

Eligibility and Classification Policy

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1. Purpose of Policy

- 1.1 The classification of athletes is a fundamental aspect of wheelchair basketball and underpins the inclusive nature of the sport, allowing fair and equitable participation for people with a lower limb impairment.
- 1.2 The aim of this policy is to provide a clear set of principles for how athletes are classified in the UK and outline the various classification processes which are key to maintaining the integrity of the sport. This will ensure that BWB's classification system is robust and conducted in an open and transparent environment, with the athletes' welfare front and centre.
- 1.3 British Wheelchair Basketball's (BWB) classification process outlines the procedures for wheelchair basketball classification in the UK and aligns to the processes of the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) [Official Player Classification Manual 2018](#) with the addition of 'local rules' which are outlined in the league rules and regulations.

2. Policy Principles

- 2.1 Wheelchair Basketball, in the UK, is an inclusive sport which allows disabled and non-disabled athletes to compete together.
- 2.2 In order to be classified for wheelchair basketball, you need to have Eligibility confirmed by BWB and be observed for a Sport Class by a trained Classifier.
- 2.3 Classifications and Eligibility decisions will be securely stored and communicated to the athlete by BWB.
- 2.4 BWB adheres to IWBF's definitions and processes as outlined in the Official Player Classification Manual 2018, however local rules and Eligibility are defined by BWB in the UK.
- 2.5 Any changes to IWBF definitions and processes will be reviewed by BWB to establish the impact on the sport in the UK prior to acceptance.

3. Responsibility

- 3.1 Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their athletes have been observed by a trained Club Classifier, and assigned a proposed classification for Eligibility applications.
- 3.2 Regional Associations and Home Countries are responsible for ensuring that members of their squads are classified prior to attending competitions.
- 3.3 The BWB Performance Team, are responsible for ensuring that their athletes meet the requirements for IWBF Eligibility prior to being invited to international competitions.
- 3.4 BWB is responsible for upholding BWB's classification procedures within the national league and competitions organised by the National Governing Body (NGB). Local rules may apply e.g. the on-court points total may be adapted to suit the level of competition or the addition of the 5.0 class.
- 3.5 Classifiers are responsible for complying with BWB and/or IWBF classification procedures and maintaining confidentiality when dealing with personal and sensitive data. The Classifier must conduct themselves in a fair and impartial manner at all times in line with BWB's Codes of Conduct.

The table below outlines the specific requirements of each identified role within the Classification system in the UK. A robust and efficient system relies on effective communication and administration at all levels of the sport. Each role identified below is responsible for ensuring efficient communication with relevant parties, ensuring the athletes wellbeing is considered at all stages.

Club Classifier	Regional Classifier	International Classifier	Observation Panel	Eligibility Panel	BWB
1) Supporting athletes to gather medical documents for eligibility application 2) Assessment of new athletes and proposal of Sport Class	1) Support of Club Classifiers 2) Supporting athletes to gather medical documents for eligibility application 3) Assessment of new athletes and proposal of Sport Class	1) Team classification verification (Euro League and International) 2) Training and support of Great Britain team staff and athletes	1) Observation of athletes to determine Sport Class	1) Review and assess Eligibility Applications independently	1) Administer all domestic classifications 2) Administrate and liaise with IWBF on all International classifications 3) Review procedures and ensure policies are up to date 4) Assess any policy changes enforced by IWBF or the IPC 5) Support training and development of classifiers at all levels 6) Educate members on classification and eligibility procedures

