Classifier Expression of Interest Form Para-Cycling
(Athletes with a physical impairment)

Background

What is classification?
Classification helps to define which athletes are eligible to compete in each of the sports. It also helps to ensure a level playing field by grouping athletes into classes based on their ability to perform a certain activity.

How are athletes' classifications defined?
Every athlete goes through an evaluation, conducted by authorised technical officials called "classifiers", who are appointed by the national and international governing body of that particular sport. It is a long-term and in some cases ongoing process which takes place at all major events, before and during competition.

How does it work?
Classifiers assess the athlete's impairment and how it impacts on their ability to perform certain functions in the sport. After each evaluation the athletes are assigned a sport class.

Classifier ‘Key’ Competencies

*Mandatory:*
- Medical classifiers must have qualifications in Medicine or Physiotherapy.
- Technical classifiers must have a degree in Sports Science or similar.

*Highly desirable:*
- Experience in neurological rehabilitation, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injuries, sport (cycling), classification in another sport, interest in cycling.

Commitment
Classifiers will be required to volunteer at a minimum of one British Para-Cycling event (1–2 days) in the first year to achieve/maintain their certification OR complete a minimum of 5 athlete classifications each year.

In the first year as a provisional L1 classifier the role is a voluntary position with all reasonable expenses covered by British Cycling. After this first year, classifiers will be reimbursed for their time.

Application Details

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Area of interest: Medical  Technical

Relevant Qualifications (please attach a CV separately)

Relevant Disability Experience

Cycling Background

**Applicant Declaration**

I am aware that the selection of successful applicants for training opportunities is the decision of British Cycling. If I am successful in my application, I fully intend to take up my position and maintain my commitment for Cycling in Britain for a minimum of 3 years.

All information provided to me in this application and any supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Signature: __________________________  Date: / / *

**Endorsement (Official Use only)**

| Applicant has been endorsed for training | Yes | No |
| Organisation | |
| Name | Signature |
| Date | |

The dates for the 2017 L1 Classifier Training will be from the 25th-28th January. Training will take place during the National Track Championships in Manchester at the National Cycling Centre.

Please send completed application forms to ancora@britishcycling.org.uk by 22nd Dec 2016.