

## FEI International Classification – What do I Need to Know?

### WHERE DO I FIND THE INFORMATION?

Familiarise yourself with the FEI Classification website: <https://inside.fei.org/fei/disc/para-dressage/classification>

Here you will find:

- FEI Para Dressage and Classification Rules (please ensure you familiarise yourself with these)
- Classification (for physical and visual impairments), Compensating Aid Request Forms etc.
- FEI Classification Master List
- FEI Database.

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### HOW DO I APPLY?

International application:

- Submit
  - The FEI Classification Request Form – this document clearly outlines the steps of international classification
  - Completed and signed FEI Consent Form for Classification
  - FEI/IBSA Medical Diagnostic Form and any additional supporting medical document.

If you are eligible for an Athlete Evaluation, you will need to attend your appointment at a CPEDI competition (found via the FEI Database).

Visual Impairments – Usually one VI Classification hub per year. This is advertised on the above website. Date for 2024 is to be confirmed by the FEI.

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### AM I READY TO BE INTERNATIONALLY CLASSIFIED?

To retain your international classification, you need to compete in a CPEDI competition:

- at least once every 2 (FEI Classification Rules 14.4 p.18) or

**14.4** An Athlete who is required to complete Observation in Competition Assessment will be designated with Tracking Code: Observation Assessment (OA). This replaces the Athlete's Grade Status for the duration of Observation in Competition Assessment. An Athlete can remain on the FEI Masterlist for a maximum of two (2) years with tracking code OA, after which time, if the Observation Assessment has not been completed, the Athlete will be removed from the Masterlist unless a suitable explanation is given by the NF. If an Athlete is removed from the Masterlist after two years they will need to follow the Classification process to return to the list.

- once every 4 years ((FEI Classification Rules 41.9 p.37) depending on the Grade Status (FEI Classification Rules 15 p.19) that you are allocated from your Athlete Evaluation (physical assessment), in order to remain on the FEI Master List (FEI Classification Rules 41 p.36).

**41.9** An Athlete with a Status Review (R), Review with a Fixed Review Date (FRD) or Confirmed (C), will be removed from the FEI Classification Masterlist if they have not competed in a Para Equestrian competition in a period of four (4) years. To return to competition they must make a new Classification request.

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### IS A FIXED REVIEW DATE AN EXPIRY DATE?

- Fixed Review Date (FRD) – This is not an expiry date; your review falls AFTER the listed date.
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## WHAT IS A TRACKING CODE?

This replaces the Grade Status until the Athlete has been Observed in Competition:

### **14 Observation in Competition**

14.1 A Classification Panel may require that an Athlete undertake Observation in Competition Assessment before it allocates a final Grade and designates a Grade Status to that Athlete.

14.2 The methods by which Observation in Competition Assessment may be undertaken, and the matters to be observed, are set out in Appendices One and Two .

14.3 If a Classification Panel requires an Athlete to complete Observation in Competition Assessment, the Athlete will be entered in the Competition with the Grade allocated by the Classification Panel after the conclusion of the initial components of the Evaluation Session.

You can remain on the FEI Master List for a maximum of 2 years with this Tracking Code.

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## WHAT DO THE 3 COMPENSATING AID CATEGORIES MEAN?

- **Standard Compensating Aids** - These aids, other than approved saddlery or equipment as outlined in the British Dressage, RDA or British Carriagedriving rules, may be used by all graded para athletes in para competitions. They do not need to be listed on the athlete's record.
- **Profile-Specific Compensating Aids** - Other than approved saddlery, these aids may be used by athletes with the corresponding Profiles and Grades as outlined in the Compensating Aids document. These must be listed on the FEI Master List.
- **Non-Standard Compensating Aids** - These aids are required by an individual athlete and are not listed or described specifically in the rules. These aids may include modifications to a Standard or Profile-Specific Compensating Aid, or a piece of non-standard equipment that's been custom-made for an athlete.

The information on the Compensating Aids can be found (via the link at the top of this document) in the:

- FEI Para Dressage Rules
- FEI Classification Rules
- FEI Dressage and FEI Para Dressage Guidelines on Use of Tack, Equipment and Dress
- FEI Para Dressage Compensating Aids Guidelines

## COMMANDER

A commander calls out the movements in sequence to the athlete as they compete.

Those with a permanent memory impairment which impacts their ability to remember the sequence of movements required for the duration of a dressage test can apply and must produce evidence from a psychologist. Use the document below as a guidance to apply.

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## WHO IS THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION CONTACT?

All Classification enquiries and applications should go through the National Federation (NF); British Equestrian (BEF) is the NF and Felicity Towers is the contact person for this.

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