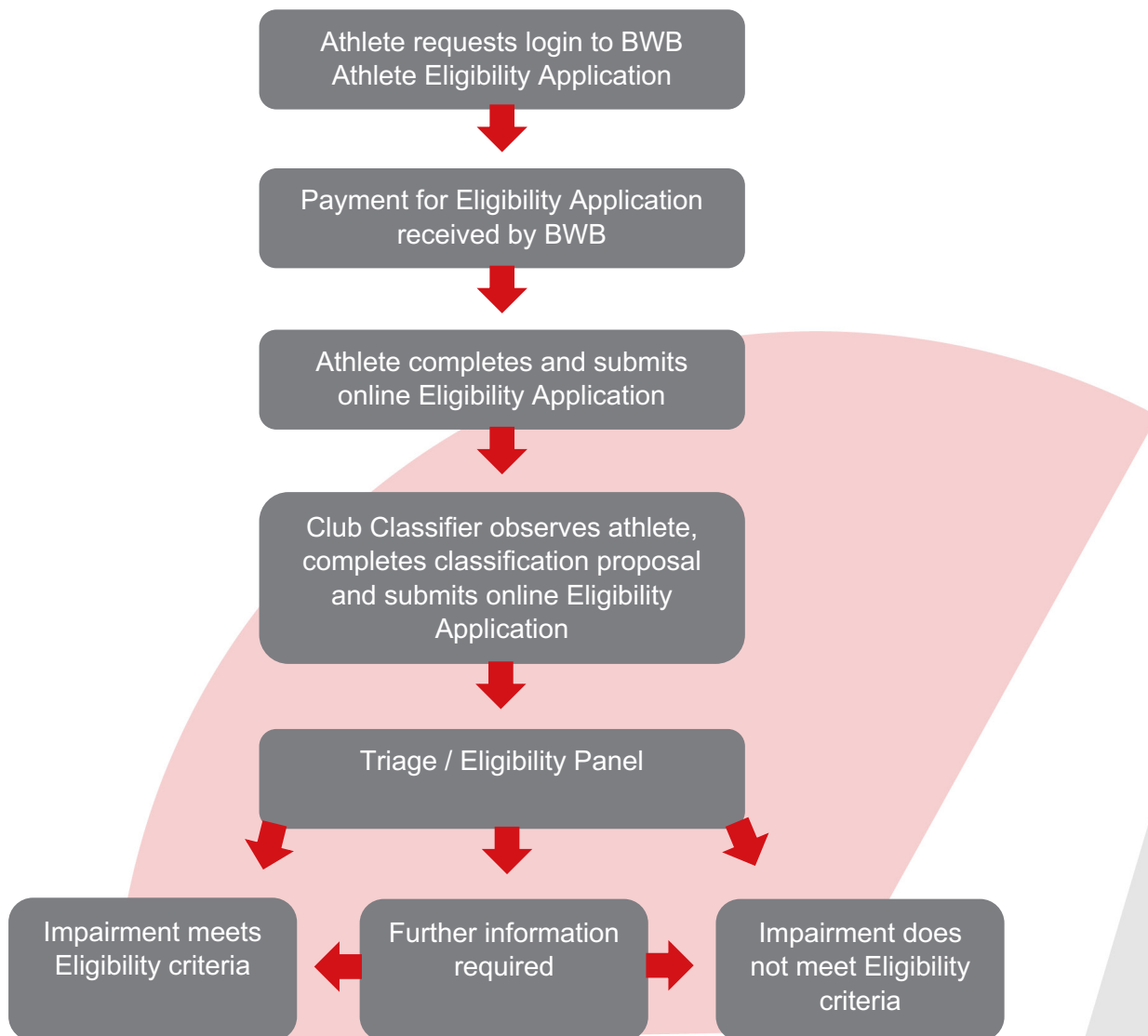
Table 1. Roles and Responsibilities

Club Classifier	Regional Classifier	International Classifier	Observation Panel	Eligibility Panel	BWB
1) Completion of Club Classifiers course	1) Annual attendance at Regional Classifier training 2) Attendance at seminars and conferences	1) Maintain competency 2) Attendance at seminars and conferences	1) Maintain competency 2) Attendance at Classifier training 3) Attendance at seminars and conferences	2) Annual attendance at Regional Classifier training 3) Attendance at seminars and conferences	1) Regular reviews with the British Paralympic Association (BPA) and IWBF 2) Attendance at seminars and conferences

