



Para-Badminton Classifier Wanted

In October 2014, the International Paralympic Committee announced that Para-Badminton is included as one of the new sports debuting at the *Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games*.

Pan Am Badminton will be hosting a Para-Badminton event in Lima, Peru in mid October 2015 and Badminton Canada wants to send a classifier who is interested in participating in the development of Para-Badminton in Canada.

What is classification?

Classification is simply a structure for competition. Athletes with disabilities are grouped in classes defined by the degree of function presented by the disability.

Traditionally there are athletes who belong to six different disability groups in the Paralympic Movement: amputee, cerebral palsy, visual impairment, spinal cord injuries, intellectual disability and a group which includes all those that do not fit into the aforementioned groups (les autres).

Classes are determined by a variety of processes that may include a physical and technical assessment and observation in and out of competition. The classes are defined by each sport and form part of the sport rules.

Who are we looking for?

- A trained Para-Sport classifier that is willing to be a Para-Badminton Classifier **or**
- An individual that has either a degree or equivalent qualification in medicine, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, physical education or exercise/sport science willing to be trained as a Para-Badminton classifier.

The selected classifier will:

- Be available to attend the classifier training in Peru in October 2015* (see note below).
- Be willing to share classifying expertise by offering training clinics to train other classifiers for Para-Badminton. This will involve 2-3 training clinics in the next year across Canada.

Funding and event details will be available to those who are interested in participating. Dates for Lima are October 14-18, 2015. The event will include coaches, athletes and classifiers, mainly from the Pan Am zone.

If interested please send your expression interest and relevant background qualifications to Cindy Bruce (Cindybruce2@gmail.com) or Ann Moran (ann@badminton.ca) by Sept 4, 2015

*If you are interested in training as a badminton Classifier but cannot go to Lima, we would encourage you to let us know as other training sessions will be available in future.

We look forward to hearing from you.