

## **Provisional Classification for IPC Nordic Skiing Competitions**

If an athlete does not have an official international classification, a provisional classification can be done in World Cups and other IPC sanctioned races where no official classification team is present. The following procedure will be used:

An official representative of the national team requiring provisional classification must notify the IPC Nordic Skiing Chief Classifier of the need as soon as possible. If the request is not made more than 30 days before the competition, arrangements may not be possible – this will have to be determined by the Chief Classifier. The Chief Classifier will appoint at least two (2) experienced people to make the decision about classification for that event. These people may be classifiers or coaches/team staff. Coaches must not be from the same nation as the athlete involved. One person will be made responsible for arranging the classification time and reporting the classification decision to the Chief Classifier.

### **B Class Athletes**

If the athlete is expecting to be classified in the B1 class, he/she must bring to the competition a pair of opaque (dark) glasses in accordance with the IPC Nordic Skiing Rules (Rule 340.1.12). If the athlete is not classified as B1, he/she will be classified as B3 for a provisional classification until an official classification can be made.

### **LW Class Athletes**

If the athlete is in one of the classes with a range of percentages; the highest percentage will be used until the athlete has the opportunity to be classified by an authorized classification team.

For athletes in the sitting category, it may be very difficult to decide the class. If there is doubt about if the athlete is in an LW 10.5, LW11 or LW11.5 class - the athlete has to be placed in the class with less disability (eg, LW11.5). This will be his/her class until he/she is classified through the normal classification procedure with an authorized classification team.