

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS WITH EFFECT ON 01.02.2017

Chapter II **AGE** CATEGORIES

Open Categories

16.2.002 Able-bodied and non-classified athletes can participate in UCI para-cycling C1 and C2 events in the following Open Categories:

- H-Open 1: able-bodied athletes competing on a recumbent handcycle
- H-Open 2: able-bodied athletes competing on a kneeling handcycle
- T-Open: able-bodied athletes competing on a tricycle

Only able-bodied athletes who hold a valid international cycling license as described at article 16.3.002 are allowed to participate.

Open Categories do not provide any UCI points and there are no rankings. Open Categories' races shall be held in separate starts and riders may not be mixed with classified para-cyclists. The UCI equipment regulations applies to the Open Categories.

(article introduced on 01.02.17)

Chapter III ELIGIBILITY FOR PARA-CYCLING COMPETITIONS

Athletes

- 16.3.001** Only athletes ~~with a functional class profile as defined for each sport class who meet the Minimum Impairment Criteria~~ under these rules are eligible for para-cycling competitions.

Tandem pilots who are eligible under articles 16.3.003ss are considered athletes and must obey these regulations except when it concerns classification.

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- 16.3.006** Each ~~blind or~~ visually impaired athlete is allowed a maximum of one pilot for any para-cycling competition. The athlete and his pilot shall have the same sporting nationality.

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Chapter IV **UCI CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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16.4.001 ~~Any athlete with a disability must be evaluated according to the established classification procedure hereunder in order to determine if he is eligible according to the classification system or if he is considered as non-eligible (NE).~~

~~If he is eligible, a functional class will be assigned in accordance with this chapter.~~

~~The purpose of the Para-Cycling Classification is to minimise the impact of impairment on the outcome of competition, so that an athlete's success in competition relies on training, physical fitness and personal athletic talent. Classification is an on-going process whereby all athletes are under regular observation by classifiers to ensure consistency and fairness for all athletes.~~

~~In order to achieve this purpose, athletes are classified according to the extent of activity limitation resulting from their impairment. This places athletes according to how much their impairment affects core determinants of performance in cycling.~~

~~Classification has two important roles:~~

- ~~—— To determine eligibility to compete; and~~
- ~~– To group athletes for competition.~~

~~The UCI Classification Rules and Regulations provide a framework within which the process of "Classification" may take place. Athlete Classification (referred to as "Classification" is defined as grouping Athletes into Sports Classes according to how much their Impairment affects the fundamental activities in Cycling. The purpose of Classification is to define who competes in Para-cycling and to ensure that the impact of Eligible Impairment in each event is minimised.~~

~~The UCI Classification Rules and Regulations are intended to implement the provisions of the IPC Classification Code for the sport of Para-cycling.~~

~~The UCI Classification Rules and Regulations shall apply to:~~

- ~~- All Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel who hold a valid international racing license from their UCI recognised national cycling federation as defined in the UCI Para-Cycling Rules and Regulations;~~
- ~~- All Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel participating in such capacity in Events and Competitions sanctioned by the UCI or any of its members or affiliate organisations or licensees.~~

~~It is the personal responsibility of Athletes, Athlete Support Personnel and Classification Personnel to acquaint themselves with all of the requirements of the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations, the UCI Para-cycling Rules and~~

Regulations, the IPC Classification Code (see IPC Handbook, Section 2, Chapter 1.3) and the other sections of the IPC Handbook that apply to Classification.

International Classification

Athlete Evaluation that is conducted in full compliance with the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations is referred to as International Classification. The UCI will only recognise a Sport Class and Sport Class Status if allocated by way of International Classification.

The UCI will provide Athletes with an opportunity to undertake International Classification by appointing Classifiers certified to conduct Athlete Evaluation at UCI Para-cycling Competitions, and by providing reasonable notice of such International Classification opportunities to Athletes and National Federations.

An Athlete will only be permitted to undergo International Classification if he or she:

- Holds a valid UCI international racing license pursuant to the relevant provisions in the UCI Para-cycling Rules and Regulations, and
- Has been entered into and competes in the UCI Para-cycling Competition where International Classification is to take place.

Interpretation, Commencement and Amendment

The UCI Classification Rules and Regulations shall be interpreted and applied at all times in a manner that is consistent with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification Code.

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16.4.003

~~Classification Officials Roles Classification Personnel~~

~~Classification Training and Certification are done~~ Classifiers are trained and certified by the UCI in compliance with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification Code and the International Standard ~~on~~ for Classification and Training. ~~that are detailed in the UCI Para-Cycling Classification Guide.~~

The UCI shall appoint the following Classification Personnel, each of whom will have a key role in the administration, organisation and execution of classification for the UCI.

Head of Classification

~~The Head of Classification (hereafter HoC) is the classifier responsible for UCI classification in partnership with the UCI Para-Cycling Coordinator. They are responsible for the administration, coordination and implementation of classification including appointment of the Chief Classifier and Classification Panels for UCI sanctioned competitions, management of the master list, and other duties as defined by the UCI Classification Guide.~~

The Head of Classification is a person appointed by the UCI to be responsible for the direction, administration, co-ordination and implementation of Classification matters

for Para-cycling. The UCI may delegate the role of Head of Classification to another person, or group of persons, to act as the Head of Classification. If not a certified Classifier, the Head of Classification will work closely together with experienced Classifiers in Para-cycling. If certified as a Classifier, the Head of Classification may also be appointed as a Classifier and/or Chief Classifier.

Chief Classifier

~~The Chief Classifier (here after CC) is the classifier responsible for the administration, coordination and implementation of classification matters for a specific competition. The HoC may also fill the role of CC.~~

The Chief Classifier is a Classifier appointed by the UCI to direct, administer, coordinate and implement Classification matters for a specific Competition according to the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations.

Classifier

~~A classifier is a person authorised as an official by UCI to evaluate athletes while serving as a member of a Classification Panel.~~

A Classifier is a person authorised as an official by the UCI to evaluate Athletes as a member of a Classification Panel in accordance with the UCI Para-Cycling Rules and Regulations and the International Standard for Athlete Evaluation. The UCI will specify the means by which it shall certify Classifiers.

Classifier Trainees-Trainee Classifiers

~~Must apply to the HoC for approval to attend competitions to train and may not have any other official responsibilities other than training as a classifier at a competition.~~

A Trainee Classifier is a person who is in the process of formal training to become a Classifier for the UCI. The UCI may appoint Trainee Classifiers to participate in some or all components of Athlete Evaluation under the supervision of a Classification Panel to develop the necessary Classifier competencies in order to be certified by the UCI as a Classifier.

Classifier Competencies

The UCI certifies Classifiers who have the qualifications and competencies relevant to conduct Athlete Evaluation in respect of Athletes with a Physical Impairment or a Visual Impairment.

The UCI requires Classifiers to have one of the below qualifications in order to be considered for certification as UCI Classifier:

Classification for Athletes with a Physical Impairment

Medical Classifier: a certified health professional in a field relevant to the Impairment category which the UCI at its sole discretion deems acceptable, e.g. a medical doctor or physiotherapist who has knowledge and experience in dealing with people with physical impairments such as spinal cord lesions, locomotor impairments and neurological impairments as defined by the sport class profiles, and who are trained to assess muscle strength, range of motion, balance and coordination.

Technical Classifier: sport specific and/or technical experts with an extensive background in the sport of cycling, e.g. certified coaches, bike fit experts, experts in human movement science or equivalent with the ability to analyse gait and assess the Athlete on the bicycle/tricycle/handcycle, which the UCI at its sole discretion deems to be acceptable.

Classification for Athletes with a Visual Impairment

Ophthalmologists and optometrists trained and certified by the International Blind Sports Association (IBSA) or the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) .

All Classifiers must have a thorough understanding of the UCI Para-cycling Rules and Regulations and an understanding of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification Code and the International Standards for classification and training.

