

## **National Classifier Qualification Details**

### **1. Role of National Classifiers**

A National Classifier conducts the following activities at an event:

- a) Classifies sailors according to the current World Sailing Rules for Para Classification. This includes medical, anatomical, and physiological analysis of the sailor's capabilities, with performance assessment through standardized tests and observation on the water during competition.
- b) Advises on, inspects and consults technical delegates with regards to assistive devices used by sailors during competition.
- c) Manages Classification Protest hearings to resolve disputes about a sailor's classification.
- d) Informs the Race Committee if a sailor or team is ineligible to compete.

### **2. Competencies Required**

Australian Sailing provides the qualifications and competencies required for accreditation and appointment as a National Classifier (NC). Australian Sailing shall only consider the following criteria in items 2-6 when processing an accreditation application:

**A candidate for first appointment or re-appointment for any discipline shall:**

- a) Have racing experience as a competitor or Race Official.
- b) Have sufficient knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing and a detailed knowledge of the rules, manuals and other requirements and publications relating to their discipline.
- c) Be proficient in the English language and have the skills to communicate both with other race officials and with competitors on matters relating to their discipline.
- d) Display the temperament and behaviour expected of an AS Race Official at an event.
- e) Have the health and physical capacity to fulfil the requirements of their discipline.
- f) Have the observation skills necessary to perform the duties of their discipline.
- g) Agree to support the policies of AS and further its objectives, rules and regulations.
- h) Have sufficient eyesight and hearing, natural or corrected, at a level to enable them to carry out the duties of their discipline.
- i) Be able to contribute to the development of the programme relating to their discipline.

### **3. Other Qualifications Required for First Appointment**

**A candidate for first appointment as a National Classifier shall meet the following requirements:**

- a) Currently qualified as a medical practitioner, physiotherapist or appropriate allied health professional; who is currently licensed to practice, or
- b) Currently a retired medical practitioner, or physiotherapist or appropriate allied health professional who remains in good standing with the relevant professional association/college and AHPRA, and
- c) Has attended recognized Australian Sailing National Classification training with an AS qualified National Classifier at:
  - (i) Two recognized Australian Sailing event, and

- (ii) Has experience in classification in Para Sailing recognized equipment, and
- d) Has sat and passed the Australian Sailing Classifier practical and written assessment consistent with World Sailing Regulation 31.12, and
- e) Has signed and accepted the Australian Sailing Officials Code of Conduct (In turn accepting the Australian Sailing Member Protection Policy and Racing Rules of Sailing and Regulations), and
- f) Has obtained a completed and positive [National Classifier reference form](#), from a National Classifier who has served at an event with the candidate, and

#### **4. Qualifications Required for Re-Appointment**

**A candidate for re-appointment as a National Classifier will**, in addition to the requirements for first appointment (Section 3 above) but excluding item 3d, will have met the following requirements:

- a) Prior to accreditation expiry, submit a Reaccreditation Application Form to Australian Sailing containing;
- b) A letter of support from the Australian Sailing Head of Classification that the applicant has classification experience in a majority of Para Sailing equipment and meets the technical and non-technical requirements of the role.
- c) An events log of at least one recognised Australian Sailing event in the past four years up to the application date. The log is to be signed by Australian Sailing (Officials Coordinator or Events Manager).

#### **5. Technical Competencies Required**

**A candidate for appointment or re-appointment will:**

- a) Demonstration of knowledge and application of the current Para-Classification Rules for Australian Sailing, the IPC Classification Code and its associated International Standards including the Code of Conduct; the current ASADA and World Anti-Doping Code and the current Prohibited List.
- b) Familiarity with the different boats used for AS Para Sailing Championships; and
- c) Demonstrates appropriate communication skills when evaluating sailors with disabilities.
- d) Candidates will be encouraged to obtain a General Boat Driving Licence and attend an AS Safety Boat Operator course.

#### **6. Non-Technical Competencies Required**

- a) Uphold the confidentiality of classification details during and after the regatta
- b) Be polite, courteous, open-minded, and patient with colleagues, competitors, regatta officials, support persons and hosts.
- c) Respect cultural differences in colleagues, competitors, regatta officials, support persons and hosts.
- d) Maintain appropriate relationships with competitors and support persons at events.
- e) Declare any conflict of interest before accepting an event classification invitation.