What is Classification in CP Football?

A brief explanation of the classification process

CP Football is designed for players with:

Hypertonia, Ataxia or Athetosis with medical diagnosis such as: Cerebral Palsy or related neurological conditions.

Athletes must be evaluated during 3 stages

Stage 1: Physical Assessment
Stage 2: Technical Assessment
Stage 3: Observation Assessment

Stage 1: Physical assessment
A medical or physiotherapist classifier performs the player’s physical assessment.

Evaluation of eligible impairment
Assessment of the presence of Hypertonia, Ataxia or Athetosis.

Minimal impairment criteria
Determination if the impairment of the players is sufficient to be eligible in CP Football.

Stage 2: Technical Assessment
A sports technical classifier performs the player’s technical evaluation.

Evaluation of player performance
Assessment of jumping, running, change of direction ability, passing, and/or kicking.

Assessment of football skills
Evaluation of football skills during 2 a-side small-sided games format. The players are allocated in a Sport Class prior to the start of the competition.

Stage 3: Observation Assessment
Players receive a Sport Class and move on to the competition.

Observation in Competition
Assessment of the assigned class and the performance of the players in a real competition.

Class Status Allocation
The players can receive a Confirmed class, Status Review Sport class, or a Review with a Fixed Review Date Sport class.

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