All Classification Personnel must comply with the behavioural and ethical standards mandated in the IPC Code of Ethics and the UCI Classifier Code of Conduct. If any Classification Personnel is found to have breached the terms of either the IPC Code of Ethics or the UCI Classifier Code of Conduct, the UCI will have sole discretion to withdraw any applicable certification or authorisation.

Classification Panels

~~A Classification Panel is a body appointed by UCI to conduct Athlete Evaluation in accordance with these rules. A Classification Panel should be comprised of a minimum of two (2) classifiers~~

~~A Classification Panel for athletes with a Physical Impairment consists of two UCI accredited classifiers: a medical classifier and a technical classifier. At the discretion of the Head of Classification, a medical classifier may fill the role of a technical classifier if he/she has dual certification.~~

~~A Classification Panel for athletes with a Visual Impairments consists of two IPC/IBSA International Classifiers who specialise in Ophthalmology or Optometry.~~

~~A classification panel may seek third party expertise of any nature if it considers in its sole discretion that this would assist in it completing the process of Athlete Evaluation~~

~~If only one Classification Panel is present, no protest will be accepted.~~

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Classification Panels

16.4.004

~~UCI Para-Cycling World Championships must have two (2) Classification Panels present including a Chief Classifier~~

A Classification Panel is a group of Classifiers appointed by the UCI to determine Sport Class and Sport Class Status in accordance with the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations.

A Classification Panel for athletes with a Physical Impairment consists of two UCI accredited classifiers: a medical classifier and a technical classifier. At the discretion of the Head of Classification, a medical classifier may fill the role of a technical classifier if he/she has dual certification.

A Classification Panel for athletes with a Visual Impairments consists of two IPC/IBSA International Classifiers who specialise in Ophthalmology or Optometry.

A Classification Panel may at any stage seek medical, technical or scientific opinion, with the agreement of the Head of Classification and/or a Chief Classifier. This expertise may only be sought if the Classification Panel feels that such expertise is necessary in order to allocate a Sport Class.

~~Members of the Classification Panels~~ Classification Personnel must have no significant relationship with any athlete, athlete or Athlete Support Personnel present at a competition or otherwise that might create any actual, perceived or potential bias or conflict of interest. Classification Personnel must disclose to the UCI any actual, perceived or potential bias or conflict of interest that may be relevant to their appointment as a member of any Classification Panel. ~~had no involvement with any decision being appealed, and will be free from any other actual or perceived bias or conflict. Should conflict arise, the parties concerned should raise these with the Chief Classifier.~~

Members of a Classification Panel may not have any other official responsibilities within a competition other than in connection with classification.

In exceptional circumstances, the Chief Classifier may decide that a Classification Panel consists of one Classifier only, subject to the restriction that such a Classifier must possess a medical qualification. A Classification Panel consisting of one Classifier may only allocate a Sport Class designated with Sport Class Status Review (R).

Classification Master List

UCI maintains a Classification Master List of all athletes. A web list is available on the UCI website at www.uci.ch. The web list details the country, athlete's name, date of birth, division, sport class and sport class status. It is updated after each major competition within ~~60~~ 30 days.

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Athlete Evaluation

16.4.006 ~~Athlete Evaluation is done in compliance with the IPC Classification Code and International Standard on Athlete Evaluation. The Athlete Assessment may include, but is not limited to:~~

- ~~— Physical Assessment~~
- ~~— Technical Assessment~~
- ~~— Observation Assessment.~~

~~The Physical Assessment and the Technical Assessment take place during the Classification Evaluation Period.~~

~~The Observation Assessment takes place during the Classification Evaluation Period and/or the Classification Competition Period during the athlete's training and/or first appearance in competition on the road and/or the track.~~

Athlete Evaluation is the process by which an Athlete is assessed in accordance with the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations in order to be allocated a Sport Class and a Sport Class Status.

Athlete Evaluation encompasses:

- a) An assessment to determine whether the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment for para-cycling;
- b) An assessment to determine whether the Athlete complies with the Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) for para-cycling; and
- c) the allocation of a Sport Class and designation of a Sport Class Status depending on the extent to which the Athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to para-cycling.

The assessment to determine whether an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment for para-cycling will be conducted by the UCI prior to Athlete Evaluation. Athletes must submit a Medical Diagnostics Form (MDF) which demonstrates that he or she has an Eligible Impairment, or an underlying Health Condition that may lead to an Eligible Impairment, before he or she can participate in an Athlete Evaluation Session with a Classification Panel.

The assessment to determine whether an Athlete has an Eligible Impairment for para-cycling will be conducted by the UCI in accordance with the International Standard for Eligible Impairments.

The assessment to determine whether an Athlete complies with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for para-cycling, the allocation of a Sport Class (16.4.008) and designation of a Sport Class Status (16.4.008) will be undertaken by a Classification Panel in accordance with the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations.

Athlete Evaluation process may encompass the following:

- Physical Assessment: The Classification Panel will conduct a Physical Assessment of the Athlete, to establish whether the Athlete has an Eligible Impairment for a sport and whether the Athlete complies with the Minimum Impairment Criteria for para-cycling;
- Technical Assessment: The Classification Panel may conduct if so required a Technical Assessment of the Athlete which may include, but is not limited to, an assessment and evaluation of the extent to which

the athlete is able to execute the specific tasks and activities fundamental to para-cycling in a non-competitive environment.

The Physical Assessment and Technical Assessment take place during the Classification Evaluation Period.

Observation Assessment: The Classification Panel may conduct Observation Assessment to ensure that the result from the Athlete's Physical and Technical Assessments are reflected in the athlete's ability to perform in competition.

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Athlete ~~Presentation for~~ Evaluation Requirements

16.4.007 ~~The National Federation or —on delegation of this one—/Team Manager must ensure that athletes attend classification properly equipped with appropriate documentation and on time. It is the responsibility of the National Federation to ensure that any Athlete whose impairment is a result of an uncommon or rare condition provides supporting specialist documentation written in English, when presenting for athlete evaluation.~~

~~The athlete must attend the classification in race clothing accompanied by his/her bicycle/tricycle/handcycle, helmet, orthopaedic brace/prosthesis and all other equipment required to use his/her bike.~~

~~Any modification of the machine (e.g. support) must be submitted to the UCI for approval in accordance with the established procedure and Article 16.14.002.~~

~~The athlete is evaluated together with his or her orthopaedic brace/prosthesis. Evaluation must be repeated for any modification of the orthopaedic brace/prosthesis and may entail a change of sport class or even division. All orthopaedic braces/prostheses must be submitted to the UCI for approval in accordance with the established procedure.~~

~~Athletes with a visual impairment must bring any eyeglasses and or contact lenses used to correct vision to evaluation.~~

~~The athlete may be accompanied by an interpreter and not more than one representative of the athlete's National Paralympic Committee (NPC) or National Federation.~~

~~Incorrect presentation at classification could result in the athlete not being classified and therefore not competing.~~

~~If an athlete has a health condition which causes pain that limits or prohibits full effort during evaluation, he/she may not be appropriate for evaluation at that time. The Chief Classifier may, time permitting, re-schedule the evaluation. However, ultimately if the athlete does not have a sports class and a sports class status, then he/she will not be eligible to compete at the event.~~

~~An athlete may be required to provide detailed medical documentation in English of his/her impairment to the HoC or CC. The Chief Classifier has the right to request such documentation and shall have the discretion to not allocate a sport class and/or sport class status without this documentation.~~

~~Consent~~

~~Athletes must sign a classification consent form to indicate their willingness to be classified and confirm their agreement to provide full effort and co-operation throughout the classification process.~~

~~Athletes who fail to cooperate with classifiers or fail to complete the classification process may be subject to sanctions in accordance with the UCI Classification Guide.~~

The following requirements apply to Athlete Evaluation:

- An Athlete is personally responsible for attending a Athlete Evaluation (an Athlete's National Federation/National Paralympic Committee must take reasonable steps to ensure that the Athlete attends Athlete Evaluation);
- Athletes have the right to choose one person, who must be a member of the Athlete's National Federation/National Paralympic Committee, to accompany them when attending Athlete Evaluation. If the Athlete is a minor, a member of the Athlete's National Federation/National Paralympic Committee must accompany the Athlete;
- The Classification Panel will conduct its assessments in English. If the Athlete requires an interpreter, the National Federation/National Paralympic Committee is responsible for arranging for an interpreter. The interpreter will be permitted to accompany the Athlete in addition to the person nominated by the Athlete to accompany him or her when attending Athlete Evaluation;
- The Athlete must accept the terms and conditions of the UCI Evaluation Consent Form prior to attending Athlete Evaluation;
- The Athlete must attend Athlete Evaluation with his/her UCI License which verifies the Athlete's identity;
- The Athlete must attend Athlete Evaluation with all sports equipment and attire used in competition, in race clothing accompanied by his/her bicycle/tricycle/handbike, helmet, orthopaedic brace/prosthesis and all other equipment required to use his/her bike;
- Any modification of machine (e.g. support) must be submitted to the UCI for approval in accordance with the established procedure and article 16.14.002;
- The Athlete is evaluated together with his/her orthopaedic brace/prosthesis and may entail a change of Sport Class or even division.

