



USEF REQUEST FOR PARA EQUESTRIAN CLASSIFICATION

Who can request USEF Classification?

A National Federation (USEF) can lodge a request for an athlete with impairment to undergo a Classification Evaluation for the purpose of competing in Para Equestrian competition.

Eligibility Requirements

All Athletes with a disability who intend to be classified must produce a Certificate of Diagnosis stating their full medical diagnosis. Each Athlete must have an Eligible Impairment that leads to permanent and verifiable activity limitation which can be measured objectively.

Those Athletes with a minimal impairment must meet the Para-Equestrian **Minimal Impairment Criteria** in order to compete in Para-Equestrian Events. Eligible impairments include:

Hypertonia, ataxia, athetosis; impaired passive range of movement; impaired muscle power; limb deficiency; leg length difference; short stature, vision impairment.

The Classification Process

All Athletes with impairment who intend to enter Para-Equestrian competitions must proceed through the Classification procedure as below:

Step 1.	Athlete applies through their NF to request a Classification evaluation for PE Competition. The application <u>must</u> include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The USEF Classification Request Form • Completed and signed USEF Consent for Classification • USEF Certificate of Diagnosis Form and any additional supporting medical documentation
Step 2.	All documentation is forwarded by the USEF to the Chief Classifier to determine if the athlete meets the Eligibility Criteria described above.
Step 3.	The Classifier will make a decision a, b, or c. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request further information through the athlete's NF (USEF) in regards to support the diagnosis and impairment. This request may include additional medical documentation such as reports or copies of medical investigations. USEF will request the additional information from the athlete and forward to the Classifier for a decision (b or c) to be made. b. Approve the request c. Not approve the request
Step 4.	The Classifier will inform the NF (USEF) of the final decision in writing and if the Request for Classification has not been approved the reason
Step 5.	The Classifier will inform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┘ The NF (USEF) at which competition the athlete evaluation can occur ┘ The OC for the competition of athletes to be scheduled for classification
Step 6.	Athlete attends competition and undergoes evaluation by a Classifier.
Step 7.	The Athlete's classification is sent to the USEF. Once approved the Athlete's details are added to the USEF Dispensation/Classification Certificate.



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Making a USEF Classification Request

The Classification request must be made by the Athlete's NF (USEF) and include:

1. The USEF Classification Request Form, completed legibly and in English;
2. USEF Consent for Classification Form
3. USEF Certificate of Diagnosis and any additional medical documentation that demonstrates the athlete's impairment. All documentation provided **must be in English**.

The Classification request must be received by the USEF at least 6 weeks before the next international competition where the athlete intends to compete.

USEF Classification Request Form (to be completed in English)

Athlete's National Federation (NF)	
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Athlete Details

Last name:			
First name:			
Address:			
Town:			
Country:		Zip/Post code	
Date of Birth:		Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Does the Athlete have National Classification:		<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
If yes	Date:	Grade:	Grade Status:

Next scheduled CPEDI event(s) offering athlete evaluation for USEF classification the athlete is *able* to attend, at their own cost:

Competition name:		Date:	Click here to enter a
Location (City):			
Competition name:		Date:	Click here to enter a
Location (City):			
Competition name:		Date:	Click here to enter a
Location (City):			



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NF Verification

NF contact person submitting the USEF Classification Request Form on behalf of the athlete:

NF:	U.S.A.	Name:	Laureen Johnson
Role:	Director of Para Equestrian		
E-Mail:	lkjohnson@usef.org		
Signature:			
Date:			

Requests are to be submitted by the Athlete to the USEF at

Laureen K. Johnson
Director of Para Equestrian
USEF
PO Box 83
Gladstone, NJ 07934
Fax: 908-234-9417
lkjohnson@usef.org

Before sending this form to the USEF please ensure the following:

- ┆ **USEF Classification Request Form completed**
- ┆ **USEF Consent for Classification** completed and signed (by the athlete) is attached
- ┆ **USEF Certificate of Diagnosis Form** completed and signed (by the athlete and the medical doctor) and any addition supporting medical documentation is attached

For USEF use only

Date Classification Request Form and documentation received:			Click here to enter a date.
Date submitted to Classifier(s):			Click here to enter a date.
Decision 1:	Choose an item.	Date:	Click here to enter a date.
Reason:			
Date NF notified by Classifier:	Click here to enter a date.		

If Decision 1 was to request further information, please complete information below

Date further information and documentation received by USEF:			Click here to enter a date.
Date re-submitted to Classifier(s):			Click here to enter a date.
Decision 2:	Choose an item.	Date:	Click here to enter a date.
Reason:			
Date NF notified by	Click here to enter a date.		



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Classifier(s):	
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If approved:

Athlete to be classified at:		Date:	Click here to enter a date.
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