



# COURSE FOR CLASSIFIERS IN WHEELCHAIR DANCE (PARA DANCE SPORT) NATIONAL LEVEL

WHEELCHAIR DANCERS, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER PARA ATHLETES, MUST BE CLASSIFIED BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN COMPETITIONS. THIS IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE FAIRNESS.

The Finnish Wheelchair Dance Federation (FWDF) organizes a course for classifiers in November 2021. The course is aimed at physical therapists and medical doctors with a relevant speciality, e.g. physiatry. Prior experience in classification in other para sport is helpful but not necessary. The course will give them an understanding of the classification guidelines implemented by the IPC (International Paralympic Committee) in Para Dance Sport and adapted by the FWDF in national rules. Finnish participants will earn a National Classifier certificate when completing the course. The course will be conducted in English by veteran IPC classifier **Gerda Nelles** from Belgium.

Theory covered by the course:

- competition and classification rules in wheelchair dance
- different disciplines of wheelchair dance (combi, duo, single / standard, latin, freestyle)
- wheelchair dancing as a para sport
- qualities of dance wheelchairs

Practical portion of the course:

- determining eligibility and minimum disability criteria
- tests for allocating sport class
- practising classification and/or following real classifications

The course starts with all participants observing a real competition on Saturday 6th November..

Time: Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th of November 2021

Place: Kuopio, FINLAND

Price: Course fee 180 €

Accommodation offer at *Kunnonpaikka* spa-hotel: 97 € / night (single room)

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