- All orthopaedic braces/prostheses must be submitted to the UCI for its approval in accordance with the established procedure;
- Athletes with a visual impairment must bring any eyeglasses and/or contact lenses used to correct vision to Athlete Evaluation;
 - The Athlete must submit the respective Medical Diagnostic Form to the UCI no later than 4 weeks prior to Athlete Evaluation (in English or with a certified English translation), with relevant supporting medical documentation including, but not limited to, medical reports, medical records and diagnostic information, which relate to the Athlete's Impairment;
 - The Athlete must disclose the use of any medication and/or medical device/implant to the Classification Panel;
 - The Athlete must comply with all reasonable instructions given by the Classification Panel;
 - The Classification Panel may use video footage and/or any other records (including pre-existing video footage and/or records) in order to carry out the Athlete Evaluation. In addition, the Classification Panel may video-record the Athlete Evaluation in part or in full if it considers that such recording is necessary to enable it to complete the Athlete Evaluation.
 - The Classification Panel may only consider evidence supplied to it by the Athlete, National Federation, National Paralympic Committee and the UCI when allocating a Sport Class.
 - Any such recording will be used for the purposes of the Athlete Evaluation only and may be used for research and education purposes with the Athlete's prior consent;
 - The decisions of the Classification Panel will be published at the Competition venue by the UCI in the Classification Communique following the classification period. Decisions of the Classification Panel for athletes required to undergo Observation in Competition will be published following their first appearance.

Failure to Attend Athlete Evaluation

If an Athlete is required to attend the Athlete Evaluation, but fails to do so, the Classification Panel will report the non-attendance to the Chief Classifier. The Chief Classifier may, if satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to attend the Athlete Evaluation, set a revised time and date for the Athlete Evaluation at the Competition.

If the Athlete fails to attend Athlete Evaluation on this second occasion, or is, in view of the Chief Classifier, unable to provide a reasonable explanation of his or her non-attendance, the Athlete will not be permitted to compete at the relevant Competition.

Suspension of Athlete Evaluation

A Classification Panel, in consultation with the Chief Classifier, may suspend Athlete Evaluation if it cannot allocate a Sport Class to the Athlete, including, but not limited to, one or more of the following circumstances:

- a failure on the part of the Athlete to comply with any part of the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations;
- a failure on the part of the Athlete to provide any medical information that is required by the Classification Panel;
- the Classification Panel believes that the use (or non-use) of any medication and/or medical procedure/device/implant disclosed by the Athlete will affect the ability to conduct Athlete Evaluation in a fair manner;
- the Athlete has a Health Condition that may limit or prevent from complying with requests of the Classification Panel during Athlete Evaluation, which the Classification Panel considers will affect its ability to conduct Athlete Evaluation in a fair manner;
- the Athlete is unable to communicate effectively with the Classification Panel;
- the Athlete is physically or mentally unable to comply with the instructions of the Classification Panel;
- the Athlete refuses to comply with any instructions given by any Classification Personnel to such an extent that an Athlete Evaluation cannot be conducted in a fair manner; and/or
- the Athlete's presentation of his or her abilities is inconsistent with any information available to the Classification Panel to such an extent that Athlete Evaluation cannot be conducted in a fair manner.

If Athlete Evaluation is suspended by a Classification Panel, the following steps must be taken:

- an explanation containing the reasons of the suspension and details of the remedial action that is required from the Athlete will be provided to the Athlete and/or the relevant National Federation or National Paralympic Committee;
- if an Athlete takes the remedial action to the satisfaction of the Chief Classifier or Head of Classification, Athlete Evaluation will be resumed; and
- if the Athlete fails to comply and does not take the remedial action within the imposed deadline, Athlete Evaluation will be terminated. The Athlete will be designated with the status "Classification Not Completed" (CNC) within the Classification Master List for Para-cycling. This designation will

preclude the Athlete from competing at any Competition until Athlete Evaluation is completed.

A suspension of Athlete Evaluation may be subject to further investigation into any possible Intentional Misrepresentation.

Observation in Competition

The Classification Panel may require that an Athlete undertakes Observation in Competition before it allocates a final Sport Class (16.4.008) and designates a Sport Class Status (16.4.008) to that Athlete.

Observation in Competition, if required by the Classification Panel for the respective Athlete, will be conducted during the Athlete's First Appearance. First Appearance is the first time that an Athlete competes in an Event during a Competition in a particular Sports Class. First Appearance within a Sport Class applies to all participation in other Events within the same Sport Class.

If a Classification Panel requires an Athlete to complete Observation in Competition, the Athlete is permitted to compete at First Appearance with the Sport Class that is allocated to that Athlete by the Classification Panel following the conclusion of the initial components of Athlete Evaluation.

Pending completion of Observation in Competition, the Athlete will be allocated a Sport Class with the Tracking Code 'Observation in Competition' (OIC).

An Athlete will retain the Sport Class and Tracking Code until Observation in Competition has taken place.

The Classification Panel must allocate a final Sport Class and designate a Sport Class Status upon completion of First Appearance. If changes to the Sport Class or Sport Class Status of an Athlete are made following Observation in Competition, the changes are effective immediately.

The impact of an Athlete changing Sport Class after First Appearance on medals, records and results is detailed in articles 16.18.009 and 16.9.002.

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Sport Class and Sport Class Status

16.4.008 Sport Class

A Sport Class is a category for Competition defined by UCI by reference to the extent to which an Athlete can perform the specific tasks and activities required for Paracycling.

A Sport Class will be allocated to an Athlete by a Classification Panel following Athlete Evaluation.

The decision of the Classification Panel to allocate a Sport Class is final and subject to challenge only as prescribed in the Protests and Appeals section of the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations (Article 16.4.015).

If an Athlete does not have an Eligible Impairment or has an Eligible Impairment that does not comply with the Minimal Impairment Criteria, he or she will not be eligible to compete within the sport of Para-cycling. If an Athlete is not eligible to compete, he or she will be allocated the Sport Class “Not Eligible” (see Article 16.4.008).

The Sport Class allocated to the Athlete will be in accordance with the Sport Class designations as detailed in article 16.4.008 of the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations.

Sport Class Status

An Athlete’s Sport Class Status indicates whether or not an Athlete will be required to undertake Athlete Evaluation again in the future, and whether the Athlete’s Sport Class may be subject to Protest in accordance with Article 16.4.015 of the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations.

An Athlete may be allocated a Sport Class by an International Sport Federation prior to undertaking Athlete Evaluation. Any such Athlete will be designated Sport Class Status New (N). If an Athlete with Sport Class Status New (N) enters an International UCI sanctioned competition where classification panels are present, that athlete must attend a Athlete Evaluation prior to competing.

The Sport Class Status applied to an Athlete by a Classification Panel will be one of the following:

- Sport Class Confirmed (C);
- Sport Class Review (R); or
- Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD).