Table 2: Requirements for maintaining competence

4. Process and Appeals

4.1 Eligibility Process



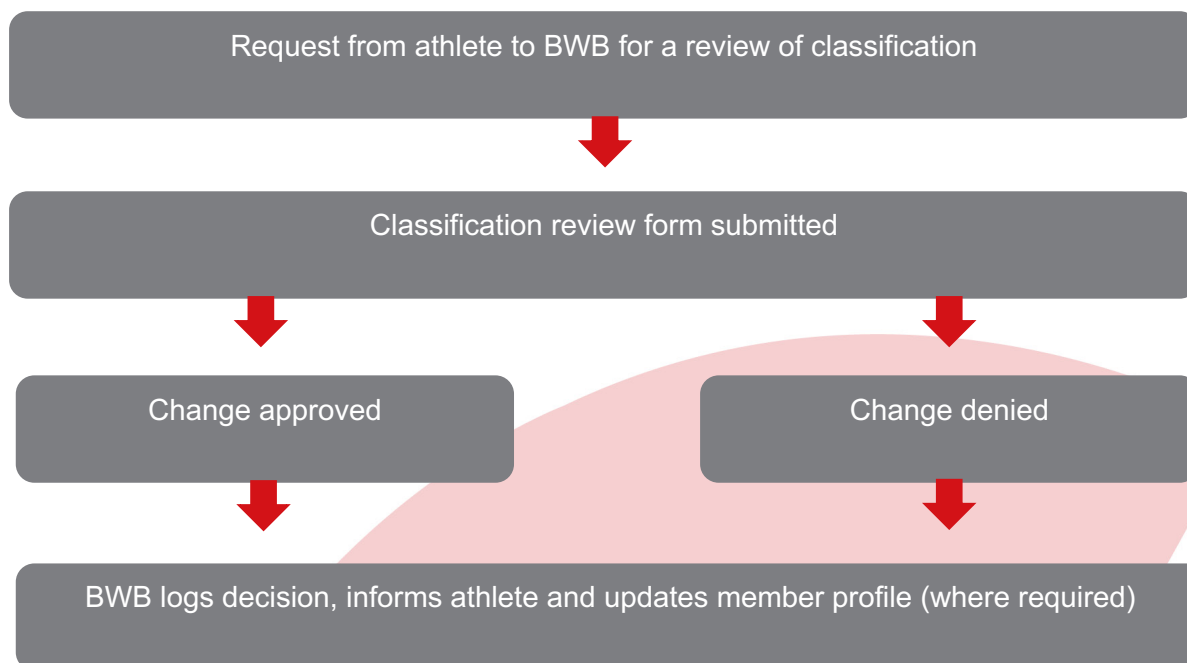
- 4.1.1 Athlete requests a log in for BWB Athlete Eligibility Management System. BWB creates a log in, details are emailed to the athlete.
- 4.1.2 Athletes from other National Organisation of Wheelchair Basketball (NOWB) and who haven't registered for the BWB National League in the previous season will be considered to be new athletes unless they meet the criteria under international classification (section 6).
- 4.1.3 Athlete completes the information and medical tabs of the online form then submits the application.
- 4.1.4 Club Classifier completes the classification tab of the online form then submits the application for review.
- 4.1.5 The application will be triaged by BWB, potential outcomes include:
 - a. Eligible
 - b. Sent to Eligibility Panel
 - c. Further information required

4.2 Eligibility Panel

- 4.2.1 Receipt of Eligibility Application.
- 4.2.2 Eligibility Application is reviewed by an Eligibility Panel. The fee for a domestic Eligibility Application is £15.
- 4.2.3 Panel assess the medical information. Outcomes from the Panel include:
 - a. Impairment meets eligibility criteria - The evidence clearly meets the eligibility criteria and the rationale from the Club Classifier supports the proposed classification.
 - b. Further information required – Further information is required for a decision.
 - c. Not Eligible – The medical evidence provided does not meet the eligibility criteria.
- 4.2.4 The Athletes will be informed of the decision via email.
- 4.2.5 The athlete will be able to play at their approved Sport Class, once payment has been received, a decision from the Panel has been received and their membership account has been updated.
- 4.2.6 A player may not re-apply for consideration under the Eligibility criteria for a period of one year after the decision has been given unless they can demonstrate that there has been a significant change in their condition or key medical information has been omitted from the original application. The re-application must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of £15.

