



CLASSIFICATION CORNER

So what does Sport Class STATUS Mean Anyway?

You asked us :

What do the different sport class statuses mean ?

and what is the difference between review and fixed review status?

Sport Class **Status is important.** It outlines whether or not an athlete will be required to attend Classification evaluation in the future.

Athletes are given a sport class after evaluation - VS1, VS2, or Not Eligible (NE).

Athletes are also given a Sport Class "Status". There are 4 status types:

NEW (N)

"New" Status:

- All athletes are NEW before they are seen at their first classification session.
- "New" status is entered on team entry forms for all athletes who have never attended international classification evaluation before.
- All new athletes must
 - be registered in PVSAS
 - have Medical diagnostic forms and supporting documents uploaded into PVSAS before being invited to attend classification. Documents **must** support the presence of the eligible impairment.
- National programs should collect medical information as soon as possible once an athlete has been identified as a potential member for a National team.

CONFIRMED (C)

"Confirmed" Status.

- Confirmed Status is given when the classification panel is confident the athlete's impairment and its impact on activities is **permanent**, and will remain **stable**, (won't change).
- A Confirmed status means, the athlete is **not** required to be seen again for classification, unless there is:
 - a) a protest from World ParaVolley;
 - b) a medical procedure, incident or intervention that changes the impairment. [NOTE: An impairment that improves or becomes worse can change the sport class. In this case the athlete **must** notify World ParaVolley by way of a medical review request]; or
 - c) a change in the rules or assessment methods that might result in a change of the athlete's sport class

REVIEW (R)

"Review" Status

- An athlete is given a "review" status if further evaluation sessions are required. There are a number of factors that may influence a panel to decide to give a status of "review". Some of these may be:
 - a) the athlete has an impairment that may fluctuate or progress (impairment is not stable);
 - b) the athlete has not reached full muscular, skeletal or sports maturity;
 - c) the athlete has only just entered WPV competitions

An athlete who has "review" status must be seen at the next International competition as his sport class may change, especially if the athlete is on the borderline between two classes.

REVIEW WITH FIXED REVIEW DATE (FRD)

"Review with fixed review Date" Status

- is given when evaluation is required in the future due to an impairment that may fluctuate or progress, but will not be necessary before a specific fixed date. For example, an athlete who has an impairment that is expected to change (but will likely change slowly), would not be required to be seen at a World Championship in July 2022, and then again only four months later at a WS6 event.
- In this case, the athlete is given a status of FRD with a later date, such as "FRD 1 Sept 2023". He would play under the given sport class during that period and then be seen at the next event after the FRD.
- An athlete who has sport class status (FRD) may not attend an evaluation session prior to the Fixed Review Date unless a medical review is requested and accepted or a protest is lodged by WPV regarding the sport class.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

An athlete's sport class can be protested. Sport class **status cannot** be protested.