Confirmed (C)

~~Sport class status “Confirmed” (C) is assigned to an athlete if he/she has been previously evaluated by an international Classification Panel and the panel has determined that the athlete’s sport class will not change.~~

~~UCI recognises that the athlete’s assigned sport class is valid and will not be altered before or during competition, except in the case of a protest lodged under exceptional circumstances (see UCI Classification Guide).~~

~~“Confirmed” status will be assigned when the athlete has the same sport class at a minimum of two and a maximum of three UCI sanctioned competitions over a period of at least two years. Due to the types of impairments, some athletes with fluctuating or changing impairments may not be confirmed.~~

An Athlete will be designated with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) if the Classification Panel is satisfied that the Athlete’s Eligible Impairment is and will

remain stable. An Athlete with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) is not required to undergo any further Athlete Evaluation.

A Classification Panel that consists of one Classifier may only designate a Sport Class with Sport Class Status Review (R).

Review (R)

~~Sport class status “Review” (R) is assigned to an athlete who has been previously evaluated by an international Classification Panel but who is still subject to further re-evaluation. The athlete’s current sport class is valid, but the athlete is subject to re-evaluation and the sport class may be changed before or during a competition.~~

~~“Review” status athletes include but are not limited to:~~

- ~~— Athletes requiring further observation during competition to confirm their sport class;~~
- ~~— Athletes with fluctuating and/or progressive impairments;~~
- ~~— Athletes who are affected by changes to the classification profiles;~~
- ~~— Athletes whose sports class is still subject to protest after cyclist’s first appearance in road and/or track events.~~

~~“Review” status athletes must complete evaluation prior to competing at international UCI sanctioned competitions.~~

An Athlete will be designated Sport Class Status Review (R) if the Classification Panel believes that further Athlete Evaluation will be required. This may be for a number of reasons, including but not limited to situations where the Athlete:

- has only recently entered competition in Para sports;
- has a recently acquired impairment;
- has a fluctuating and/or progressive Impairment/Impairments that is/are permanent but not stable; and/or
- Has not reached full muscular skeletal or sports maturity.

An Athlete with Sport Class Status Review (R) must complete Athlete Evaluation prior to competing at any competition where International Classification is offered.

Fixed Review Date (FRD)

~~A classification panel that allocates Sport Class Status Review may also, if it considers it appropriate to do so, nominate a “Fixed Review Date”.~~

~~If a “Fixed Review Date” is set in this manner, then:~~

- ~~— The athlete will not be required to attend Athlete Evaluation at any competition prior to the “Fixed Review Date”;~~

~~The athlete will retain the Sport Class assigned to him/her and be permitted to compete with that Sport Class until the Fixed Review Date.~~

~~The athlete may, by a written request, attend Athlete Evaluation before the “Fixed Review Date” pursuant to the Medical Review Process. The “Fixed Review Date” will be the first day of the Competition Season which is indicated by the classification panel.~~

A Classification Panel may designate an Athlete’s Sport Class with Sport Class Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD). An Athlete with Sport Class Status with Fixed Review Date (FRD) is required to attend an Athlete Evaluation at the first opportunity after the relevant fixed date.

If the UCI changes the criteria or methodology used to allocate Sport Classes, it may re-designate Athletes with Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) and Athletes with Sport Class Status with Fixed Review Date (FRD) as being Sport Class Status Review (R).

New (N)

~~Sport class status “New” (N) is assigned to an athlete who has not been previously evaluated by an international Classification Panel.~~

~~“New” status athletes includes athletes who have been allocated a sport class by their National Federation for entry purposes. “New” status athletes must complete evaluation prior to competing at international UCI sanctioned competitions.~~

Athletes who are Not Eligible (NE)

~~“Not Eligible” (NE) will be assigned to an athlete who does not meet the minimum eligibility criteria in para-cycling or if an athlete has an activity limitation resulting from an impairment that is not permanent and /or does not limit the athlete’s ability to compete equitably in elite sport with athlete without an impairment. In those cases, the athlete should be considered ineligible to compete.~~

If the UCI determines that an Athlete has:

- a Health Condition that will not lead to an Eligible Impairment; or
- an Impairment that is not an Eligible Impairment,

the UCI will allocate the Athlete Sport Class Not Eligible (NE)

If a Classification Panel determines that an Athlete does not comply with Minimum Impairment Criteria for Para-cycling, the Athlete must be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE).

If a Classification Panel allocates Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) because the Athlete does not comply with Minimum Impairment Criteria, the Athlete may be eligible to compete within another sport, subject to Athlete Evaluation for that sport.

The allocation of Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) shall not necessarily mean that the Athlete does not have any Impairment.

If a Classification Panel allocates Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) on the basis that the Athlete does not comply with Minimum Impairment Criteria, the Athlete must be reviewed by a second Classification Panel which must take place as soon as is practicable. Pending any such second assessment, the Athlete will be allocated Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) and designated Sport Class Status Review (R). The Athlete will not be permitted to compete before such re-assessment.

If a second Classification Panel allocates Sport Class Not Eligible (NE) because the Athlete fails to meet the Minimum Impairment Criteria, or if the Athlete declines to be reviewed by a second Classification Panel at that competition, Sport Class Status Confirmed (C) will be allocated and the Athlete will not be permitted to compete at that competition or in any future competitions.

Errors regarding Sport Class Status

If the Head of Classification believes on reasonable grounds that an Athlete has been designated with a Sport Class Status in manifest error and/or clear breach of the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations, he or she shall

- advise the Athlete and the relevant National Federation or Federations as to the error or breach that has taken place with a brief statement of the reasons for that belief; and
- immediately amend the Athlete's Sport Class Status, and advise the Athlete and the relevant National Federation or Federations. The UCI will make the appropriate amendment to the Classification Master List.

Medical Review

A change in the nature or degree of an Athlete's Impairment may mean that a review is needed to ensure that any Sport Class allocated to that Athlete is correct. This review is referred to as a 'Medical Review'. A Medical Review is commenced by way of a 'Medical Review Request'.

A Medical Review Request must be made if a change in the nature or degree of an Athlete's Impairment changes the Athlete's ability to perform the specific tasks and activities required by a sport in a manner that is clearly distinguishable from changes attributable to levels of training, fitness and proficiency. Any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who becomes aware of such changes in ability to perform but fails to draw these changes to the attention of their National Federation or National Paracycling Committee may be investigated in respect of possible Intentional Misrepresentation.

Medical Review Request may only be made by a National Federation or National Paracycling Committee on behalf of an Athlete. An Athlete may not make a Medical Review Request.

A Medical Review Request may only be made by completing the UCI Medical Review Request Form and by following its instructions. The Athlete and his or her National Federation/National Paralympic Committee must ensure that the Medical Review Request abides by the following provisions:

- explain how and to what extent the Athlete's relevant Impairment has changed, and why it is believed that the Athlete's Sport Class may no longer be accurate. This must include all relevant supporting documentation
- the UCI Medical Review Request Form must be completed by a qualified health professional and include all relevant supporting documentation in English or with a certified English translation;
- the payment of a non-refundable fee.

Each Medical Review Request will be assessed by the UCI to ensure that all requisite information, documentation and fee have been provided. Once the Medical Review Request is complete, the Head of Classification will, in conjunction with such third parties as he or she considers appropriate, decide whether or not the Medical Review Request should be upheld.

If the Medical Review Request is upheld, the Athlete's Sport Class Status will be amended to Review with immediate effect. If the Medical Review Request is declined, there will be no change to the Athletes Sport Class Status and the Athlete will not be entitled to further Athlete Evaluation. The UCI will provide the relevant National Federation or National Paralympic Committee with a written explanation as to why the Request was declined.

Recognition of Sport Classes for Athletes with Visual Impairment in other Sports

If an Athlete with Visual Impairment and Sport Class Status Review with Fixed Review Date or Confirmed according to the UCI holds a different and more recently allocated Sport Class with another International Federation or Sport, then the UCI will adopt the Sport Class that indicates the most visual ability, and amend the Sport Class Status to Review. If the Sport Class allocated by the other International Federation or Sport is Not Eligible, the Athlete's Sport Class allocated by the UCI will not be changed, but the Sport Class Status will be changed to Review.

