

## Athletics Classification Seminar 2007

Greetings from Singapore,

The Disability Classification & Research Centre (DCRC) would like to invite you to participate in the Athletics Classification Seminar Course which will be held on either 1 & 2 December or 8 & 9 December 2007 (to be confirmed). This classification course will be held in lieu with the soft launch of DCRC and would be conducted for participants in the ASEAN and Asia regions in preparation of the upcoming major Asean Para and Paralympic Games in 2008. The seminar is also part of a broader effort to help raise Paralympic sports' standards in the region.

- **About DCRC:** DCRC is an independent entity that is first of its kind in Asia to develop athletes' programs, technical expertise and grow disability sports capabilities through the conduct of workshops and seminars and the undertaking of research in the area of sports and equipment development. The DCRC will also be providing technical, training, coaching development programs and classification through regular classification courses & workshops.
- **Content:** The working language of the classification course will be English but the content will be highly visual and practical. This course will be an elementary and intermediate course which will introduce general information about IPC-Athletics Classification system.
- **Target Audience:** The course hopes to attract participants from Asian countries with a vision of aiding the professional and classification development of Paralympic Sports, particularly in athletics. However, participants from outside Asia are most welcome to register.
- **Eligibility:** Participants should have either a degree or equivalent qualification in medicine, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, physical education or exercise/sport science, or have nationally recognised athletics coaching qualifications or have competed at IPC World Athletics Championships or Paralympic Games
- **Duration:** 2-day Seminar
- **Fees:** \$100USD. Participants must cover their own airfare and accommodation costs.

### Important Athletics Classification Information

Please read attached IPC Athletic Classification Levels and Procedure.

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**Note: Please return this acknowledgement form by 26 October 2007 to [Noelle.yeo@sdsc.org.sg](mailto:Noelle.yeo@sdsc.org.sg) or fax it to (65) 6342 0961**

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This package is merely to assess the response of member countries to the Athletic Classification Seminar and we appreciate if you could complete the enclosed **Interest of Participation Acknowledgement Form**. Please indicate in the form:

- Your intention to participate or otherwise
- Expected number of representatives attending the Seminar

Kindly return the Interest of Participation Acknowledgement Form to DCRC before 26 October 2007.

We look forward to your reply. We wish you all the best and hope to have your full support and participation. Thank you.

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## Interest of Participation Acknowledgement Form

**To :** Organising Secretariat  
Gate 1, National Stadium (West Entrance)  
15 Stadium Road Singapore 397718

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the box to indicate your response to the invitation to participate in the Athletics Classification Seminar 2007.

**YES**, our country is interested to send representative(s) to the Athletics Classification Seminar.

- (Please indicate the number of representatives who would be attending the Athletics Classification Seminar 2007)

**NO**, our country is not interested to send representative(s) to the Athletics Classification Seminar

<b>Organisation:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Contact Person:</b>	
<b>Tel. No:</b>	<b>Fax No:</b>
<b>E-Mail Address:</b>	

### Signed by:

President /  
Secretary General : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Official Stamp : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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## IPC ATHLETICS CLASSIFICATION

### How to become a classifier.

IPC Athletics international classifiers have either a degree or equivalent qualification in medicine, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, physical education or exercise/sport science, or have nationally recognised athletics coaching qualifications or have competed at IPC World Athletics Championships or Paralympic Games. Please note that possession of one or more of these qualifications is necessary but may not be sufficient to become a classifier.

Potential IPC Athletics classifiers may currently pursue one of the following pathways to become an international classifier.

1. The most common pathway to date is to obtain a classification qualification from one of the International Federation i.e., IWAS, CPISRA, or IBSA. The potential classifier then has to attend an IPC Athletics Classification Seminar and apply to be considered as a trainee classifier at an IPC Athletic sanctioned event. IPC Athletics Classification Seminars will usually be held in conjunction with International Games in the European, Asian, Oceania, African and Pan-American regions or at the IPC Athletic World championships.

Attendance at an IPC Athletics Classification Seminar and attendance at an IPC Athletics sanctioned event as a trainee classifier are part of the training process.

IPC Athletics usually offers an unrestricted number of places at Classification Seminars but limits the number of trainee classifier places at IPC Athletics sanctioned events because of the necessity to observe the IPC Athletics Classification protocols.

IPC Athletics reserves the right to determine who will be accepted as trainees. Factors considered in the selection process include:

Qualifications.

Current numbers of classifiers in a region.

Gender.

Category i.e., athlete, physiotherapist etc.

The trainee classifiers will be involved in all three stages of the IPC Athletics Classification process. These include (i) the initial examination and impairment assessment process, (ii) the precompetition assessment of sport specific skills and (iii) the observation and review of athletes in competition.

The trainee classifier will sit a formal examination related to the classification documents and then will undergo an informal assessment of his/ her ability to classify and to discuss classification with fellow classifiers in regard to observation both before and during competition. The ability to communicate and interact appropriately with the fellow classifiers will also be assessed.

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2. The other pathway a trainee IPC Athletics classifier may follow is more direct. This pathway requires the trainee classifier to attend an IPC Athletics Classification Seminar followed by up to two IPC Athletics sanctioned events and to be involved in all three phases of the classification process. Trainee classifiers who follow this pathway will be subject to the same assessment process of formal examination and informal assessment.

Attendance at an IPC Athletics Classification Seminar and involvement as a trainee at an IPC Athletics sanctioned event are the minimum requirements for consideration of inclusion on the IPC Athletics classifier database. Satisfying these criteria does not guarantee automatic acceptance into the list of IPC Athletics classifiers selected for international duties. The previously noted selection factors will again be considered.

**IPC Athletics** has five levels of classifiers on its database:

**Trainee classifier**

**Level 1**

**Level 2**

**Chief Classifier**

**Head of Classification.**

**Trainee** – a potential IPC Athletics classifier who has attended an approved IPC Athletic Classification Seminar.

**Level 1** – an IPC Athletics classifier who has attended an approved Seminar and has successfully completed the IPC Athletics Classification formal examination and informal assessment process and demonstrated competence in the core duties of an IPC Athletics classifier or is a classifier who has an International Classification qualification (IWAS, CPISRA or IBSA) and significant classification experience in the sport of Athletics at major International Games.

**Level 2** – an IPC athletics classifier who has classified at two International IPC Athletics competitions including either the IPC World Athletics championships and/or the Paralympics games and has demonstrated advanced skills as an IPC Athletics classifier. Appointment to Level 2 is at the discretion of the Head of Classification.

**Chief Classifier** – An experienced Level 2 classifier who has significant classification experience as well as the administrative skills required to run Classification at a major IPC Athletics games.

**Head of classification** – A Chief Classifier appointed by the IPC Governing Board to act as the Head of Classification for the sport of Athletics.

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### **Classifier Registration.**

IPC athletics classifiers are expected to classify at an IPC Athletics sanctioned event at least once every five years to retain their classification status on the IPC Athletic database.

IPC Athletics classifiers are expected to attend an IPC Classification Seminar once every five years to refresh their skills and abilities and to update their classification knowledge.

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