

To give you all a little history and reasoning to this manual:

The IWRF voted on their new classification manual in 2008, their manual was written and expanded from our original USQRA classification manual-they needed more specifics for the international world. We felt they had done a superb job of getting everything regarding classification written down, we just needed to change some of their procedures to be inline with how we do things in the US. We also felt that some of things they have decided to do internationally would be good to be done in the US, though we may not have done them in the US before.

The IWRF classification manual can be found on their website: www.IWRF.com

Differences/Changes to The USQRA Classification System/Manual-from our previous manual

Part I

The main changes in this section is wording, we now will be using the word Sport Class Status to indicate your classification, The Head of Classification is now what the Classification Chairperson is called, and Chief Classifier is the head of classification at a tournament.

3.5 Of note, this isn't new, but hasn't been in the manual before: 4.0 athlete test. Also called minimum eligibility.

Part II

6.2.1 Athlete presentation for classification

-Athletes may now have a team representative, Coach, or Team Manager with you at your classification. No other athletes may attend your classification.

6.2.2 You will need to sign a consent form (Code of Conduct) to proceed through the classification process (Appendix P)

6.3 Notification of classes

The tournament panel will be posting classification updates daily at a predetermined place at every tournament a panel is present.

7.4 Protest under exceptional circumstances

This section allows classifiers to formally protest a player if it is felt a player has been misclassified. In the past, we have always been able to just pull a player aside if we felt there was an error in their class.

8.0 Appeals

This entire section is new, it dictates that in addition to protesting a class, there is a way to protest the classification process, if you feel that the process wasn't followed properly (this is an IPC code requirement)

10.0 We have expanded the classifier certification process with more specific questions

14.0 The Glossary – this is section is new to our manual, there is no change in any definitions.

Appendix M – Consent form: Release of Classification Information Agreement
This will be used if anyone wants to Request a Copy of their Personal USQRA Classification Form or another athlete's form (that athlete must allow the form to be released).