4.3 Process for changing a Classification

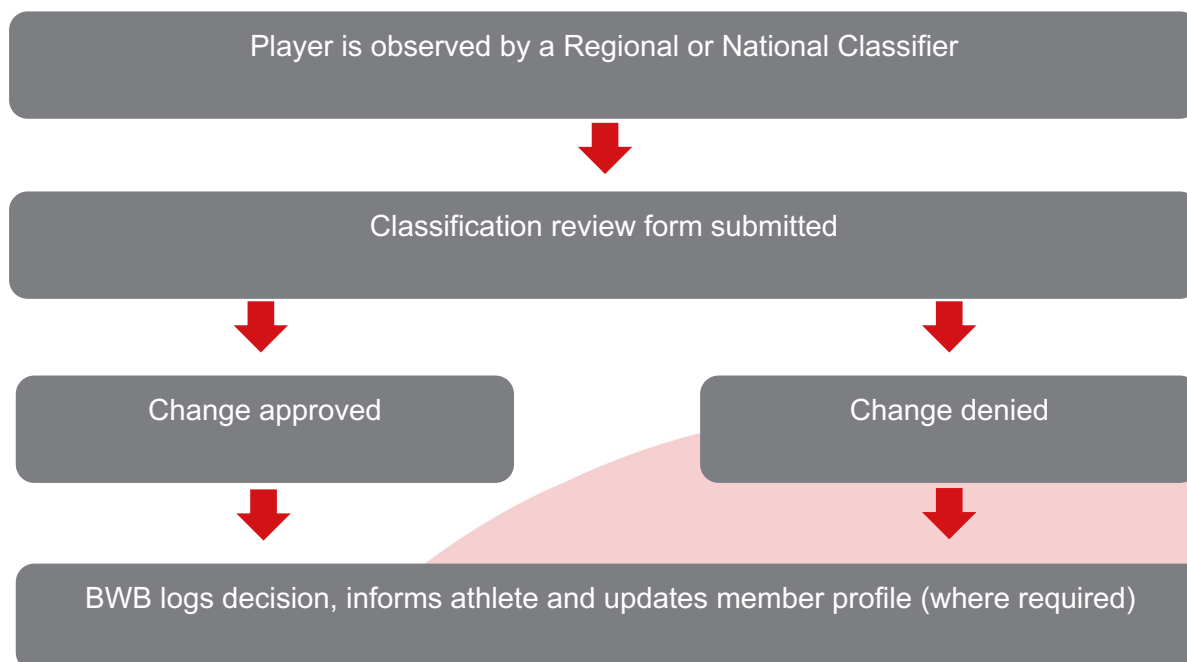
4.3.1 Request made to BWB



- 4.3.1 Changes to classification must be submitted to BWB using the Athlete Classification Review form for approval by an International Classifier.
- 4.3.2 The Athlete Classification Review form must be supported by a Regional Classifier*
- 4.3.3 Athletes who have been classified by IWBF must demonstrate a significant change to their condition and must not have attended an IWBF competition in the previous two years. Changes will be applied in BWB sanctioned leagues and competitions only.
- 4.3.4 On attendance at an IWBF competition, the athletes confirmed international classification will be adopted in BWB sanctioned leagues and competitions.
- 4.3.5 BWB will record the results of the Classification Review.
- 4.3.6 BWB will inform the athlete of the result of their review.
- 4.3.7 If the classification has changed, the athlete will adopt their approved classification within 14 days of the date of the decision.

* There is a fee of £10 per hour plus travel expenses per Regional Classifier.

4.3.2 Observation in club environment or competition environment by Regional or National Classifier



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4.3.3 Instigated by British Wheelchair Basketball

Based on reasonable grounds.

4.3.3.1 BWB can request a review of an athlete's classification at any point.

4.3.3.2 Any domestic athlete can have their classification changed at any time, with the agreement of two Classifiers, one of whom must be a Regional Classifier or National Classifier.

- 4.3.3.3 Where the athlete is under 18, a responsible adult confirmed by the child must also join any discussions.
- 4.3.3.4 Discussions will be recorded and a transcript will be provided to all involved along with the outcome of the observation.
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- 4.3.3.8 BWB will inform the athlete of the result of their review.
- 4.3.3.9 If the classification has changed, the athlete will adopt their approved classification within 14 days of the date of the decision.

4.4 Domestic Appeal Process

This process covers appeals against the procedures taken to reach a decision, not the decision itself.

- 4.4.1 Athletes have the right to appeal, once, within 14 days of the decision.
- 4.4.2 Documentation which explains the procedural error that they wish to appeal must be included.
- 4.4.3 A Club, Team, Association or third part may not appeal on behalf of an athlete.
- 4.4.4 The athlete must pay a fee of £30 plus the travel expenses (where required) for the appeal panel. Where the appeal is upheld, £15 will be reimbursed.
- 4.4.5 BWB will review the information and determine the following:
 - a. If the information has a material impact on the application, the application will be reassessed.
 - b. If the information does not materially impact the decision, BWB will decline the appeal.
- 4.4.6 BWB will inform the athlete of the decision.
- 4.4.7 No further appeal will be allowed on the application.
- 4.4.8 A player may not re-apply for consideration under the Eligibility criteria for a period of one year after the decision has been given unless they can demonstrate that there has been a significant change in their condition. The re-application must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of £15.
- 4.4.9 Appeals for international classification are raised through IWBF and are not covered by this process.

5. Athlete transfers

5.1 Athletes registering with BWB who are transferring from or have been classified by another National Organisation of Wheelchair Basketball will be considered to be new

athletes unless they meet the criteria under international classification (section 6). This includes athletes previously registered with BWB.

6. International (IWBF) Classifications

6.1 Eligibility Applications

- 6.1.1 Athletes who wish to make an application to IWBF for eligibility must have first gone through BWB's Eligibility process.
- 6.1.2 Athletes to be assessed for IWBF Eligibility will be signed off by the BWB Performance Team in consultation with an International Classifier.
- 6.1.3 BWB will submit the relevant documents to IWBF and maintain a log of communication between IWBF and the athlete.
- 6.1.4 Athletes applying for Eligibility through IWBF will be liable for all associated fees**.
- 6.1.5 Athletes who are identified by IWBF as Eligible will continue to play in BWB leagues and competitions at their domestic classification until their international classification is confirmed by a Panel at an IWBF Competition.
- 6.1.6 Once the athlete has had their classification confirmed by a Panel, it will be adopted domestically within 14 days of the decision.
- 6.1.7 **Outcomes of IWBF Eligibility procedures do not automatically apply in BWB sanctioned activity**
- 6.1.8 It is the athlete's responsibility to inform all relevant parties of the outcome of Eligibility Applications.
- 6.1.9 Appeals for international classifications are raised through IWBF processes and are not covered by the process listed in section 4.4.

