



WPAS Working Group. "CLASSIFICATION"

MEETING DATE. 29 March 2020

MEETING MINUTES.

Present:

Jessica Tidswell (USA)

Benjamin Ruer (FRA)

Akio Kobayashi (JPN)

Maurotz Trautner (GER)

Kayla Dodson (CAN)

Sandra Titulaer (NED)

Agenda :

1. Welcome, getting to know each other

2. Topics/question raised in your mails: (some are not classification" but I can explain)

- Classification process, MDF, information needed, (classification code)
- Classifiers
- Factors,
- Research

3. Other things you want to add

4. Action plan

5. next meeting



1 Welcome :

This our first meeting, short introduction of the members :

Mauritz : Coach Para Alpine Skiteam Germany since 2 years

(NA) Benjamin : Trainer, French Para Ski team (wasn't able to attend this meeting)

Akio : Orthopedic Surgeon, teamphysician Para Alpine ski team since 30 years

Kayla : S&C Coach Para alpine ski team , medical lead

(NA) Jessica : International Classifier WPSB & WPAS, PT (sport) and professor University Utah, skitrainer (not able to attend this meeting)

Sandra : Head of Classification WPSB & WPAS, International classifier, Physician Rehabilitation, adaptive ski-instructor.

2 Topics

Our first meeting was spread over 2 hours, due to time-changing (Summertime), we exchanged knowledge about the classification process, need for MDF, classifiers

Classification process : an explanation document (10 steps , what need to be done to be classified, including timeline) is almost ready, prepared by the classifiers/managementteam WPAS.

MDF, medical information : we need good information, to be able to assess if the athletes have an eligible impairment . This might take time and cost money, but would not be fair for the other athletes when borderline cases would not be assessed completely.

Classifiers :are volunteers, medical background and ski background, no conflict of interest. Are there enough? Need more?

Classification opportunities : we try to spread them over the world, in time, continents. DK/MT would like to have more opportunities, example 2 in EU per season etc. Problem = funding, until now LOC asked for classification, payed for housing etc, WPAS for the flights. Now new finance model : Athletes pay a bit more for the licence , with the extra money WPAS will pay for all classification expenses and will be able to decide where and when classification will take place, no costs for the LOC, only needed help for getting examination room etc.



Observation during competition : MT, DK ask if classifiers can observe during other competitions, to be able to pick out borderline cases, questionable cases. Again, need for funding (we made a plan to attend some WC, unnotified). But coaches/NPCs can always notify WPAS when they have doubts .

They also think , it are only a few cases.

Factors : short explanation, is not decided by the classifiers, is backbone of the sport.

Research topics: DK , MT : see that overall research is difficult, will take long time, we have not much athletes with a wide variety of impairments. DK has connections.

Topics that need to be looked at : CP athletes, UL minimal impairments (now subjective hold an use a pole), there are not much questions about the sitting classes.

3: nothing

4. Action planning:

1 April ST will have meeting with Gen Duff, new acting director of IPC Classification department.

Topics will be : getting acquainted, season report, current AS classification how/help to start AS research, funding.

Agenda next meeting will follow after 1 April

For the WG members : please ask around if other topics need to be addressed.

5. Next WG Classification call will be : TBD (difficult planning due to time differences)

I will send a mail to tune the best moment