

1.4.2 Mixed-country teams in team sports events. If an athlete's country does not field a team in a team sport such as basketball or soccer, the athlete may request to play on a mixed-country team. In that case, the team affiliation for that sport shall indicate all of the countries represented by the athletes on the team (e.g., Germany/France team).

1.5 NON-DISCRIMINATION. No person shall, on the grounds of disability, race, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinion, marital status, or sexual orientation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination at IDAF sanctioned or approved events.

PART 2: IDAF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

2.1 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES. When entering IDAF sanctioned or approved competitions, each athlete must report personal data and selected body size measurements. Athletes are responsible for the accuracy of these data.

2.1.1 Personal information. Each athlete must report name, date of birth, sex, country of residence/citizenship, type of dwarfism, and medical issues (e.g., past surgeries) that might affect classification.

2.1.2 Required measurements. Each athlete must submit the following body measurements (to the nearest half centimeter) regardless of the athlete's age or events entered. Instructions for conducting body size measurements are included in Appendix A of this rule book. These data will be used to determine competition classifications, and also to help IDAF to improve the classification procedures for future competitions.

- Standing height - floor to top of head
- Sitting height - bench height to top of head
- Right and left side shoulder height - bench height to top of shoulder
- Right and left side sitting vertical reach - bench height to tip of longest finger when both arms reach simultaneously
- Arm span - fingertip to fingertip with fingertips at shoulder height
- Right and left side half-arm span - sternal notch to tip of longest finger
- Right and left arm length - tip of acromion process to tip of longest finger

2.2 CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE OPEN AND MASTERS DIVISIONS

2.2.1 Upper-body classification. Classification shall be based upon arm span measurement.

	Arm Span - Males	Arm Span - Females
Class 1	Up to 106.0 cm	Up to 97.0 cm
Class 2	106.1 - 130.0 cm	97.1 - 120 cm
Class 3	130.1 cm and above	120.1 cm and above

2.2.2 Lower-body classification. Classification shall be based upon leg length measurement, determined as the difference between standing height and sitting height.

	Leg Length - Males	Leg Length - Females
Class 1	Up to 41.0 cm	Up to 39 cm
Class 2	41.1 cm - 53.0 cm	39.1 cm - 49.5 cm
Class 3	53.1 cm and above	49.6 cm and above

2.3 CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE JUNIORS DIVISION

2.3.1 Class 1. Class 1 will include persons with diastrophic dysplasia, primordial dwarfism, shorter pseudoachondroplasia, spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia congenita (SEDC), and Morquio syndrome.

2.3.2 Class 2. Class 2 will include persons with achondroplasia and taller persons with pseudoachondroplasia.

2.3.3 Class 3. Class 3 will include persons with hypochondroplasia, spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia tarda (SEDt), cartilage hair hypoplasia, and most undiagnosed types of dwarfism.

2.4 CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE FUTURES DIVISION. Classification will not be used in the Futures Division.

2.5 SPORT-SPECIFIC CLASSIFICATION. Classifications may be used in the Juniors, Open, and Masters Divisions per the provisions of the sport-specific rules in Parts 4 through 17 of this rule book. Classification does not apply to Futures events.

2.3.1 Boccia, swimming, and field events. The upper-body classification system applies to sports which emphasize upper body function, such as boccia, swimming, and field events.

2.3.2 Badminton, table tennis, and track events. The lower-body classification system applies to sports which emphasize lower-body function, such as badminton, table tennis, and track.

2.3.3 Powerlifting. Athletes are classified into weight categories as described in Part 10 of this rule book.

2.3.4 Other sports. IDAF classifications are not currently used in archery, basketball, floor hockey, curling, shooting, soccer, or volleyball.

2.6 REVIEWS OF CLASSIFICATION STATUS. In general, IDAF classifications shall be based upon self-reported data submitted by athletes; however, an athlete may be reclassified in the following circumstances.

2.6.1 Random and for purpose measurements. The competition host has the right to conduct both random and for-purpose classification measurements at any IDAF sanctioned or approved competition.

2.6.2 Consideration of mobility limitations. The competition host has the right to reclassify an athlete if the athlete has mobility limitations beyond those typically associated with other athletes in the same leg length/arm-span classification.

2.6.3 Classification protests. An athlete's classification status may be protested according to the protest procedures published in Part 3 of this rule book.

2.7 PERMANENCE OF ATHLETE CLASSIFICATIONS. Athletes must be reclassified: (a) annually until age 21; (b) whenever the IDAF classification system is modified; or (c) when requested by the athlete, competition host, or IDAF because of changes in stature or body proportions.

PART 3: ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF COMPETITION

3.1 SANCTIONS AND APPROVALS

3.1.1 IDAF sanctions. IDAF sanctions are issued only for competitions that are restricted to dwarf athletes as described in Part 1 of this rule book, and only when the provisions of the IDAF rule book apply. Sanctions are issued in writing by the IDAF Board of Directors. The IDAF shall maintain a written record of all sanctions so issued.

3.1.2 IDAF approvals. IDAF approvals are issued for competitions that involve, but are not restricted to, dwarf athletes as described in Part 1 of this rule book. Approvals may only be issued when the technical rules for the sports offered are in substantial agreement with the provisions of the IDAF rule book. Approvals are issued in writing by the IDAF Board of Directors. The IDAF shall maintain a written record of all approvals so issued.

3.1.3 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) approvals. Competition hosts are encouraged to seek IPC approvals for sports on the Paralympic program in which dwarf athletes regularly compete (e.g., field, powerlifting, swimming, table tennis). IPC rules prevail in sports where IPC approvals have been obtained.

3.2 SPORTS

3.2.1 Sports offerings at World Dwarf Games. A minimum of 10 sports shall be offered at each World Dwarf Games. The six core sports of badminton, basketball, boccia, soccer, swimming, and track and field must be offered. The remaining sports may be selected from those described in the following table. Alternately, the competition host may introduce a new sport if the sport and proposed rules are first approved by IDAF.

3.2.2 Recommended age divisions. Recommended age groups for each sport are shown below.

Sports	Futures	Juniors	Open	Masters
Archery		X-older ages	X	
Badminton		X	X	
Basketball		X	X	
Boccia	X	X	X	X
Floor Hockey	X	X	X	
Kurling	X	X		
Powerlifting		X-older ages	X	X
Shooting		X-older ages	X	
Soccer	X	X	X	
Swimming	X	X	X	X