** Individual cases will be assessed for financial support based on set criteria.

7. European Club Competitions

- 7.1 Clubs participating in European Club Competitions are responsible for the classification of their athletes.
- 7.2 An International Classifier must have the final sign off on classifications before team lists are submitted.
- 7.3 Clubs must inform BWB of any changes made to classifications during European Club Competitions (providing any physical documentation or cards issued by IWBF) within 3 days of the last day of the tournament.
- 7.4 Late submissions will incur a fine of £50.

8. Intentional Misrepresentation

8.1 British Wheelchair Basketball conforms to the British Paralympic Association's policy on handling Intentional Misrepresentation. The following section is based on their policy for investigating and handling reports of Intentional Misrepresentation.

8.2 Article 5 of the [UK Athlete Classification Code](#) states:

Intentional Misrepresentation is when an athlete or athlete support personnel:

- *attempts to deceive the classification panel during classification evaluation;*
- *deliberately presents at classification evaluation in a way that is inconsistent with how they present for competition;*
- *fails to make a medical notification as to a change in circumstances that will or may affect a Sport Class; and/or*
- *knowingly assists, covers up or disrupts the evaluation process with the intention of deceiving or misleading the Classification Panel.*

8.3 Under Articles 6.6 and 6.7 of the [IPC Athlete Classification Code](#), an athlete or athlete support personnel who is found to have been intentionally misrepresenting can be banned from Paralympic sport for up to 48 months for a first offence. A second offence carries a maximum sanction of a lifetime ban from Paralympic sport. The severity of these sanctions reflects the seriousness of the charge of Intentional Misrepresentation.

8.4 The UK Athlete Classification Code views Intentional Misrepresentation as one of the biggest risks to the integrity of Paralympic sport and British Wheelchair Basketball will recognise, respect and enforce any ban imposed on an athlete or athlete support personnel for Intentional Misrepresentation.

8.5 Procedure for managing a report of Intentional Misrepresentation

8.5.1 Where an allegation of Intentional Misrepresentation is received by British Wheelchair Basketball, BWB will identify an appointed person to lead the procedure. The BWB appointed lead person will maintain a confidential log of all Intentional Misrepresentation reports received by the NGB.

8.5.2 If the report relates to Intentional Misrepresentation that calls into question the validity of an athlete's international sport class, the report will be forwarded to IWBF, with the consent of the individual raising the report. If the individual raising the report does not give their consent the information should be shared with IWBF but with the individual's identifying and contact details redacted. BWB commits to cooperating fully with any follow-up actions taken by IWBF.

8.5.3 If the report relates to Intentional Misrepresentation that calls into question the validity of an athlete's domestic classification, BWB will:

- I. Review the content of the report that has been made
 - a. Is the source from inside the sport, outside of the sport or anonymous?
 - b. Did the source witness the athlete first-hand?
 - c. Does the content of the report sound likely?
 - d. Does the content of the report supplement information already received?
 - e. Is the content of the report relevant to Intentional Misrepresentation?

8.5.4 If there is sufficient weight to the report following the review, proceed to step 2. If there is insufficient weight to the report following the review, BWB will log and securely store the report for cross-referencing with future reports.

8.5.5 At all stages of the process (including review of information, initiating disciplinary proceedings and at a hearing panel) the onus is on BWB to prove beyond reasonable doubt that an individual has committed Intentional Misrepresentation.

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 - a. Does the existing paperwork address all concerns raised in the report?

If yes, BWB will log the report as concluded along with an explanation of that conclusion. If no, BWB will proceed to step 3.
- III. In confidence, share, all paperwork and existing concerns with the classifier(s) that most recently evaluated the athlete, asking them to respond to the concerns.
 - a. Can the classifier(s) answer concerns raised in the report?

If yes, proceed to step 4b. If no, proceed to step 4a
- IV. Summarise the actions taken to date and in confidence share with BWB's Disciplinary Panel along with the initial report and supporting documentation and either
 - a. Recommend initiating disciplinary proceedings against an athlete and/or athlete support personnel; or
 - b. Recommend logging and securely retaining this information for cross-referencing with future reports.
- V. If 4a is being pursued, BWB's disciplinary procedures will apply, including issuing a Notice of Charge, athletes'/athlete support personnel's right to a hearing panel and right to appeal that hearing panel's decision to an appropriate appelland body.
- VI. BWB will maintain a log of all received reports of Intentional Misrepresentation and follow-up actions taken. Logs will be reviewed on an annual basis.
- VII. The individual raising the report shall be notified when the investigation has been completed.

