

Procedure Re-classification after 4 years 'permanent status'.

During the Sports assembly in Tokyo, November 2004, the following motion was accepted:

Motion Permanent Classification

Permanent classification will be valid for a maximum of 4 (four) years from the date of classification.

Athletes with a permanent classification which has been in place for four years, will be scheduled for classification at the next available opportunity

The procedure for 2006 of re-classification will be as follows.

- All athletes who were classified in 2001 and received a 'permanent status' are obliged to be re-classified.
 - All class 1 athletes **MUST** be re-classified.
 - Class 2 athletes may be re-classified on request.
 - The classification officer provides on request the NPC's with a list of all classifications of 2001.
 - The NPC's (or national classifiers) are asked to inform the athletes.
- A re-classification is valid when:
 - A team of at least three persons, approved by the NPC, conducts the classification,
 - This team includes of at least **ONE national classifier**, approved by IPC-WDSC.
 - The team consists of at least a medical doctor and a physiotherapist.
 - A report of the classification (with names and professions of the members of the classification team) and the classification card must be send to and approved by the classification officer.
- The (new) status after re-classification is valid directly after classification and will be valid for the next 4 years. **All athletes classified in this way will be checked by an international classification panel at the first availability opportunity to confirm the class.**
- If an athlete, who should come for re-classification, does not appear, this athlete is not eligible to compete
- Re-classification must be completed no later than at the start of the World Championships 2006.
- Protest procedures will be according to the IPC-handbook.

The procedure for the years after 2005:

- The classification officer provides on request the NPC's with a list of the athletes which must attend re-classification.
- Re-classification of the mentioned year must be completed no later than the start of the Regional or World Championships of that year.
- Same procedure as 2005

Please think of the following points:

- All athletes who don't have a permanent classification must appear for classification.
- Athletes must be under competition circumstances
 - Competition wheelchair
 - All straps and means of support to be used under competition
 - Changing these items without permission can lead to disqualification.
- Athletes must bring an identification card or passport which states nationality, name and date of birth in English.
- Athletes must bring medical papers which states the medical diagnosis in English.
- Athletes must bring copies of classification cards of earlier classifications.
- Athletes must bring an interpreter if they don't speak and understand some English (or at a national classification if they don't speak the language of the national classifier.)