

# CONSENT FOR CLASSIFICATION FOR PARA EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION



## PART A: INFORMATION FOR RIDERS

### DEFINITIONS

- Classification:** Classification strives to ensure fair competition at all levels by systematically grouping athletes according to their functional abilities in their sport. Classification is an *ongoing* process and takes place at all major competitions, prior to and during competition.
- Classification Process:** An appropriately accredited classifier carries out the assessment for classification. For riders with a physical impairment the assessment will include a physical examination. Riders will be observed on and off the horse during competition and practice. Riders with an intellectual impairment or visual impairment are assessed through a different process.
- Classifier:** An FEI accredited para equestrian (PE) classifier. For national competition, the classifier must be at least a national classifier and for international competition classification must be carried out by two Internationally accredited P E Classifiers.
- Eligibility:** To be eligible for classification a rider must have a diagnosed health condition that causes a permanent impairment that can be measured objectively.
- Profile:** A graphical and numerical system representing different impairments.
- Grade:** A grouping of profiles representing similar levels of impairment.
- Rider Classification Card:** A document describing the results of the classification assessment, special equipment used and personal details. The classifier carrying out the assessment holds the original Rider Classification Card and the rider and Equestrian Australia hold a copy. Details of the rider's assessment (Profile & Grade) are entered onto a database held by EA.

### RIGHTS OF THE RIDER DURING THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

- To be treated politely and with respect throughout the classification process.
- To take part in the classification process in reasonable privacy.
- To be given clear information about the classification process.
- To have all information treated confidentially at all times.
- To have a representative present throughout the classification process.
- To have access to an interpreter if required.
- To expect every attempt to be made by the classifier to minimise pain & discomfort.
- To appeal a classification decision through the approved EA procedure if not satisfied.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RIDER DURING THE CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

- To cooperate fully during the classification and to provide all information required. This may include confirmation of diagnosis or disorder or whatever medical or scientific evidence required to complete the classification process.
- To comply with all other reasonable requests made by the classifiers throughout the classification process.
- To ask about any aspect of the classification process that is not clear.
- To inform EA of any significant changes (improvement or deterioration) in your disability.
- To treat Classifiers politely and with respect.

**CONSENT FOR CLASSIFICATION  
PART B**

**Release and Waiver of Liability**

- I have read and understand the information provided regarding the classification process.
- I have read and understand my rights & responsibilities.
- I understand that failure to cooperate with the classifiers or failure to complete the classification process will lead to ineligibility to compete in the competition sanctioned by EA.
- I understand that I am required to undergo a physical examination involving assessment of movement, joints and muscles.
- I understand the classifiers will endeavour to minimize pain & discomfort but that the classifiers are not responsible for any pain and suffering experienced in the course of the assessment process.
- I understand that I may be required to undergo assessment for classification on more than one occasion.
- I understand that a copy of my Rider Classification Card will be held by EA and the Classifier who carried out the assessment will hold the original.
- I understand that my classification grade reflects the level at which I must compete.
- I understand that my classification grade cannot be used to determine my skill as a rider.
- I understand and acknowledge that horse sports are a dangerous activity and that horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt.
- I understand and acknowledge that serious **INJURY** or **DEATH** may result from horse sport activities in which I participate. I agree that **I RIDE** at my **OWN RISK**.

Have you ever applied for classification previously?  Yes  No  
If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_ and when \_\_\_\_\_  
and what was the outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

EA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of guardian (if rider is under 18 years) or responsible other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Horse Sports are a Dangerous Activity***

**EFFECT OF THIS DOCUMENT**

I understand that my signature to this document constitutes a complete and unconditional release of Equestrian Australia of all liability including all of its state bodies, coaches, classifiers and other personnel, to the greatest extent allowed by law in the event of me and/or the children under my care, suffering injury or death.

Signature of rider/guardian/other responsible person: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_