8.6 At all times, the welfare of the individual(s) making the report as well as the individual(s) implicated in the report must be considered. We will offer an appropriate person to support each of the parties impacted by the report being raised.

8.7 Ongoing, unsubstantiated claims of Intentional Misrepresentation can be considered bullying or harassment. If BWB see evidence of this, it will be handled through the Code of Conduct.

9. Safeguarding

9.1 It is the responsibility of all concerned to protect the safety and welfare of all participants involved in the classification process. Where children, young people or adults at risk are involved in the process, every effort should be undertaken to ensure their welfare is considered and protected.

9.2 Specifically, when being assessed, conversations with a child or young person

must be accompanied by a parent/carer or nominated guardian.

9.3 When communicating or discussing the classification of any athlete under the age of 18 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and 16 in Scotland, communication will take place with the parent/carer or guardian. Where classifications are conducted at an event or training without the parent/carer or guardian in attendance, the individual may select a responsible adult to accompany them during discussions.

9.4 BWB formal communication by post or email will be undertaken directly with the parent or guardian should the athlete be under the age of 18.

9.5 If you are concerned that a child or adult at risk is in immediate danger in the first instance you should report your concerns to the policy or Local Safeguarding Board or Social Services immediately.

9.6 In addition, you must report all concerns to your club welfare officer or to the Lead Safeguarding Officer.

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10. Other Information

10.1 The IWBF procedures can be found here: <https://iwbf.org/>

11. Appendices

Appendix 1: Eligibility Criteria for British Wheelchair Basketball

Who does this apply to:

- All players who are yet to be classified domestically
- Any domestic players who has not had their Eligibility confirmed since June 2020

Health Condition	Impairment	Criteria	Documents
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Complex Regional Pain Syndrome		Condition is permanent. Permanent reduction of function to lower limbs.	Medical report confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and that it is permanent. Documents require objective/quantitative measurements of lower limb function
Hip or knee joint replacement		Total Hip joint replacement. Total Knee joint replacement.	Medical report which confirms the relevant surgery by the attending physician or surgeon and date of surgery. X-rays/scans with the identification of the player visible.
Joint hypermobility syndrome / Ehlers Danlos syndrome		Condition is permanent. Permanent reduction of function to lower limbs. Recurrent lower limb dislocation	Medical report confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and that it is permanent.

<p>Osteoarthritis</p>	<p>Impaired Passive Range of Movement</p>	<p>Permanent damage to the joint cartilage structure, must be grade 3 or 4</p>	<p>Medical report confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and that it is permanent</p> <p>Arthritis cartilage grading – must be grade 3 or 4</p> <p>And/or</p> <p>Reduction of Passive range of movement as documented by a medical professional</p>
<p>Spinal cord injury Muscular dystrophy Post-polio syndrome Spina bifida Hereditary spastic paraplegia. Multiple Sclerosis</p>	<p>Impaired Muscle Power</p>	<p>Reduced muscle power</p>	<p>Medical report confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and that it is permanent, and loss of function of lower limbs</p>
<p>Arthrogryposis Contracture resulting from chronic joint immobilisation Trauma affecting a limb/joint Congenital deformity</p>	<p>Impaired Passive Range of Movement</p>	<p>Restriction or lack of passive movement in one or more of the joints of the lower limbs.</p>	<p>Medical report confirming the diagnosis, date of onset and that it is permanent.</p> <p>Results of passive range of movement test</p>
<p>Achondroplasia/Short Stature</p>	<p>Short stature</p>	<p>Reduced length in the bones to the lower limbs.</p>	<p>Medical report confirming the diagnosis, date of onset and that it is permanent</p>
<p>Amputation Congenital limb deficiency</p>	<p>Limb deficiency (lower limb)</p>	<p>A partial or total absence of bones or joints</p> <p>Minimum requirement for a lower limb amputation is total removal of the first ray of one foot</p>	<p>Medical report confirming the diagnosis, date of onset</p> <p>And/or</p> <p>Full body photo</p>

			<p>And/or</p> <p>X-ray showing limb deficiency/loss with the identification of the player visible</p>
Leg length difference	Leg length difference	Minimum requirement is 6cm for a difference in leg length as measured from the greater trochanter to the ground in a standing x-ray.	X-ray with the identification of the player visible.
<p>Cerebral palsy</p> <p>Traumatic brain injury</p> <p>Stroke</p> <p>Hereditary spastic paraplegia</p>	Hypertonia	Reduced ability of a muscle in the lower limb to stretch caused by damaged to the central nervous system.	<p>Medical report confirming the diagnosis, the date of onset and that it is permanent, and loss of function of lower limbs.</p> <p>Ashworth scale results</p> <p>And/or</p> <p>Gross motor function classification system (GMFCS)</p>
<p>Cerebral palsy</p> <p>Traumatic brain injury</p> <p>Stroke</p> <p>Multiple sclerosis</p>	Ataxia	Uncoordinated movements caused by damage to the central nervous system.	<p>Medical report confirming the diagnosis, date of onset and that it is permanent</p> <p>SARA scale results</p> <p>And/or</p> <p>Gross motor function classification system (GMFCS)</p>

