

## Summary of Changes made to the IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual (FCS) 2009-2012 for publication in 2013

Although the revision of the Functional Classification System does not involve many major changes to its contents, the general layout has been modified to improve clarity and logic in its organization.

Writing of the previous, 2009-2012 FCS was dictated by the necessity to comply with the IPC Classification Code, while identifying and readjusting sections that could be influenced by the ISAF regulations. The format was therefore aligned on the IPC classification code.

The previous document was laid out in four sections, of which part D contained all the appendices. These have now been re-located to their appropriate sections A, B, and C. Please remember that the main Document cannot be modified during the quadrennium, while any Appendix can be modified at any time by the Medical Committee with approval of the IFDS Executive Committee.

Other principle changes are as follows:

### **Introduction**

The glossary has been enhanced and included as an appendix to the introduction section.

### **Section A**

- The general layout has been modified, with addition of section A5 dedicated to **classification administration and regulations**, including all matters discussed in the previous section A4;
- Following IPC and IBSA modifications of vision impairment classification, all relevant sections concerning vision impairment have been modified accordingly, in particular to
- accommodate the new testing methodology, and new definitions of IBSA class BI, B2, and B3. However, the outcome for previously classified vision impaired sailors should not be influenced;
- Section A 1.5 has been modified, section A1 .5 .4 has been reworded in regards to minimum disability;
- Section A 2.2.2 has been amended to accommodate the possibility of specifying in which year an R status sailor must be reclassified;
- Section A3 .2 .2 and other references have been modified to read **one year** in accordance with IPC/IBSA recommendation;
- Section A3 .5 .5 .8 is added;
- Section A3 .6 .2 and relevant references now also refer to the Class ***ineligible to compete*** which was lacking in the previous FCS;
- Appendix A6 **IFDS Vision Test Form** is new, based on IPC/IBSA **medical diagnostics forms**;
- Appendix A7 is amended to accommodate classification of athletes with both physical and vision impairment;
- Appendix A10 **Procedure for the Vision Document Analysis** has been added;
- Appendix A11 **Determine IBSA and IFDS Classes** has been added;
- Appendix A12 **Classification Administration Fee** has been added to permit modification of this amount during the quadrennium.

## **Section B**

- Section 1.5.1.5 has been added;
- Section B1.8.1.3 has been reworded in accordance with IPC classification code;
- Section 1.8.3.3 has been reworded;
- Appendix B5 **Procedure for handling a protest** has been added.

## **Section C**

- Section C1 .3 .4 has been reworded to include education concerning WADA recommendations;
- Section 1.5.2 includes more tasks;
- Sections C2 .1 .1 .1 has been modified.