

WORLD TRIATHLON PARA TRIATHLON CLASSIFIERS' EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

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1. Introduction

World Triathlon Classifiers' Education and Certification Programme has been created to develop Para triathlon Classifiers (World Triathlon Technical Officials) and defines the requirements needed for different levels of certification.

https://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/itusport_2019-general-qualification.pdf

2. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to:

- (i) Identify and have a transparent process to assess the competencies required to become a classifier in para triathlon.
- (ii) Establish the level of certification required to classify at either national or international level;
- (iii) Defines the criteria to achieve and maintain the different levels of certification. Roles and Responsibilities of classifiers are defined in the World Triathlon Classification Rules.

3. Classifiers' requirements & levels of certification

3.1 General

The World Triathlon Classifier Education and Certification System has four (4) levels:

- (i) National Classifier (CN)
- (ii) Trainee International Classifier; (CT)
- (iii) Level 1 International Classifier; (C1) and
- (iv) Level 2 International Classifier (C2)

3.2 Background and certification

Classifiers can be:

- (i) Medical classifiers: medical and/or health professionals, for example – licensed medical doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists that have experience in standard Muscle Power assessment procedures.
- (ii) Technical classifiers: sports-specific and/or technical experts for example sport scientists, human movements science experts, coaches, physical educators or equivalent.
- (iii) In good standing with their National Federation
- (iv) Fluent in both spoken and written English is strongly recommended

The criteria, the training requirements, and the validation requirements are set out in Table 1 below.

4. Procedures and regulations on certification of classifiers

4.1 Certification of classifiers

- (i) World Triathlon is responsible, through its Sport Department and the Head of Classification (HoC), for maintaining the World Triathlon Classifiers' Database, which will include all the relevant data for each classifier, such as certification level, events in which they have taken part and the position they held, seminars attended, etc. The responsibility of assessing whether a classifier has met the requirements for certification at a particular level is the responsibility of World Triathlon.
- (ii) The HoC and the Sports Department will review the competencies for new classifiers and will create a list at the end of each season to be approved by the Technical Committee. Each NF will validate the certification list from classifiers from their country before the list is made public.

4.2 Delivery of certification and re-certification courses (National and International Level)

- (i) All certification courses will be conducted by a World Triathlon Senior Classifier that is certified as a World Triathlon facilitator and selected by the Sport Department and the HoC.
- (ii) Attendees aspiring to become a National Classifier (NC) will be selected by their NF and must meet the eligibility criteria set by World Triathlon. They will need to attend the World Triathlon national classifiers course.
- (iii) Existing National or International classifiers in other para-sports who have enough proven experience and knowledge on classification may be nominated by their NFs or World Triathlon in consultation with their NFs to become a Trainee International Classifier (CT). They will need to attend the World Triathlon international classifiers course.
- (iv) Certified Trainee International Classifiers, intending to become a Level 1 International Classifier (C1) will be nominated by their NFs. They will need to comply with the pre-requirements listed in Table 1.
- (v) Certified C1 International Classifiers who can become a C2 International Classifier will be selected by World Triathlon from those who meet the pre-requirements listed in Table 1.
- (vi) National, C1 and C2 International Classifiers intending to re-validate their current certification will need to undergo the corresponding re-certification procedure for their level every 4 years.

- (vii) NFs and Continental Confederations can apply to host courses before December 1st of the previous calendar year. The World Triathlon Sport Department will publish the calendar of Classification Courses before the start of the season of the actual calendar year.
- (viii) World Triathlon retains the right to alter the pre-course requirements after proposals from the HoC and the Sport Department and approval by the Technical Committee

4.3 Competency Assessment and Certification Notification of Classifiers

All the World Triathlon Classifiers (National, Trainee, Level 1, and Level 2) will be certified by the World Triathlon Technical Committee before the start of the season of each year based on meeting the competencies confirmed by the World Triathlon Sport Department and the Head of Classification.

4.3.1 National Classifier:

- (i) Must attend a World Triathlon National Classifiers' Course and pass the evaluation of the course, for which each participant, will be assessed through a Competency Form and an exam. Each participant will then be notified of the outcome. The course facilitator will send a list of all the attendees on the course to the World Triathlon Sport Department and to the Head of Classification with a copy of the signed competency forms, exam results, and recommendations for pathway progression.
- (ii) For those course participants not achieving National certification, World Triathlon will call for an expression of interest to repeat the course. The World Triathlon Classifier's database will be updated, and the list of the classifiers will be published on www.triathlon.org

4.3.2 Trainee International Classifier:

- (i) National Federations (NFs) may apply for an individual to obtain the World Triathlon Trainee International Classifier status in the case of:
- (ii) Individuals that have successfully completed the National Classifiers Course
- (iii) Existing National Classifiers
- (iv) International classifiers in other para-sports
- (v) The World Triathlon Sport Department and the World Triathlon Head of Classification will submit a list of the proposed World Triathlon Trainee International Classifiers to the Technical Committee for approval and certification prior to the start of the new season.

