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Hello Track and Field Athletes and Coaches!

This email contains important information pertaining to your classification and the 2018 license season which is now open. I understand this email is a little lengthy however it is important to read the email to its entirety as the classification changes going into effect January 1st will affect most of you.

Most of you may have seen the updated classification documents around the internet and social media. If you have not click [HERE](#) to find additional information concerning the changes that are coming. These changes will go into effect January 1, 2018.

Due to the changes most of you will need to resubmit medical documentation and go through classification evaluation again beginning in January 2018. If your current classification is T/F 20 or T/F 31-38, regardless of your classification status (i.e. Confirmed, Review, Review 2019, etc.), beginning January 1, 2018 your new class status will be review, you will need to be re-classified **AND** resubmit medical diagnostics (PI athletes) or TSAL (II athletes) forms.

With a review classification status, you are still eligible to compete in most competitions excluding the Paralympic Games. You will not be eligible to set any world records with a review status.

If you are an athlete that has an amputation where you run and/or jump with a prosthetic(s) and you are currently a T42-T44 you will now receive a new class ranging from T61-T64. For the majority, you will not have to go through re-classification, your classification will automatically be updated for you by World Para Athletics. Although I will do my best to verify all changes are correct it is your responsibility to verify the class you are placed in matches your disability when the changes are made January 1st, 2018. If you currently have a class of T42-44 you will need to submit a medical diagnostics form and supporting x-ray or x-ray report, if you do not have one currently on file.

How can I get re-classified?

World Para Athletics has already released a list of classification opportunities for 2018. Those opportunities can be found by clicking [HERE](#). For 2018 there is one planned opportunity for classification in the U.S.A. at Desert Challenge Games. There will be a limited number of slots available for classification at this event. To be considered for classification you will need to have an IPC license and registered for Desert Challenge Games at least 8 weeks prior to the event (deadline is April 20, 2018). The registration information will be posted on the Desert Challenge Games [WEBSITE](#) after March 1, 2018. Based on the number of athletes requesting classification at Desert Challenge Games, if needed, we will then prioritize athletes based on time/distance standards. It will not be possible to classify all athletes in 2018 here in the U.S., but we will do our best to accommodate as many as the schedule and available classification panels for the event will allow.

What do I need to submit to renew my license if my classification is T20 or F20?

In order for you to obtain a license in 2018 you will need to resubmit the following:

1. TSAL Form
2. updated eligibility form
3. \$25 license payment

Your TSAL form must be filled out and signed by your coach. If you have not completed the INAS eligibility process you will need to contact [Athletes without Limits](#).

What do I need to submit to renew my license if my classification is T31-38 or F31-38?

In order for you to obtain a license in 2018 you will need to resubmit the following:

1. updated medical diagnostics form (with supporting documentation)
2. updated eligibility form
3. \$25 license payment

What do I need to submit to renew my license if my classification is T51-54 or F51-57 AND my status is Review or Review 2018?

In order for you to obtain a license in 2018 you will need to resubmit the following:

1. updated medical diagnostics form (with supporting documentation)
2. updated eligibility form
3. \$25 license payment

What do I need to submit to renew my license if my classification is T11-13 or F11-13 AND my status is Review or Review 2018?

In order for you to obtain a license in 2018 you will need to resubmit the following:

1. updated medical diagnostics form for athletes with visual impairments (with supporting documentation)
2. updated eligibility form
3. \$25 license payment

Your medical diagnostics form **MUST** be filled out and signed by a medical doctor (M.D.). A nurse practitioner and/or physical therapist signature will not be accepted on the form. **In addition to your medical diagnostics form you will need to submit supporting documentation.** The supporting documentation that can be submitted is outlined on page 2 of the attached medical form. World Para Athletics will no longer accept the medical form without supporting documents. If your impairment is a form of cerebral palsy you will need to submit a current modified ashworth test with your diagnostics form, a medical report that states the form of cerebral palsy (i.e. hypertonia, ataxia, athetosis) and your confirmed diagnosis should also be included. If you are an athlete with an amputation you must submit a copy of your x-ray, x-ray report or photo showing your amputation without a prosthetic. If you are an athlete with a spinal cord injury you must submit a medical report (should include your level, whether or not you have rods and the level if you do, incomplete or complete), an ASIA scale test and an x-ray copy if available.

Equipment Update

All athletes who use a throwing frame, equipment adaptation or a racing chair must update their equipment every year. If you have never submitted your equipment information to us or you are using new equipment this season please fill out the attached form and return it to me. While this is not a requirement for licensing this is a requirement for entry into major competitions including Desert Challenge, World Championships, Paralympics, etc.

2018 IPC LICENSE

For those who will not be affected by the classification changes you will need to submit the following information in order to obtain a license.

1. Eligibility Form
2. \$25 license payment

Please remember all payments will need to be submitted over the phone using a Visa card or you can mail a check/money order payable to US Paralympics to the following address:

USOC
c/o Sherrice Fox
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

If you have any questions regarding the changes please do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks