



IPC Members

Via email

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## **Review of the 2015 IPC Athlete Classification Code (the Code)**

Dear Membership,

We are approaching the halfway point of the Code review and we are delighted to now present to you the first draft of the new Code. This letter and its attachments provide information on the draft Code and the next steps in the Code review. In particular, we wish to inform you that the second consultation phase will shortly open on 1 August 2022.

Once you have considered the new draft Code, between now and 15 December 2022, we will kindly invite you to engage with us and join any of the opportunities listed below to provide your feedback on the changes made so far.

This second phase of consultation will be different to last year's phase 1 consultation in a number of ways. Whilst last year's first phase of consultation sought feedback on every section of the current Code, we are now excited to present the first draft of the new Code and are seeking crucial input on targeted questions around key issues. We wish to emphasise this is now a critical moment in the Code review where stakeholder feedback is paramount. This second phase of consultation will have more opportunities for engagement and we have made providing feedback easier and more accessible. As a reminder, there will be a third and final consultation phase next year (for further details on the Code Review Process, please visit [2022\\_06\\_2015\\_IPC\\_Athlete\\_Classification\\_Code\\_Review\\_Process\\_Final.pdf \(paralympic.org\)](#)).

We are extremely proud of the work delivered so far by the Code Drafting Team and Subgroups and we sincerely and wholeheartedly thank them for all their efforts.

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Below, we will detail the key documents shared as part of consultation phase 2, as well as information on the afore mentioned engagement opportunities. We will also continue to keep our webpage ([Classification Code review \(paralympic.org\)](https://www.paralympic.org)) updated with the latest developments for the Code review and as a resource for all key documents.

### **1. Summary of changes**

To introduce the new drafts, we have produced a summary of the changes which explains the rationale for the key additions and amendments in the draft Code and International Standards:

- [Summary of Changes Presented in the First Draft as Part of Consultation Phase 2 \(ENG\)](#)

### **2. The draft Code and International Standards**

Perhaps the most immediately apparent change is the amalgamation of some (but not all) of the International Standards into the body of the Code. We therefore present the following:

Draft IPC Classification Code (version July 2022)

- Attachment 1: Draft Classification Flowchart (version July 2022)
- Draft International Standard for Classification Personnel and Training (version July 2022)
- Draft International Standard for Classification Data Protection (version July 2022)

### **3. Consultation calls and Annual IF and NPC Classification Meeting**

We will be holding regular consultation calls and meetings during the upcoming phase 2 consultation. This is in addition to the Annual IF and NPC Classification Meeting (15 - 17 September), and the Membership Gathering (TBC November).

To have as wide a consultation as possible, we have secured multiple call options for each membership group. Full details including confirmed call dates and registration information will be announced separately within the next two weeks. Once received, we kindly ask that you register for the call relevant to you as soon you can so we have an early indication of attendee numbers.

For now, we would like to open registration for the Annual IF Head of Classification and NPC Classification Meeting, scheduled to take place in Siegburg, Germany between 15 and 17 September 2022. Further information about the meeting, in addition to the registration form are available here and attached: [Siegburg](#)

[meeting registration](#). We kindly ask that you register your intention to attend by 18 August 2022.

#### 4. Submitting your written feedback

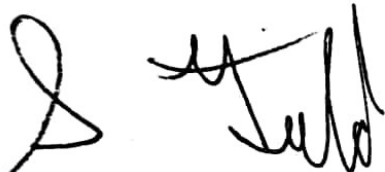
The success of the Code review is highly reliant on the membership engagement and feedback throughout the process. Therefore, we hope to make it as simple as possible to do so. We have prepared a feedback form which asks a number of targeted questions regarding the draft Code and provides room for feedback on any section of the Code. Sharing your thoughts will help the Code Drafting Team in their continued task to produce a final draft of the new Code.

The phase 2 consultation survey is attached in fillable PDF format. Please send your completed survey to [codereview@paralympic.org](mailto:codereview@paralympic.org) before 15 December 2022.

The Code review is a vital project for the Movement, and we thank you once more for your continued engagement. We kindly ask you to pass this information to relevant individuals within your organisation, including classifiers and athletes.

We welcome any questions or feedback. If you wish to contact us about the Code review please reach out to the IPC management team at [codereview@paralympic.org](mailto:codereview@paralympic.org).

Kind regards,



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