4.3.3 Level 1 International Classifier:

- (i) The individual must act (1) year minimum as Trainee Classifier and be nominated by their NF to attend at least one (1) international event and pass a performance assessment under the supervision of a World Triathlon C2 classifier.
- (ii) Must attend a World Triathlon International Classifiers' Course and pass the evaluation of the course, through a Competency form and an exam. Each participant will then be notified of the outcome and the course facilitator will send to the World Triathlon Sport Department and to the HoC with a copy of the signed competency forms, exam results, and recommendations for pathway progression of all participants. For those course participants not achieving international certification, World Triathlon will call for an expression of interest to progress. The World Triathlon Classifier's database will be updated and the list of the classifiers will be published on www.triathlon.org

4.3.4 Level 2 International Classifier:

- (i) The individual must act (2) years minimum as C1 level classifier.
- (ii) Must assess at a minimum of two (2) World Triathlon Events within four (4) previous years as C1 level Classifier.
- (iii) Act as a Chief Classifier at one of the events under the supervision of a C2 Classifier.
- (iv) The World Triathlon Sport Department and the World Triathlon Head of Classification will submit a list of the proposed World Triathlon C1 and C2 International Classifiers to Technical Committee for approval and certification at the end of each season.

1.1 Validation, suspension and downgrading

- (i) The National, C1 and C2 International Classifiers will have to revalidate their qualification after a period by following the procedure and the timelines stated in Table 1.
- (ii) A classifier will be moved down by one (1) level if the time limits indicated in Table 1 were reached without that classifier attending a validation course or exam. A list of the proposed classifiers to be moved down one (1) level will be submitted by the World Triathlon Sport Department to the World Triathlon Technical Committee for approval at the end of each season.
- (iii) The respective NF and/or World Triathlon has the right to suspend the status of a classifier in case the individual is not in good standing with their NF. The reason for suspension needs to be detailed in providing a logical rationale to the World Triathlon Sport Department and to the Head of Classification, for submission to the World Triathlon Technical Committee for approval.

1.2 Timelines

WHEN	WHO	WHAT
Before December 1st	National Federations	Apply to host a World Triathlon Classification course Apply for gaining trainee status for National Classifiers
Before December 1st	NFs	Apply to host a World Triathlon Para triathlon Classification course
End of the season	Sport Department + HoC	Submit a list of proposed classifiers to World Triathlon Technical Committee for approval and certification
Before start of new season	Para triathlon Committee + Technical Committee	Approve the list of certified classifiers
Before start of new season	Sport Department	Publish the calendar of courses and certified classifiers and their levels

- (i) Athletes present in the Athletes' briefing who are still on the wait list must make themselves and their guide/handler (if applicable) available directly to the Technical Delegate and Head Referee in order to be eligible for any slots that may become available through any upcoming withdrawals, until registration closes.

Level	Can officiate as Chief Classifier or Panel Member	Criteria to achieve level	Area of Training to achieve level	Re-certification
National Classifier (CN)	National Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> National Classifiers shall be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical and/or health professionals such as medical doctors, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, etc, that have experience in standard Muscle Power assessment procedures. Sports specific and/or technical expertise in areas such as sport scientists, human movements science, coaches, physical educators or equivalent Complete the World Triathlon National Classifier's Course and pass the exam. 	World Triathlon National Classifier's course	<p>If the NF shows proof of the active involvement of the CN during the 4-year period, the individual will only to do the re-certification exam.</p> <p>If the activity cannot be proven, the individual must attend a seminar at this level after 4 years to maintain the certification</p>
Trainee Classifier (CT)	National Events	<p>Trainee Classifiers shall be nominated by their NFs and selected from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals that have successfully completed the National Classifiers Course Existing National Classifiers International classifiers in other para-sports 	Competencies must have already been reached	The individual must attend a seminar at this level after 4 years to maintain the certification
Level 1 International Classifier (C1)	Chief Classifier only at World Triathlon Events.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) year minimum as Trainee Classifier. Be nominated by their NF to attend at least one (1) international event and pass a performance assessment under the supervision of a World Triathlon C2 Classifier and have met the required competencies as reported by the HoC; 	World Triathlon International Classifier's course	Re-certification course if the individual has been active. Otherwise, first time attempting L1, individual must attend an international classifier's course.
Level 2 International Classifier (C2)	World Triathlon Events and Major Games	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Two (2) years minimum as C1 International Classifier. Assess at a minimum of two (2) World Triathlon Events within four (4) previous years as C1 International Classifier. Act as a Chief Classifier at one of the events under the supervision of a C2 Classifier. 	Practice and successful role as Chief Classifier	Re-certification course if the individual has been active. Otherwise, he/she must attend an international classifier's course.