

## Overview of Amendments to the Para Nordic Classification Rules and Regulations

Not included in the below table are the following amendments:

- All references to World Para Nordic Skiing have been exchanged with FIS, where making reference to the IF, or to Para Nordic, where making reference to the Sport.
- All references to National Paralympic Committee have been removed as the National Ski Associations are the members of FIS. National Body remains which, as per the glossary, refers to the national member of an International Sport Federation.
- Fees for National Protests and Medical Review Requests have been amended from 100EUR to 100CHF
- All references to Recognised Competition have been replaced with Sanctioned Competition to align with FIS terminology
- All references to the World Para Nordic Skiing Rules and Regulations have been replaced by the Para Nordic International Rules (ICR)

Article	Existing	Amendment	Reason
1.2	The Classification Rules have been adopted by World Para Nordic Skiing on 1 August 2017.	The Classification Rules have been adopted by <del>World Para Nordic Skiing</del> FIS on 1 <del>August 2017</del> October 2022.	Due to the transfer of governance of Para Nordic, FIS is now the governing body, and as such, these rules have been approved by the FIS Council.
1.7	These Classification Rules apply to all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel who are registered and/or licensed with World Para Nordic Skiing, and/or participate in any Events or Competitions organised, authorised or recognised by World Para Nordic Skiing.	These Classification Rules apply to all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel who <del>are registered and/or licensed with World Para Nordic Skiing, and/or</del> participate in any <del>classification events or competitions sanctioned by FIS Events or Competitions organised, authorised or recognised by World Para Nordic Skiing.</del>	The amendments to this article aim to make it clear that these rules apply to all athletes <u>and</u> athlete support personnel. All athletes must be licensed to participate in any classification events or competitions sanctioned by FIS, making the deleted wording irrelevant.

16.3	An Athlete who has a Physical Impairment may be allocated more than one Sport Class relevant to that Physical Impairment subject to any applicable World Para Nordic Skiing Rules and Regulations.	An Athlete who has a Physical Impairment may be <b>eligible for allocated</b> more than one Sport Class relevant to that Physical Impairment subject to any applicable <del>World Para Nordic Skiing Rules and Regulations</del> .	Athletes with a Physical Impairment may meet the eligibility criteria of more than one Sport Class, but may not be allocated more than one sport class for competition.
16.4	Any such Athlete must not be allocated more than one Sport Class if the combination of those Sport Classes would allow the Athlete to compete sitting in one Event, and standing in another Event, at the same Competition.	Any such Athlete <del>must not</del> may be allocated <del>more than one Sport Class only. if the combination of those Sport Classes would allow the Athlete to compete sitting in one Event, and standing in another Event, at the same Competition.</del>	It is thought that the wording of this article (taken from the IPC Model Rules) was intended for sports where athletes may be allocated two sport classes for different disciplines.
16.5	An Athlete who has a Physical and Vision Impairment may request to change his or her preferred Sport Class:	<del>An Athlete who has a Physical and Vision Impairment</del> <b>If an athlete is eligible for more than one sport class, he/she</b> may request to change his or her preferred Sport Class:	This section should apply not only to athletes who have a Physical and Vision impairment. Athletes may also meet the criteria to compete sitting or standing and would be given the opportunity to change his or her Sport Class within the given timeframes.
31.4	A Medical Review Request must be received by World Para Nordic Skiing as soon as reasonably practicable.	A Medical Review Request must be received by <del>World Para Nordic FIS</del> as soon as reasonably practicable <b>and, where possible, at least 3 months before the next competition/classification opportunity where the Athlete intends to undergo Athlete Evaluation.</b>	The Medical Review Request Form indicates 3 months prior to the next competition, so this timeframe is now added to the rules. This gives time to review the MRR and give feedback within a reasonable timeframe prior to the competition/classification opportunity where the Athlete intends to undergo Athlete Evaluation.:-

Appendix 1			
Article	Existing	Amendment	Reason
1	Limb Deficiency Athletes with Limb Deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints as a consequence of trauma.	Limb Deficiency Athletes with Limb Deficiency have total or partial absence of bones or joints as a consequence of trauma, <del>illness or congenital Limb Deficiency.</del>	To clarify that Limb Deficiency may also be as a result of illness or may be congenital.
2.1	An Athlete must undertake physical and technical assessment in order to be allocated a Sport Class.  .... The physical and technical assessment detailed in this section are complemented with observation in training and/or Competition if required by the Classification Panel.	An Athlete must undertake physical and, <del>if required,</del> technical assessment in order to be allocated a Sport Class.  The physical and technical assessment detailed in this section are complemented with observation in <del>training and/or</del> Competition if required by the Classification Panel.	Not all athletes are required to undergo a technical assessment (e.g., athletes with Limb Deficiency).  Removal of training for Observation Assessment as this stage of Athlete Evaluation must be conducted during the athletes first appearance during competition.
2.3	Athletes must attend an Evaluation Session with such ski equipment (for example, skis, poles and boots) as they use for Competition.	Athletes must attend an Evaluation Session with <del>such their competition</del> ski equipment <del>and accessories</del> (for example, <del>skis, sit-ski, strapping and padding,</del> poles and boots) <del>as they use for Competition.</del>	To further clarify the type of equipment athletes should bring to an Evaluation Session.
3.18	An Athlete may request one review of the choice to compete sitting or standing prior to the start of the second season after the initial classification took	An Athlete may request one review of the choice to compete sitting or standing <del>prior to the start of the second season after the initial classification took place. The</del>	The timeframes of such request are already outlined under Article 16.



	place. The application must be submitted to World Para Nordic Skiing at the moment of renewal of the annual license.	<del>application must be submitted to World Para Nordic Skiing at the moment of renewal of the annual license in accordance with Article 16.</del>	
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