<p>Cerebral palsy Traumatic brain injury stroke</p>	<p>Athetosis</p>		<p>Medical report confirming the diagnosis, date of onset and that it is permanent.</p> <p>DIS scale results</p> <p>And/or</p> <p>Gross motor function classification system (GMFCS)</p>
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This list is not exhaustive and there may be other causes of Eligible Impairments. It is important to give as much information as possible as to the cause of the impairment.

Non-Eligible Impairments

- Pain
- Hearing Impairment
- Low muscle tone
- Functional Neurological Disorder
- Health conditions which affect the upper limbs only
- Impaired muscle endurance
- Impaired motor reflex functions
- Impaired respirator functions
- Impaired metabolic functions
- Tics and mannerisms, stereotypes and motor perseveration

An athlete who has a Non-Eligible and an Eligible Impairment may be evaluated by an Eligibility Panel on the basis of the Eligible Impairment.

Appendix 2: Athlete Classification Review Form

This form needs to be completed in full.

First Name:	Surname:
DOB:	
Gender: Male Female	
Club:	
Current classification: 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0	
Proposed classification: 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0	

Rationale

Rationale for proposed change in classification (written by Club Classifier).

Rationale

Rationale for proposed change in classification (written by Regional Classifier).

*Please note, references to an athletes' performance will not be considered in any rationale.

Attached documents

Please provide any relevant documents to support the proposed classification, including any reference to medical documentation that may have had a positive impact on the athlete's functional movement.

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I can confirm that the above information is accurate

Name of Club Classifier:
Signature:
Date:

Please return your completed form to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

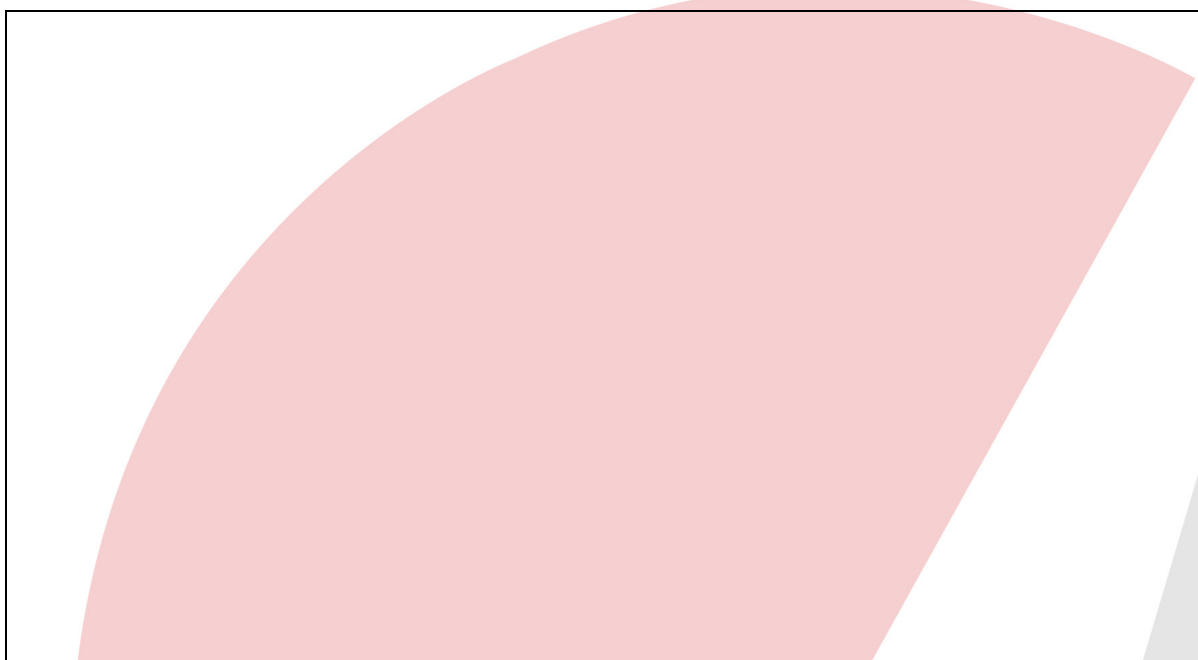
Appendix 3: Intentional Misrepresentation Report

Athlete details

First Name:	Surname:
DOB:	
Gender: Male Female	
Club:	
Classification: 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0	

Rationale

Rationale for report.