NE Re-evaluation

~~In circumstances where the determination of eligibility involves evaluation by a Classification Panel at a competition, and a sport class status of "Not Eligible" (NE) is allocated, the athlete will be examined by a 2nd-Classification Panel of equal or greater status. If the 2nd-Classification Panel confirms that the athlete's sport class is NE, the athlete will not be permitted to compete and will have no further protest option.~~

~~Athletes deemed NE can be substituted or replaced by another athlete before the end of the classification period or the end of the confirmation of starters.~~

(text modified on 01.02.11, 01.05.16; 01.02.17)

Notification of ~~Outcomes of Athlete Evaluation Sport Class and Sport Class Status~~

16.4.009 ~~Once the Classification Panel has made a decision on the Athlete's sport class, the athlete will be informed of the Panel's decision. This will occur as soon as possible after the athlete has completed classification.~~

~~Written notification will be provided to the Athlete or the Athlete's national representative, recorded in writing on the UCI form including:~~

- ~~— Athlete's assigned Sport Class~~
- ~~— Athlete's updated Sport Class Status~~
- ~~— Associated Protest options and procedures~~

~~Third Party Notification~~

~~The Technical Delegate and/or President of Jury Panel has the responsibility to inform all relevant parties of outcomes of the Classification Panel decision after conveyance by the Chief Classifier at the end of each evaluation session. This should include clear information for commissaires and teams viewing any athletes that entered the event with an "N" or "R" sport class status. Teams require this information to determine protest opportunities for any newly assigned sports classes.~~

~~The Chief Classifier must convey the outcomes of the assigned sports class and updated sports class statuses to the commissaires and/or Technical Delegate so that they can prepare start lists and make associated event management arrangements.~~

~~Following the conclusion of the initial components of Athlete Evaluation (assessment of an Eligible Impairment; assessment of Minimum Impairment Criteria; and the assessment of the Athlete's ability to perform the specific tasks and activities fundamental to the Athlete's sport in a non-competitive environment), the Classification Panel will notify the Athlete of his or her allocated Sport Class and Sport Class Status, and will inform the Athlete if he or she is required to be observed in Competition.~~

~~The Chief Classifier will inform the UCI of the interim outcome of Athlete Evaluation, detailing the Sport Class and Sport Class Status allocated to each Athlete prior to the start of the Competition.~~

~~The UCI will publish the outcomes prior to the start of the Competition through the Classification Communiqué.~~

~~If a Classification Panel requires an Athlete to complete Observation in Competition, the Athlete is permitted to compete in the Competition with the Sport Class that is allocated to him/her by the Classification Panel following the conclusion of the initial components of Athlete Evaluation. As per article 16.4.004, Athletes who are being observed in Competition will be allocated a Sport Class with a Tracking Code. Once~~

the Athlete has completed Observation in Competition, the Classification Panel will allocate a final Sport Class and designate a Sport Class Status. Athletes will be notified of the outcome as soon as practicably possible after the Athletes First Appearance.

(text modified on 01.02.11; 01.02.17)

Athlete Failure to Attend Evaluation

16.4.011 ~~If an athlete fails to attend evaluation, he/she will not be allocated a sport class or sport class status, and will not be permitted to compete at that competition in that sport.~~

~~Should the Chief Classifier be satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to attend the evaluation, an athlete may be given a second and final chance to attend evaluation.~~

~~Failure to attend evaluation includes:~~

- ~~— Not attending the evaluation at the specified time or place;~~
- ~~— Not attending the evaluation with the appropriate equipment/clothing and/or documentation;~~
- ~~— Not attending evaluation accompanied by the required athlete support staff.~~

~~Non-Cooperation during evaluation:~~

~~An athlete who, in the opinion of the Classification Panel, is unable or unwilling to participate in an athlete evaluation shall be considered non co-operative during evaluation.~~

~~If the athlete fails to co-operate during an athlete evaluation, the athlete will not be allocated a sport class or sport class status, and will not be permitted to compete at the respective competition in the respective sport.~~

~~Should the Chief Classifier be satisfied that a reasonable explanation exists for the failure to co-operate during the evaluation then the athlete may be given a second and final opportunity to attend and co-operate.~~

~~Any athlete found to have been non co-operative during an evaluation will not be permitted to undergo any further evaluation for that sport for a minimum of twelve months starting from the date upon which the athlete failed to co-operate.~~

~~[article abrogated on 01.02.17]~~

Intentional Misrepresentation of Skills and/or Abilities

16.4.012 ~~An athlete, who, in the opinion of the Classification Panel, is intentionally misrepresenting skill and/or abilities, shall be considered in violation of the UCI Classification Rules.~~

~~If an athlete intentionally misrepresents skills and/or abilities, the athlete will not be allocated a sport class or sport class status, and will not be permitted to compete at that competition in that sport.~~

~~In addition:~~

- ~~— The athlete will not be allowed to undergo any further evaluation for that sport for a minimum of two years from the date upon which the athlete intentionally misrepresent skills and/or abilities;~~
- ~~— The HoC and/or Para-cycling Coordinator will remove the sport class and sport class status allocated to the athlete from the UCI classification master list and replace it with IM (Intentional Misrepresentation);~~
- ~~— The athlete will not be allowed to undergo any further evaluation for any disciplines within UCI for a period of two years from the date upon which the athlete intentionally misrepresented skills and/or abilities;~~
- ~~— The National Cycling Federation will be informed.~~

~~An athlete, who, on a second and separate occasion, intentionally misrepresents skills and/or abilities, will receive a lifetime ban from UCI events and will be subject to other sanctions deemed appropriate by the UCI Disciplinary Commission.~~

~~An Athlete may not intentionally misrepresent his/her skills and/or abilities and/or the degree or nature of Eligible Impairment to a Classification Panel. If an Athlete attempts to deceive the Classification Panel during the course of Athlete Evaluation, he or she is responsible of Intentional Misrepresentation.~~

~~An Athlete who intentionally misrepresents his/her skills and/or abilities and/or the degree or nature of his/her Eligible Impairment by any act or omission is responsible of Intentional Misrepresentation. This includes misrepresentation outside of Athlete Evaluation, including misrepresentation following the allocation of a Sport Class such as a failure to make a medical notification or a change in circumstances that an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel knows does or may affect a Sport Class.~~

~~Any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel, who knowingly assists, covers up or disrupts Athlete Evaluation with the intention of deceiving or misleading the Classification Panel, or is in any other way involved in any other type of complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation is responsible of Intentional Misrepresentation.~~

~~If the UCI commences disciplinary proceedings against an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel in respect of Intentional Misrepresentation (and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation), the UCI may impose a provisional suspension in accordance with the relevant provisions of Part XII of the UCI Regulations.~~

~~An Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who is subject to a provisional suspension may not, during the period of provisional suspension, participate in any capacity in~~

any Competition, event or other activity organised, convened, authorised or recognised by the UCI.

The applicable consequences to an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who is found to have been responsible of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation shall be one or more of the following: (a) Disqualification from all events at the Competition at which the Intentional Misrepresentation occurred; and (b) Not Eligible for Athlete Evaluation or other participation in Competitions for 24 months.

The applicable consequences to an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who is found to have been responsible of Intentional Misrepresentation and/or complicity involving Intentional Misrepresentation on more than one occasion shall be a life time period of being Not Eligible from Athlete Evaluation or other participation in Competitions.

If the UCI brings disciplinary proceedings against an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel in respect to Intentional Misrepresentation which results in the imposition of a period of being Not Eligible, the said period of being Not Eligible must be recognised, respected and enforced by all licence-holders and National Federations.

