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Committee

To IPC Membership
To all interested parties

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Review of the IPC Classification Code

Dear All,

The IPC Classification Code was adopted by the IPC Governing Board in 2007 and provides policies and procedures for Paralympic Classification that should be common to all sports and to the Paralympic Games. The Classification Code is an outcome of the IPC Classification Strategy discussions from 2003, which aimed at supporting the development of standardized, reliable and sport-specific classification systems.

Since 2007 the IPC Classification Committee has pursued the implementation of the IPC Classification Code and the International Standards for all sports, which initiated the work to improve Classification systems and operations.

With continued evolution and development of Classification, the IPC Governing Board recognized the need to initiate a review of the Classification Code, and approved an IPC Classification Code review plan, which we now initiate with a first consultation round. This review process follows the regulations of Article 17.6 of the IPC Classification Code. The IPC Governing Board authorized the IPC Classification Committee to lead the review process.

The IPC Classification Code Review includes two consultation rounds through which the IPC membership and any other interested parties are invited to submit recommendations for the IPC Classification Code:

- First consultation round: 1 June to 30 September 2013 and
- Second consultation round: 1 June to 30 September 2014.

Following each consultation round, the feedback will be reviewed by the IPC Classification Committee and the IPC Governing Board. Following the first consultative round, a first draft

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of the modified IPC Classification Code will be circulated to the membership for the second consultation round.

The modified IPC Classification Code shall be presented by the IPC Governing Board as a motion for the 2015 IPC General Assembly (end of the year 2015). The amendments to the IPC Classification Code will take effect within one year of approval.

We hereby invite you to contribute to the first consultation round and kindly invite you to suggest reasonable amendments to the IPC Classification Code using the enclosed template. Please note that suggestions will only be considered during the consultation rounds and submitted through the use of the attached template.

We look forward to your input in the process, and invite you to engage all your stakeholders in the process.

Kind regards


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