Classifiers download data into the system and finish first part of classification procedure

6. Classification result announcement



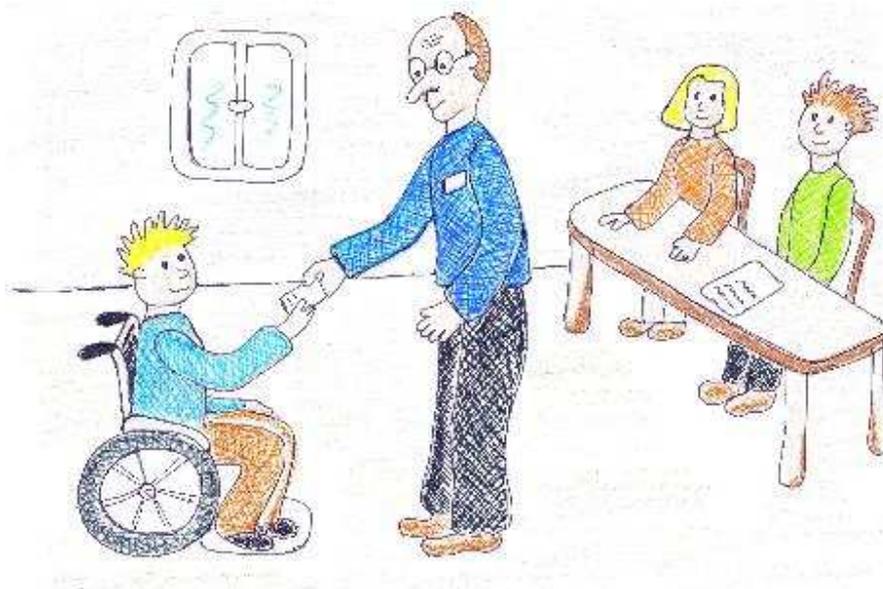
Archer is informed about the result and copy of classification form is provided

7. Observation on the field of play



Second part of classification procedure is observing on the field of play

8. Classification card distribution



Classification ID card is produced and given to the archer