THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

TOURNAMENT PREPARATION FOR PLAYERS AND TEAMS
Classification provides a structure for competition. Athletes competing in CP Football have Ataxia, Hypertonia, or Athetosis, with a motor control impairment of a cerebral nature, causing a permanent and verifiable Activity Limitation.
Athletes must be evaluated during different stages previous to the competition.

**Athlete evaluation session**

1. **Physical Assessment**
   - Evaluation of eligible impairment: Ataxia, Athetosis or Impertonia.

2. **Technical Assessment**
   - Evaluation of player performance: Jumping, running, change of direction, small-sided games.

3. **Observation Assessment**
   - Players receive a class, and the class is evaluated in a real match.

4. **Sport Class Allocation**
   - Class and class status allocation (Confirmed, review, RFD, not eligible).

**IFCPF Master List**
Classification Information

- Players with the following status require to be classified:
  - New (N) (*players with old class system)
  - Review (R)
  - Review with Fixed Date (RFD)

The completed **Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF)** with attached **medical documentation** must be sent to the Eligibility Assessment Committee, or a hard copy must be presented to **Chief Classifier** before the start of Athlete Evaluation.

Athlete Evaluation will not be started if the MDF is not available for the Classification Panel.
Suggestions and Reminders:
Provisions in Respect of Athletes

- Athletes have the right to choose one person to accompany them.

- The accompanying person should be familiar with the Athlete's impairment and sports history.

- If needed, may be asked by the Classifiers to assist with communication.
Suggestions and Reminders:

- The Athlete **must attend** any sports attire or equipment relevant for the sport that they use at Competition.

- The athlete must verify his or her **identity** (passport, ID card, license card).
**Physical Assessment**
Evaluation of eligible Impairment: Ataxia, Athetosis or Hypertonia.

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IFCPF MASTER LIST
PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT

Evaluation of eligible Impairment: Ataxia, Athetosis or Hypertonia.
Classification Process: Physical Assessment

- A medical or physiotherapist classifier performs the player's physical assessment.

- An Athlete will be eligible if he or she has a relevant Eligible Impairment (Hypertonia, Ataxia or Athetosis) and meet minimal impairment criteria (MIC).
Athlete evaluation session

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TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

Evaluation of player performance:
Jumping, running, change of direction, small-sided games.
Classification Process: Technical Assessment

- A sport technical classifier performs the player’s technical evaluation.

- Repeated observation of key tasks (Passing/Shooting; Offensive/Defensive Skills; Dribbling and control of the ball; Running/Change of Direction; Jumping/Heading). Small-Sided Games 2vs2.

- Evaluation of the activity limitation includes coordination; balance; symmetry; ROM.
Classification Process: Technical Assessment

After the **physical and technical assessment**, players are provided by:

- A class.
- A **status** (observation assessment).

The players go with the provided class to the competition.
Athlete evaluation session

OBSERVATION ASSESSMENT

Players receive a class, and the class is evaluated in a real match.
Classification Process: Observation Assessment

- Classifiers observe performance during real competition.

- Observation of the Competition should take place during the First Appearance (30) minutes of continuous participation in the preliminary rounds.

- If performance matches the impairment in the physical assessment and performance in the technical assessment the athlete receives a class status.
The 3 Classes and Profiles

- **FT1**: Most severe Impairment
  - Profile A: Bilateral Spasticity
- **FT2**: Moderate Impairment
  - Profile B: Athetosis/Ataxia
- **FT3**: Minimal Impairment
  - Profile C: Unilateral Spasticity
Intentional Misrepresentation

- It is a **Disciplinary offense** for an Athlete to **intentionally misrepresent** (either by act or omission) his or her skills and/or abilities and/or the degree or nature of Eligible Impairment during Athlete Evaluation and/or at any other point after the allocation of a Sport Class.

- **Sanctions** and sports participation consequences to athlete or athlete support personnel.
Classification Check-List for Teams

- Athletes must attend any **sports attire or equipment** relevant to the competition.
- Sent **Medical Diagnostic Form** in **advance** (6 weeks prior to the beginning of the international classification).
- The relevant medical documentation must be provided in **English**.
- Provide a player legal **identity document** (passport, ID card, license card).
- The Athlete must disclose the use of any **medication** and/or medical **device/implant** to the Classification Panel.
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