



Letter to IPC Members
Via email only

15 March 2021, Bonn.

Review of the 2015 IPC Athlete Classification Code

Dear Member, Dear friends,

I am pleased to announce that the process to review the 2015 IPC Athlete Classification Code (the Code) has now officially begun, and I am writing to explain the important role that you - the membership - will play in this process. As an athlete-centred membership-focused organisation everything that we do has to have your participation.

As part of remaining a fit-for-purpose organisation, the IPC is committed to regularly reviewing our policies. In accordance with our Strategic Plan, we are on a continuous pursuit of excellence in what we do and how we do it. As Classification is such a fundamental process for the Paralympic Movement, it is imperative that we review our policies in that area.

At the 2019 General Assembly I pledged that classification will be one of IPC's highest priorities going forward and we are aware that there is a long way to go here. Of course, the Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of our activities and it has affected and created new priorities, also when it comes to Classification. But we are now delivering on this commitment.

To be clear, the review does not mean today's Code is broken; it remains effective and crucial in the advancement of classification. However, it is right to review the Code now, and it will be right to habitually review the Code again in the future.

Enclosed is a document detailing the Code review process. It will be an extremely thorough process and will involve three stages of open consultation. I urge the

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membership to engage in this process and do everything it can to encourage feedback during these phases.

Together we can produce a new evolved IPC Athlete Classification Code to ensure our policies in this vital ever-developing area continue to be up-to-date and effective.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Parsons', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Parsons
President
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Attachment:

- 2015 IPC Athlete Classification Code Review Process