

National Para-Equestrian Classifier Course

Venue: British Equestrian Federation, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, CV8 2RH

Date: 06 - 07 November 2021

Fee: £250 per delegate (including VAT)

Course Overview

This Continuous Professional Development, two-day course will provide you with the skills to become a National Level Para-Equestrian Classifier.

The course, which will be led by Chief Classifier, Lynn Lawford, International Classifier, Cecilia Rosser and National Profiling Coordinator, Anthea Pell, is designed to build on your knowledge and experience as a qualified physiotherapist or medical practitioner and give you the skills to be able to apply it to the equestrian classification process, in both a practical and theory-based manner.

Core activities include:

- Athlete interview including diagnosis, eligibility and consent
- Physical assessment and deciding on appropriate assessment scales for the impairment described
- Scoring the assessment and accurately adding the scores
- Deciding and recording the profile and grade, appropriately aligning the graphic description and scores to determine the profile and grade
- Put your learning into action through working with other physiotherapists as well as volunteer riders.

What to expect as a Classifier

A qualified, National Para-Equestrian Classifier is eligible to work as a member of a classification team to allocate an Athlete's Sport Class and Sport Class Status at nationally sanctioned events. They may also work as a member of a Protest Panel as required and attend classification meetings at national competitions.

Who is eligible to attend the course?

Essential requirements

- Qualified as a physiotherapist or medical practitioner with current authority to practice in their home country
- Speak and write English sufficiently to communicate with other classifiers and athletes
- Experience carrying out assessments with athletes with physical impairments resulting in activity restrictions
- Experience working as part of a team
- Commitment to further learning and professional development

Desirable requirements

- A sound understanding of equestrian sports, in particular dressage
- A knowledge of the physical requirements of riding a horse
- Experience as a rider.

Accreditation requirements and responsibilities for a National Level Classifier

In order to achieve and maintain the National Level Para-Equestrian Classifier qualification, individuals are required to qualify as a classifier and carry out continuous professional development.

How to become a fully qualified classifier

The individual will need to:

- Participate in and meet all requirements to complete a Para-Equestrian Classifier Course, including:
 - Active participation in the classifier course
 - Pass in practical and written assessment
- Submit to Head of National Classifier (or nominated L2 International Classifier) for assessment, four to six completed para-equestrian classification cards within two months of the course.

Continuous Professional Development

To maintain the qualification, the individual must:

- Attend at least one national level para-equestrian event as a classifier every year or
- Submit at least six completed classification assessment cards to the Head National Classifier or Level 1 or 2 International Classifier every two years
- Demonstrate commitment to the role and responsibilities
- Demonstrate working knowledge of all aspects of the classification process including the Eligible Impairments, Athlete Evaluation, Protests and Appeals, Classification GDPR
- Have knowledge of health conditions and impairments eligible to be classified for para equestrian sport
- Be able to assist with evaluation of athletes with complex health conditions and/or impairments and assist with determining if the athlete meets the Minimal Impairment Criteria
- Be able to assign appropriate Profile, Grade and Status following an Athlete Evaluation
- Have a knowledge of the National Sport Rules for Para-Equestrian Competition
- Complete documentation relevant to Athlete Classification as required to a high standard
- Have comprehensive knowledge of the process for identifying, recording and approving standard and non-standard compensating aids used by Athletes in National Competitions.

N.B. Classifiers working in an official capacity must not fulfil any other official role at a competition e.g. physiotherapist for the team.

Course trainers

Lynn Lawford MCSP, Chartered Physiotherapist & FEI International Classifier

Lynn has been involved with RDA for over 30 years and is a chairperson of the Dyffryn Ceiriog Group and a founder volunteer setting up the Clwyd Special Riding Centre. For the last 12 years, Lynn has been an FEI International Classifier. Alongside this, Lynn is also a member of the RDA Dressage Committee, the FEI Classification Working Group and Compensating Aids Panel, and a course tutor.

Anthea Pell HCPC MCSP, Chartered Physiotherapist

Anthea has been a National Classifier for approximately 20 years. She is a member of ACPEA and more recently become an executive committee member. Anthea commits a lot of her time to the South East region RDA groups as their physiotherapist. Anthea is a fully qualified and highly experienced specialist paediatric neurological physiotherapist.

Cecilia Rosser HCPC, MCSP, Chartered Physiotherapist, Registered Physiotherapist (HKG), FEI International Classifier

Cecilia was a paediatric physiotherapist in Hong Kong since 1992 and involved with RDA (Hong Kong) for over 20 years before she moved to the UK. She was the team physiotherapist for the Hong Kong Para-equestrian team for 2008 Beijing Paralympic and 2012 London Paralympic. She has been a FEI International Para-equestrian Classifier for 15 years.

Course includes:

- Two-day course
- Course materials
- Lunch

How to pay

To pay via cheque, make the cheque payable to British Equestrian Federation and send it in with your registration form.

To make a BACs transfer the office will contact you.

Terms and Conditions

- Your place is not confirmed until the British Equestrian (BEF) has received your booking form in full payment
- Places on this course are non-refundable. If you are unavailable, a suitable, alternative delegate may attend on your behalf subject to BEF agreement
- In the unlikely event that BEF has to cancel the course you shall receive a full refund.

Booking Deadline

The booking deadline for this course is **7 October 2021.**