

QUAD CLASSIFICATION UPDATE

Further to the new regulations for quad classification introduced at the start of 2005, approximately 65% of all registered quads and 95% of all quads on the ranking have now been classified.

At the last meeting of the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Medical Commission the following important decisions were taken with regard to the quad classification process:

1. Firstly, Member Nations are now able to request classification in their own country with the following stipulations:
 - If two classifiers are requested to visit a country for classification, then decisions will be taken in all cases. If only one classifier is requested, then decisions will only be made in clear-cut cases. If there is any doubt in the mind of the classifier, then the player will be required to be seen by another classifier at a further classification tournament.
 - The Member Nation will be responsible for the costs of all travel, accommodation and food for the classifier(s). The Member Nation will also be required to pay a per diem of US\$75 to the classifier. A US\$100 classification fee must also be paid for each player.

There are currently 4 ITF classifiers from Australia, Canada, Great Britain and The Netherlands. All administration for Member Nations requesting a classifier to travel to their country must be done through the ITF Office.

2. In addition, videos or DVDs can now be used as evidence of quad status. If the Member Nation considers that the player fully meets all the ITF quad criteria, we would ask that they send either a video or a DVD to the ITF Office which includes the following material:
 - The player stating name, date of birth and country of residence
 - Footage of general play and movement around the court
 - Footage of a forehand, a backhand, a service action and a smash
 - Close up shots of the front and back of the hands
 - Close up shots of the player opening and closing their hand (i.e. attempting to make a fist several times)
 - Close up shots of any taping used
 - A copy of the passport of the player should also be included with the video/DVD

If quad status is still not clear after reviewing the video/DVD evidence, then the player will be requested to attend classification.

If you require any further information regarding either of these issues, please contact Amy Garlick at amy.garlick@itftennis.com