



ROLE DESCRIPTION

TITLE:	Paracanoe National Classifier
DEPARTMENT:	Governance & Compliance
RESPONSIBLE TO:	Classification Committee (supported by Disability and Equality Officer)
SALARY:	Voluntary (reasonable 'out of pocket' expenses will be reimbursed)

RELATIONSHIPS:

Internal: Classification Committee, Disability and Equality Officer, Events & International Affairs Manager, Paracanoe Performance Programme.

External: ICF Paracanoe Committee, ICF Classification personnel, athletes and team personnel at classification events.

LOCATION:

Most classification evaluation events take place at British Canoeing Head Office, National Water Sport Centre, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, NG12 2LU

BACKGROUND:

British Canoeing is the National Governing Body for paddle sports in the UK, which includes a wide range of disciplines and a strong record of success including Olympic and Paralympic champions. The 2016 Rio Paralympics saw Paracanoe make its debut appearance during which Great Britain won 5 medals and finished as the number 1 Paracanoeing nation.

As we look towards the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics and beyond British Canoeing are looking to further developing the discipline of Paracanoe in the UK. We are inviting Expressions of Interest for suitable candidates who would like to support paracanoe in the UK by training as National Classifiers. We are ideally looking to appoint 2 technical and 1 medical classifiers to enhance the existing National Paracanoe and Paralympic programme with the delivery of the recently developed National Classification policy in line with the British Paralympic Association's (BPA) UK Athlete Classification Code.

COMMITMENT & TRAINING:

Successful candidates will be required to attend the two day International Canoe Federation (ICF) classifier training course to be hosted in Nottingham on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th July 2018 and a short online training course prior to this.

Following successful completion of the ICF classifier training course successful applicants will be certified National Classifiers and will be expected to complete at least one national classification event a year to maintain their skills.

British Canoeing would also look to support National Classifiers to become International Classifiers who would be part of the ICF classification team performing classifications around the world at ICF recognised events. There will also be opportunities to attend the British Paralympic Association's classifiers workshops and British Canoeing internal CPD events.

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE and EXPERIENCE:

Technical Classifier:

- Have an extensive coaching or other relevant background in canoe and/or kayak; or a recognised and reputable academic qualification which encompasses a requisite level of anatomical, biomechanical and sport specific expertise.

Medical Classifier:

- Be a certified health professional (doctor or physiotherapist) with relevant experience in the assessment of the eligible impairments for ICF Paracanoe, which are impaired passive range of movement, impaired muscle power and/or limb deficiency. Typical impairment types would be lower limb amputation, ankle fusions, complete and incomplete spinal cord injuries and congenital disorders resulting in limb loss or impaired joint range.
- Have experience in at least one of the following areas of medicine:
 1. Musculoskeletal or Sports Medicine
 2. Neurology
 3. Paediatrics
 4. Trauma and orthopaedics
 5. Amputee rehabilitation

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and adults, and expect the same commitment from all staff and volunteers.

PERSONAL QUALITIES:

- Possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Be able to work effectively as part of a team.
- Have a passion for Paralympic sport.
- Be a keen learner who is looking to continually develop.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

This is an outline of key tasks and is not meant to be an exhaustive list of roles and responsibilities.

1. Complete the ICF Classification Training Course.
2. Be available for at least 1 national classification opportunity per year; these are likely to take place in November, March and June annually and primarily at the National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham.
3. Maintain currency, skills and qualifications up to date as required by the ICF.
4. Work with British Canoeing and the ICF to achieve International Classifier status.
5. Attend BPA classifiers workshops as able.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

British Canoeing Paracanoe National Classifiers are accountable to the Head of Classification and Classification Committee, support by the Disability and Equality Officer. The Classification Committee, as with all committees and groups within British Canoeing, are accountable to the Board of British Canoeing, through the CEO.