(text modified on 01.01.16; 01.02.17)

Consequences for Athlete Support Personnel

16.4.013 ~~The UCI Arbitral Board shall enforce sanctions on athlete support personnel who assist or encourage an athlete to fail to attend athlete evaluation, to fail to cooperate, to intentionally misrepresent skills and/or abilities or to disrupt the evaluation process in any other way.~~

~~Those who are involved in advising athletes to intentionally misrepresent skills and/or abilities will be subject to sanctions, which are at least as severe as the sanctions given to the athlete.~~

~~In this circumstance, reporting the athlete support personnel to the appropriate parties is an important step in deterring intentional misrepresentation by the athlete.~~

~~[article abrogated on 01.02.17]~~

Publication of Penalties

16.4.014 ~~UCI will disclose details of penalties imposed upon athletes and athlete support personnel as outlined in UCI Classification Guide.~~

~~[article abrogated on 01.02.17]~~

Protest and Appeals

16.4.015 ~~The term «protest» refers to the procedure by which a formal objection to an athlete's sport class is made and subsequently resolved.~~

~~Protests should only be submitted by a designated representative of a National Cycling Federation or Chief Classifier under exceptional circumstances (see UCI Classification Guide). An athlete's sport class should only be protested once, with the~~

~~exception of protests submitted in exceptional circumstances. A protest of a sport class allocated by UCI should only be resolved by the UCI.~~

~~In competition, protests should be resolved in a manner that minimises the impact on competition. Medal presentations should not occur until protests have been finalised.~~

~~Out of competition protests must be submitted to the HoC and UCI Para-cycling Commission within 30 days of the last day of a competition in which the athlete has competed or 60 days prior to a competition where the athlete will compete.~~

~~Exceptional circumstances arise when a Chief Classifier believes an athlete with a confirmed (C) sport class status demonstrates significantly less or greater ability prior to or during competition, which does not reflect the athlete's current sport class.~~

~~Exceptional circumstances may result as:~~

- ~~— A change in the degree of impairment of an athlete;~~
- ~~— Athlete demonstrating significantly less or greater ability prior to or during competition which does not reflect the athlete's current sport class;~~
- ~~— An error made by a classification panel which has led to the athlete being allocated a sport class which is not in keeping with the athlete's ability;~~
- ~~— Sport class allocation criteria having changed since the athlete's most recent evaluation.~~

~~The term «appeals» refers to the procedure by which a formal objection to the manner in which classification procedure have been conducted is made and subsequently resolved.~~

~~All details on UCI Classification Protest & Appeals are available in the UCI Classification Guide.~~

Protests

A Protest may only be made in respect of an Athlete's Sport Class. A Protest may not be made in respect of an Athlete's Sport Class Status.

A Protest may not be made in respect of an Athlete who has been allocated a Sport Class Not Eligible given the fact that the Athlete will automatically be reviewed by a second Classification Panel.

Parties Permitted to Make a Protest

A Protest may only be made by one of the following bodies:

- A National Federation or a National Paralympic Committee; or
- The UCI as the International Federation for Para-cycling

An Athlete is not entitled to make a Protest. A Protest must only be made on behalf of an Athlete by the Athlete's National Federation, National Paracycling Committee or the UCI.

National Protests

A National Federation or a National Paralympic Committee may only make a Protest in respect of an Athlete under its jurisdiction and at a Competition for Athlete Evaluation performed by the UCI.

A National Protest made at a Competition must be made according to the timeframes set by the UCI.

If an Athlete is required by a Classification Panel to undergo Observation in Competition Assessment, a National Federation or a National Paralympic Committee may make a Protest before or after First Appearance takes place. If a Protest is made before First Appearance takes place, the Athlete must not be permitted to compete until the Protest has been decided upon.

National Protest Procedure

To submit a National Protest, a National Federation or a National Paralympic Committee must demonstrate that the Protest is bona fide with supporting evidence, complete the UCI Classification Protest Form, and must include the following:

- Details of the protested Athlete;
- Details of the protested decision and/or a copy of the protested decision;
- An explanation as to why the Protest has been made and the basis on which the National Federation/National Paralympic Committee believes that the protested decision is flawed;
- Reference to the specific rule(s) alleged to have been breached; and
- 100 EUR protest fee.

The UCI Classification Protest Form and the protest fee must be submitted to the Chief Classifier of the relevant Competition within the timeframes specified by the UCI.

Upon receipt of the UCI Classification Protest Form and the protest fee the Chief Classifier will conduct a review of the Protest, of which there are two possible outcomes:

- the Chief Classifier may dismiss the Protest if, at the discretion of the Chief Classifier, the Protest does not comply with the Protest requirements in the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations; or

- the Chief Classifier may accept the Protest if, at the discretion of the Chief Classifier, the Protest complies with the Protest requirements in the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations.

If the Protest is dismissed, the Chief Classifier must notify all relevant parties and provide a written explanation to the National Federation or National Paralympic Committee as soon as practicable. The Protest Fee will be forfeited.

If the Protest is accepted:

- the protested Athlete's Sport Class must remain unchanged pending the outcome of the Protest but the protested Athlete's Sport Class Status must be changed to Sport Class Status Review effective immediately, unless the current status is already Review
- the Chief Classifier must appoint a Protest Panel, in accordance with the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations, to conduct a new Athlete Evaluation as soon as reasonably possible, which must be, if practicable, at the Competition the Protest was made; and
- the Chief Classifier must notify all relevant parties of the time and date the new Athlete Evaluation must be conducted by the Protest Panel

UCI Protests

The UCI may, in its discretion, make a Protest at any time in respect of an Athlete under its jurisdiction if:

- it considers an Athlete may have been allocated an incorrect Sport Class; or
- a National Federation/National Paralympic Committee makes a request to the UCI

UCI Protest Procedure

If the UCI decides to make a Protest, the Head of Classification will advise the relevant National Federation/National Paralympic Committee of the UCI Protest at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Head of Classification will provide the relevant National Federation/National Paralympic Committee with a written explanation as to why the UCI Protest has been made and the basis on which the Head of Classification considers it is justified.

If the UCI makes a Protest:

- the protested Athlete's Sport Class will remain unchanged pending the outcome of the Protest;

- the protested Athlete's Sport Class Status will immediately be changed to Review unless the protested Athlete's Sport Class Status is already Review; and
- a Protest Panel must be appointed to resolve the Protest as soon as reasonably possible.

Protest Panel

A Chief Classifier may fulfil one or more of the Head of Classification's obligations in the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations if authorised to do so by the Head of Classification.

A Protest Panel must be appointed by the Head of Classification in a manner which is consistent with the provisions for appointing a Classification Panel within the UCI Classification Rules and Regulations.

A Protest Panel must not include any person who was a member of the Classification Panel who:

- made the protested decision; or
- conducted any component of Athlete Evaluation in respect of the protested Athlete within a period of 12 months prior to the date of the protested decision, unless otherwise agreed by the National Federation/National Paralympic Committee, or the UCI making the Protest

The Head of Classification will notify all relevant parties of the time and date of the Athlete Evaluation that must be conducted by the Protest Panel.

The Protest Panel must conduct the new Athlete Evaluation in accordance with article 16.4.006 (Athlete Evaluation).

If a Protest can be resolved at the Competition where the Protest was lodged (i.e. a Protest Panel is available and is consistent with the above provisions), the Athlete will not be permitted to compete in any further events until the Protest has been resolved. For the purpose of resolving a Protest and conducting Athlete Evaluation in accordance with article 16.4.006 (Athlete Evaluation), the Protest Panel may observe the Athlete in Competition during the Athletes First Appearance following the initial components of Athlete Evaluation (Physical and Technical Assessment) as carried out by the Protest Panel. If an Athlete is not competing in a second event in the Competition where the Protest was lodged, and Observation in Competition is required by the Classification Panel, the Athlete will be allocated a Sport Class with a Review Sport Class Status in order to be classified at his next available opportunity.

The Protest Panel may refer to the Protest Form and Classification Form of the first panel when conducting the new Athlete Evaluation.

The Protest Panel will allocate a Sport Class and designate a Sport Class Status. All relevant parties must be notified of the Protest Panel's decision as soon as possible following the Athlete Evaluation.

The impact of an Athlete changing Sport Class after a Protest on medals, records and results is detailed in articles 16.18.009 and 16.9.002.

