

Classifier Training and Certification

Level 1 International Classifier Course



Overview

This DRAFT document gives an overview of the BWF Classifier Training Course for Level 1 International Classifier. This will in future be part of the Guidelines for Training and Certification of Classifiers. This is currently under development.

Classification Personnel

The BWF recognizes 3 levels of classifier. These are:

- Trainee Classifier
- Level 1 - International Classifier
- Level 2 – Senior International Classifier

There are 2 classifier roles in the BWF system. These are:

- **Chief Classifier** - a Classifier appointed for a specific BWF Tournament or BWF sanctioned international tournament, responsible for the direction, administration, co-ordination and implementation of classification matters at that tournament.
- **Head of Classification** - the person responsible for the direction, administration, coordination and implementation of classification matters for the BWF.

BWF also has **Course Facilitators** – these are Senior Classifiers who are also trainers or instructors.

Classifier

A 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.

An International Para-Badminton Classifier must be trained and certified by the BWF. Classifiers shall be qualified in one or more of the following disciplines as:

- a Medical professional - : a doctor or physiotherapist (or practitioner from a related discipline) who has knowledge and experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Competition Sport Profiles;
 - or
 - a technical expert with in-depth knowledge of biomechanics of sport/human movement and have significant expertise in the technical aspects of badminton.
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Trainee Classifier

This is an individual who is being trained by the BWF, but who is not yet certified as a Classifier. A trainee cannot be a Member of a Classification Panel at an International Tournament.

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The duties of the trainee may include:

- participating in and observation of the classification process to become familiar with the BWF Classification Regulations and how they are applied;
- developing competencies and proficiencies relevant to Player Evaluation;
- completing assessment and player observation tasks to become familiar with the Minimal Impairment Criteria and the impact on player performance;
- attending classification meetings at competitions;
- observing classification protests at international competitions;
- conducting Player Evaluation at a National Level following the initial training course;
- completing assignments and submitting these for assessment by BWF Course Facilitator.

A Trainee Classifier is required to sign and adhere to the Classifiers Code of Conduct.

Level 1 - International Classifier

Someone who has successfully completed BWF Para-Badminton training and has been certified to be a member of a Classification Panel at an International Tournament. The Classifier is required to adhere to the Classifier's Code of Conduct.

The duties of a Level 1 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.
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Prerequisites for Classifier Training

There are a number of pre-requisites to undertaking Classifier training and to becoming a BWF International Classifier.

These are:

- Qualified in one or more of the following disciplines:
 - ✓ a medical professional - a doctor or physiotherapist (or practitioner from a related discipline) who has knowledge and experience in dealing with people with the impairments and the Activity Limitations described in the Sport Profiles;
- or
- ✓ a technical expert with in-depth knowledge of biomechanics of sport/human movement and have significant expertise in the technical aspects of badminton.

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- Able to communicate effectively in English - undertake Classifier training and conduct Player Evaluations in English.
- Able to commit time as a Para-Badminton Classifier once qualified.

The following would be a significant advantage when considering to train as a Para-Badminton Classifier:

- Experience and/or qualifications as a National Classifier in Para-Badminton;
- Experience and/or International Classifier in another sport.
- Knowledge of badminton, its rules and physical and technical demands of the sport.

Assessment

Assessment is carried out on an on-going basis during the training programme. Methods of assessment include, but 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 4 different Sport Classes (Two wheelchair and two standing Sport Classes);
- Attendance and active participation in at least two BWF organized Classifier Training Courses (Stages 1 and 2) and three days of subsequent observation following Classification days.

Course Structure – New Classifiers

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

- Attendance at 2 International Tournaments where training will be conducted:
 - ✓ 1 day of workshops / training theory;
 - ✓ 1 day of Player Evaluation observation;
 - ✓ 2 days observation of players in competition.
- Participation in workshops, theory sessions, observation and practical tasks;
- Completion of written assignment work between the 2 international events;
- Completion of assessment tasks.

Trainee Classifiers will receive a Certificate of Attendance after the first stage of the training programme (see below) with a summary assessment report on progress towards Certification.

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International Classifier Training - Summary

Stage 1 – International Classifier Training – Trainee Classifier

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 Event.</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>

Certificate of Attendance and description of Course Work completed and a short assessment report on progress of Trainee towards certification.

Post course assignment work – including a minimum of 4 Para-Badminton Player Evaluations (2 wheelchair / 2 standing) using the BWF Classification Regulations. Submission of assignment work for evaluation and feedback by Course Facilitator.

Stage 2 – International Classifier Training – Trainee Classifier

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 4 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>

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

- ✓ Classifier certification recommended or
- ✓ If Trainee has not demonstrated all competencies, the areas where competencies are not met are discussed and a training plan agreed to complete training. Further tasks and training is assigned to achieve outstanding competencies.

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Classifier Certification

BWF has the responsibility of assessing whether a classifier has met the requirements for certification at a particular level.

Classifier certification means that an individual has met the competencies and is proficient to be an International Para-Badminton Classifier.

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 Para-Badminton Committee make recommendations to the Para-Badminton Committee and finally Council endorsement of new Level 1 International Classifiers.

The BWF Para-Badminton Committee and Council will approve the new Classifiers based on reports and recommendations of the Head of Classification, and any change of level of the existing BWF Classifiers.

First International Tournament

The newly certificated Level 1 International Classifier is scheduled for the first international competition as an International Classifier. A Level 2 Classifier is assigned as the mentor for the new classifier and is present during the first international competition assisting and providing support and guidance as required.

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Curriculum Content - Overview

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 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 affect 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

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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 - SS6

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 miss-understandings and conflict