*Please note, references to an athletes' performance will not be considered in any rationale.

Report submitted by

Name:
Club:
Position at Club:
Classification experience:
Signature:
Date:

Please return your completed form to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

Appendix 4: Domestic Fees Related to Classification

Item	Fee
Eligibility Application	£15
Domestic classification appeal	£30 (£15 refundable if appeal successful)
Eligibility re-application	£15
Late submission or failure to submit classification changes made at European Club Competitions	£50

Appendix 5: Frequently Asked Questions

What is eligibility?

Eligibility is determined using the following criteria:

- a) A wheelchair basketball player must have a permanent physical disability which, in the opinion of the IWBF, reduces the function of the lower limbs to a degree where they cannot run, pivot or jump at the speed and with the control, safety, stability and endurance required to play running basketball as an able bodied player.
- b) The disability must be such that it can be objectively verified by acknowledged medical and/or paramedical investigations such as measurement, X-ray, CT, MRI, etc.
- c) Persons who have had hip or knee joint replacements and have provided confirmation of the relevant surgery from their attending physician or surgeon and supporting X-rays/scans are deemed to have met the eligibility criteria.
- d) In the instance of amputation, the minimal requirement for eligibility is total removal of the first ray of one foot
- (e) In the instance of a leg length discrepancy the minimal requirement for eligibility is a 6cm difference in leg length as measured from the greater trochanter to the ground in a standing x-ray.

For the purpose of IWBF Classification, degrees of pain are not considered measurable and permanent disabilities.

How do I apply for domestic eligibility?

Email membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk to request a log in for the online [Eligibility system](#).

The reports should show:

- The medical condition you have
- The prognosis
- Recognised measurement of any physical limitation of movement and strength
- Any procedures recommended for treatment

The fee for each application is £15.

Who can classify?

Club classifiers can propose a classification for athletes within their clubs. This will need to be approved by a Regional or International Classifier.

Regional and international classifiers can support clubs with more complex classifications. They may also be involved in the Eligibility Panel which looks at minimal disability applications and appeals.

How do I become a classifier?

The club classifiers workshop is a 2-day course which takes places annually. More information about this course can be found at www.britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

Do I have to re-classify if I change teams?

Your classification moves with you if you decide to move teams.

What happens if I disagree with my classification?

Decisions on which classification to award are based on principles decided by the IWBF. These principles are in place to ensure consistency across the game. If you disagree with the classification, you have been awarded because you believe that specific evidence has not been taken into account, you may follow the appeals process outlined in this document.

What happens if my classification changes?

In all instances, if your classification has been changed, notification will be sent to BWB who will contact you to confirm the new classification. You will be able to play at the new classification from within 14 days of the decision.

12. Glossary

Acquired: An impairment that has developed during the person's lifetime that is a result of an accident or illness rather than a disability the person was born with.

British Wheelchair Basketball/BWB: The National Governing Body for wheelchair basketball in the UK.

Club Classifier: A Club Classifier will have attended BWB's two-day Club Classifier training. They are responsible for classifying players within their club up to 3.0 points and players who have had a lower limb amputation.

Congenital: A disease or physical abnormality present from birth.

Domestic athlete: An athlete who only plays within BWB sanctioned leagues and competitions.

Domestic classification: The classification that applies to BWB sanctioned leagues and tournaments.

Eligibility Panel: A panel formed to assess whether an athlete meets the criteria for wheelchair basketball classification.

Genetic: Relating to genes or hereditary.

International classification: The classification given by an IWBF classification panel at a tournament.

International athlete: An athlete who plays within IWBF sanctioned leagues and competitions.

International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF): The Governing Body for Wheelchair Basketball across the world.

Loss of function: Relates to the degree of the reduction of the movement of the lower limbs.

Medical diagnosis: The process of determining which disease or condition explains a

National Organisation of Wheelchair Basketball/NOWB: A National Federation for wheelchair basketball.

Non-eligible: The person doesn't qualify for a wheelchair basketball classification under the regulations relating to classification.

Prognosis: The likely course of a medical condition.

Progressive: An impairment or disability which will get worse over time.

Rationale: A set of reasons or a logical basis for a course of action.

Regional Classifier: A Regional Classifier will have attended BWB's two-day Club Classifiers training as well as further training for Regional Classifiers. Their role is to assess minimal disability applications as part of the eligibility panel and review classifications where further assessment is required.

Stable: An impairment or disability which is not deteriorating / is unlikely to change.

Visual disability: A impairment that can be determined through observation of an athlete.