The decision of a Protest Panel in relation to both protests submitted by the UCI and National Federations/National Paralympic Committees is final. There is no opportunity for a National Federation, National Paralympic Committee or the UCI to make another Protest at that Competition. However, the decision rendered by a Protest Panel may be appealed if the requirements set out in 16.4.004 are not met.

Provisions Where No Protest Panel is Available

If a Protest is made at a Competition but there is no opportunity for the Protest to be decided upon at that Competition:

- the protested Athlete must be permitted to compete within the Sport Class that is the subject of the Protest with Sport Class Status Review, pending the resolution of the Protest; and
- all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that the Protest is resolved at the earliest opportunity.

Classification protest opportunities during the classification evaluation period:

Sport Class Status	National Protest		UCI Protest
	Permitted	Timeframe	Permitted
Athletes entering the competition with a C or FRD (the year following the competition or later)	No	N/A	Yes
Athletes entering the competition with a N or R Status and classified at the respective competition	Yes	Within 1 hour of the notification of the classification outcome	Yes

Classification protest opportunities following Observation in Competition:

Sport Class Status	National Protest		UCI Protest
	Permitted	Timeframe	Permitted
R, FRD (the year following the competition or later) or C	No	N/A	Permitted
Athletes entering the competition with a tracking status	Yes (if not protested during the classification evaluation period)	Within 1 hour of being notified of the outcome	Yes

Appeals

An Appeal is the process by which a formal objection to the manner in which Athlete Evaluation and/or Classification procedures have been conducted is submitted and subsequently decided upon. An Appeal may only be made by one of the following bodies:

- a National Federation; or
- a National Paralympic Committee

Appeals and the Applicable Rules

If a National Federation or National Paralympic Committee considers there have been procedural errors made in respect of the allocation of a Sport Class and/or Sport Class Status and as a consequence an Athlete has been allocated an incorrect Sport Class or Sport Class Status, it may submit an Appeal.

The UCI have designated the IPC Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC) as the Appeal Body for resolving Appeals under its jurisdiction.

An Appeal must be made and resolved in accordance with the IPC Handbook, Section 1, Chapter 2.8 – Bylaws Board of Appeal of Classification.

(text modified on 01.02.11; 01.02.17)

Chapter V PARA-CYCLING DIVISION & SPORT CLASS PROFILES

(chapter changed on 01.10.10)

16.5.001 The following sport **class** profiles determine the division, **respectively and** the sport class in which an athlete will compete. A para-cycling specific classification system assesses the athlete's ability based level of the impairment relevant to their specific impairment.

In the case of an incomplete spinal cord lesion, the functional ability of the athletes will decide the final classification and the decision of the UCI classifier shall be final.

An athlete who has the option to choose a sport class has to decide during their classification and remain in that sport class until the conclusion of the upcoming Paralympic Games. The athlete must then notify UCI of a sport class change by January 1st of the year following the Games.

It is the prerogative of the classification panel to decide if an athlete needs to be moved into another sport class, less or more severely impaired, depending on their assessment of the athlete's impairment. Athletes will be assessed with tests that are relevant for their impairments.

(text modified on 01.02.10; 01.07.10; 01.02.11; 01.01.16; 01.02.17)

16.5.008 Division Cycles, Sport Class C1

Neurological:

- Hemiplegia, spasticity grade 3 in lower and upper limb;
- Diplegia, lower spasticity grade 3 in both legs;
- **Ataxia and Dyskinesia (Dystonia and Athetosis);**
- ~~Athetosis or ataxia/dystonia;~~
- Locomotor dysfunction, can be mixed pattern (athetosis, spasticity or ataxia);
- Poor functional strength in trunk, and / or in all extremities.

Amputation:

- Single amputation of leg, AK, and arm, AE or BE, on same side or diagonal, with or without the use of a prosthesis;
- Double TK amputation with the use of prostheses;
- Double amputation BE + Single amputation AK, no prosthesis.

Comparable incomplete spinal cord injury or comparable multiple impaired with a tested point score more than 210 points.

(text modified on 01.02.10; 01.02.11; 01.02.17)

Chapter VIII TRACK RACES

- 16.8.001** ~~“H” division and “T1-2” sport classes are not allowed to take part in track events~~ Track events are only open to athletes part of the sport classes C and B.

~~Also for safety reasons, foam pads placed in bends will be prohibited in the first half of the bend.~~

(text modified on 26.06.07; 01.02.08; 01.01.10; 01.01.16; 01.02.17)

~~§1~~ **Kilometer and 500 Meters**

- 16.8.002** Starting blocks must be used for all sport classes during the following track events: individual pursuit, first rider of the team sprint and kilometer/500 meters.

A 15 seconds countdown will commence when the riders are secured on their bikes and ready to start.

During these events, foam pads shall not be used in the first half of the bend.

(article introduced on 01.01.09; text modified on 01.02.17)

§1 Kilometer and 500 Meters

- 16.8.003** Races shall be for the following sport class and distances:

Sport Class	Distance
Tandem men and women - B	1000 m
Cycle men – C5; C4; C3; C2; C1	1000 m
Cycle women – C5; C4; C3; C2; C1	500 m

(text modified on 01.02.09; 01.01.10; 01.02.17)

- 16.8.010** This event consists of two series. The first series is a qualifying round, where teams shall ride alone against the clock, to determine the four fastest teams which shall then contest the finals. During the finals, teams shall compete against each other. The teams having made the two best times shall ride the finals for the first and second places, the two others shall ride the finals for third and fourth places. ~~to select the four fastest teams, on the basis of their times for the finals. The teams with the two best times shall ride off in the final for the gold and silver medals, while the two others shall ride off in the final for the bronze medal and fourth place.~~

(article introduced on 01.01.09, text modified on 01.02.17)

Chapter XIV EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

- 16.14.001** All cycles used in UCI para-cycling world championships or in any other UCI events have to meet the current requirements of the UCI Regulations, (Part I, Chapter III). For morphological, or disability reasons, exceptions may be permitted, but the principle of the UCI regulations for cycles must be followed. For example: A handlebar adaptation ~~is~~ **may be** allowed for athletes with upper limb disabilities, if the athlete needs the adaptation to operate gear and brake levers, there is no unfair aerodynamic advantage and safety is not compromised. **Such a handlebar needs to be approved by the UCI through the procedure described at article 16.14.002 of the UCI Regulations.**

(text modified on 26.06.07; 01.02.17)

- 16.14.002** All requests **of homologation** for **prostheses, orthoses** or impairment adaptations to any cycle must be submitted in writing with proper explanation and pictures to UCI for approval, in accordance with the procedure established by the UCI available on its website. Such request must be received at the UCI at least three months before any event that the athlete review (R) or confirmed (C) wants to participate in. New athletes (N) must submit such request one month before the date of the event must be provided in the request. In case the adaptation is approved, ~~a classification card,~~ approval number (self-adhesive) and a certificate will be sent to the athlete to present at any event.

All adaptations, prostheses or orthoses must be approved by the UCI prior to the event. Athletes are not allowed to race without an approved device.

(text modified on 26.06.07; 01.01.10; 01.07.13; 01.02.17)

- 16.14.005** An athlete with above knee amputation may use a support for the thigh only if, for safety reasons, there is no fixation of the thigh to the bicycle. This means, that the support may be a half tube attached to the cycle, with a closed base and maximum of ~~10~~ **15** cm closed side at the base. In any cases, if a fixing devices ~~thigh~~ **is** used to ~~a~~ **the** half tube, a **safety release** mechanism has to be installed.

(text modified on 01.01.09; 01.01.10; 01.01.16; 01.02.17)

- 16.14.006** Bicycles, tandems, tricycles and handcycles used in road events must have two independent braking systems. Bicycles and tandems must have an independent brake on each wheel.

Handcycle: If there is a braking system for the double wheels of a handcycle, it must act on both wheels. The braking systems must be dynamic; braking on just one wheel is not permitted **Disc brakes are authorised.**

Tricycle: Tricycles must have two braking systems, one at the front and one at the rear. The braking system on the double wheels must be dynamic and act on both wheels. Disc brakes are authorised for use on double wheels.

(text modified on 01.01.10; 01.10.13; 01.02.17)

Chapter XV TANDEM BICYCLE

16.15.003 ~~The blind or visually impaired athletes should conform with rules 1.3.012, 1.3.013 and 1.3.023 regarding their position on the bicycle.~~

[article abrogated on 01.02.17]

Chapter XVII HANDCYCLE

Definition

- 16.17.001** A handcycle is either an arm powered (AP), arm-trunk powered (ATP) or kneeling position (HK), three wheels vehicle with an open frame of tubular construction, which conforms to the general principles of UCI construction for bicycles, except that the chassis frame tubes need not be straight and that for the seat or backrest construction, the maximum frame tube diameter may exceed the maximum defined by the general principles of UCI.

The single wheel may be of a different diameter to the double wheels. The front wheel, ~~or wheels~~, shall be steerable; the single wheel, ~~at the front either front or rear~~, shall be driven through a system comprising handgrips and a chain.

The handcycle shall be propelled solely, through a chainset and conventional cycle drive train, of crank arms, chainwheels, chain and gears, with handgrips replacing foot pedals. It shall be propelled from the hands, arms and upper body mainly.

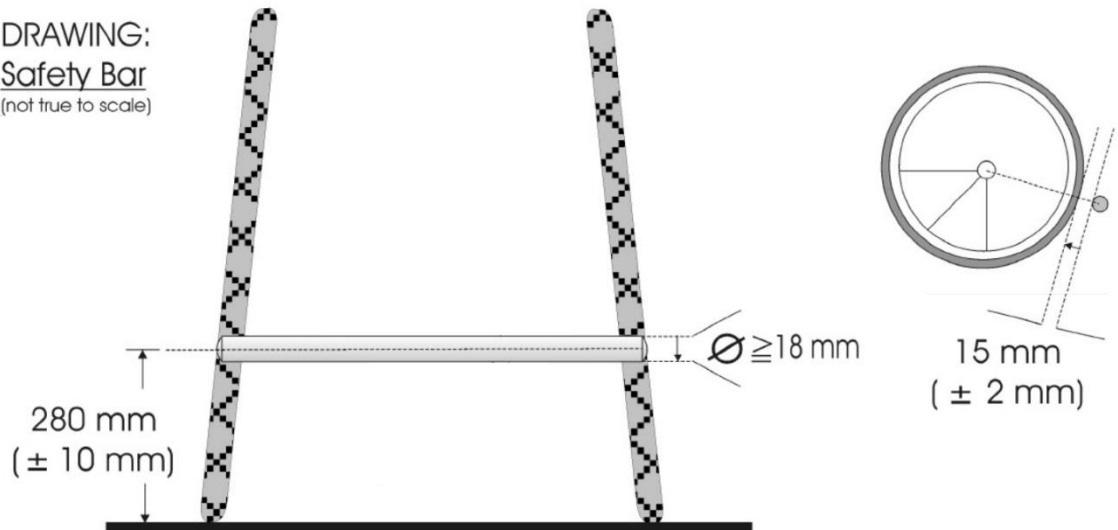
(text modified on 01.02.09; 01.07.10; 01.02.17)

- 16.17.012** ~~Maximum frame tube dimension shall be 80 mm, irrespective of tube material, or profile.~~ Any fillets, or ribs, inserted at joins between tubes, shall be for strengthening purposes only. Non-functional, aerodynamic devices are not permitted for competition.

(article introduced on 01.01.04; text modified on 01.02.17)

- 16.17.014** In road races, it is mandatory that a handcycle ~~with two rear wheels should~~ be fitted with a rear safety bar to prevent the front wheel of a following handcycle from entering the space between the rear wheels. A safety bar must not exceed the width of each rear wheel tire and all tube ends closed or plugged. The safety bar must be fitted 15 mm (+/- 2 mm) behind the wheels. It must be a round tube (at least 18 mm in diameters) made of adequate solid material. Both tube ends must be plugged. The distance between the ground and the bar axis must be 280 mm (+/- 10 mm). The structure and assembly of the safety bar must guarantee that normal bumps, which happen during a race, don't affect the safe functioning of the bar (see diagram).

DRAWING:
Safety Bar
(not true to scale)



(text modified on 01.01.04; 01.02.09; 01.02.17)

- 16.17.016** Race numbers must be fixed vertically at the back of the handcycle, in a way that allows the commissaires, teams and neutral service to see it properly during the race.

Chapter XVIII PARA-CYCLING INDIVIDUAL RANKING

16.18.003 The ranking of each sport class shall be established according to the points obtained by riders participating in competitions on the international calendar, according to the following guidelines:

International Calendar

Paralympic Games and *World Championships*:

- Points will be awarded for each event in accordance with article 16.18.001.

World Cup:

- Points will be awarded for each event in accordance with article 16.18.001;
- Points from two rounds of the World Cup to count;
- Points from one World Cup round per region only to count.

Para-cycling races C1 and C2 (according to article 1.2.006, points are guaranteed for events that are registered on the UCI international calendar as C1 events):

- Minimum 1 class represented;
- Minimum 5 participating nations in Europe;
- Minimum 3 participating nations in America;
- Minimum 2 participating nations in Asia;
- Minimum 2 participating nations in Oceania and in Africa;
- An athlete has the right to accumulate C1 and C2 points on a single continent, the one where he has accumulated most points **per race class**;
- ROAD: Only the three best results from different **C1 competitions and the three best results from C2** competitions (general classification or the identified race (1)) will be accumulated in the UCI Para-cycling individual Ranking by Sport Class.
- TRACK: Only the two best results (in individual races, i.e. kilometer/500 m, individual pursuit, scratch race or tandem sprint) from different **C1 events and the two best results (in individual races, i.e. kilometer/500 m, individual pursuit, scratch race or tandem sprint) from different C2 events** will be accumulated in the UCI Para-cycling individual Ranking by Sport Class.

Para-cycling races C2:

~~C2 para-cycling races will not give any point to the ranking, but will be identified in the calendar to provide nations with opportunities for competition.~~

The UCI Para-cycling Individual Ranking by Sport Class begins afresh on January 1st of every year.

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16.18.004 The number of points to gain in every individual event is fixed according to the following table:

Rank	World Championships and Paralympic Games	World Cup	C1	C2
1	120 60	60 30	30 15	15 0
2	104 52	52 26	26 13	13 0
3	88 44	44 22	22 11	11 0
4	72 36	36 18	18 9	9 0
5	64 32	32 16	16 8	8 0
6	56 28	28 14	14 7	7 0
7	48 24	24 12	12 6	6 0
8	40 20	20 10	10 5	5 0
9	32 16	16 8	8 4	4 0
10	24 12	12 6	6 3	3 0

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Chapter XIX PARA-CYCLING NATIONS' RANKING

16.19.004 Points for team events will be awarded to the nations as follows, and in accordance with the table below:

- Men and women team event rankings are drawn up separately;
- In the case of a mixed team (men and women), each athlete will afford to his nation a third of the points available in either the men or women team event ranking (e.g.: a mixed team winning a round of the world cup made up of two men and one woman would give 20 points to the men's team ranking and 10 points to the women's team ranking);
- In the case of a composite team (different nations represented), each athlete affords his or her nation a third of the points on offer for the nation's ranking for team events (e.g.: a composite team winning a round of the world cup made up of two athletes from Nation A and one athlete from Nation B would contribute 20 points to the ranking for Nation A and 10 points to the ranking for Nation B);
- A team may be both mixed and composite;
- When more than one team is registered from a nation, or there are representatives of this nation in composite teams, only the best team, including composite teams, is taken into account for the nations' ranking.

Rank	World Championships and Paralympic Games	World Cup	C1	C2
1	120 60	60 30	30 15	15 0
2	104 52	52 26	26 13	13 0
3	88 44	44 22	22 11	11 0
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5	64 32	32 16	16 8	8 0
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7	48 24	24 12	12 6	6 0
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10	24 12	12 6	6 3	3 0

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