

National Ski Associations
Via Email

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FIS Para Snow Sports Classifier Course

Dear Ski and Snowboard Friends,

We are pleased to announce that FIS will be hosting a Para Snow Sports Classifier Course from 31 May – 02 June 2024, in Sursee, Switzerland.

The course is open to individuals who are either new to Classification or have experience, and who aspire to be trained to deliver national or International Classification.

There are two Classifier pathways that participants may follow: Para Nordic, or Para Alpine Skiing and Para Snowboard. The new Classifier Pathways are found on the FIS website using the following links:

[Para Alpine Classification](#) / [Para Snowboard Classification](#)
[Para Nordic Classification](#)

Course information

The Classifier Course will take place over three days and will involve theory sessions, classification assessment simulations, and video observation. Some sessions will overlap across the disciplines, while others will be taught separately.

Participants will be taught by FIS Classifier Educators and assessed on their competencies over the three days. The seminar will end with a written exam.

Those participants who display the required competencies of a Classifier and who pass the final exam will be certified as a Classifier Trainee and may proceed along the Classifier Pathway if desired.

Participation requirements

The course will be taught in English and therefore participants must have sufficient English language skills to follow along and to be involved in discussions.

Participants must also meet the following criteria:

Para Alpine Skiing/ Para Snowboard

Para Alpine Skiing and Para Snowboard Classifier Candidates must hold:

- a medical qualification as a physician who has experience in dealing with Underlying Health Conditions that may lead to an Eligible Impairment catered for by Para Alpine Skiing or Snowboarding; or
- a physiotherapy qualification or other related disciplines with experience of individuals with the clinical manifestations of the Eligible Impairments catered for by Para Alpine Skiing or Para Snowboarding; and
- a requisite level of anatomical, biomechanical, and sport-specific expertise in the sport of (adaptive) Alpine Skiing or Snowboarding.

Para Nordic

Para Nordic Classifier Candidates must hold:

As a Medical Classifier -

- a medical qualification as a physician who has experience in dealing with Underlying Health Conditions that may lead to an Eligible Impairment catered for by Para Nordic; or
- a physiotherapy qualification or other related disciplines with experience of individuals with the clinical manifestations of the Eligible Impairments catered for by Para Nordic; and
- a requisite level of anatomical, biomechanical, and sport-specific expertise in the sport of (adaptive) Nordic skiing.

As a Technical Classifier -

- wide coaching experience or qualification in Para Nordic coaching, physical education, sport sciences, biomechanics, kinesiology, or reputable academic qualification with a working knowledge of Para Nordic; and
- at least a basic knowledge of the activity limitation provoked by the Eligible Impairments in Para Nordic.

Participants who do not hold one of the relevant qualifications specified above, but who have the desire to learn more about classification to support their National Ski Association (NSA) are also invited to participate in the course but will not be able to achieve certification as a Classifier Trainee.

All participants will be required to complete the [IPC Classification Fundamentals online course](#) prior to the start of the course.

Logistical Information

Dates: 31 May – 02 June 2024 (approx. 09:00-17:00 each day)

Participation fee: 400 CHF per participant which includes lunch and refreshments on each day of the course.

Location: [Campus Sursee](#), 6210 Sursee, Switzerland. Further logistical information will be shared with successful candidates.

Accommodation: Rooms have been pre-reserved at Campus Sursee for arrival on the 30th of May and departure on the 3rd of June. A booking link will be shared with successful candidates.

Room	Rate
Single Room 'Premium' Bed and Breakfast	157.80 CHF*

*Prices are per room per night and include VAT and guest tax of CHF 1.80 per person per night.

For the avoidance of doubt, all costs of classifier training and recertification is the responsibility of the candidate and/or their respective NSA.

Applications

Interested participants must submit an application via the following link no later than 03 March 2024: <https://forms.office.com/e/74HdjYw7vu> A resume and copy of any relevant qualifications must additionally be submitted via email to getzmann@fis-ski.com.

The course can hold up to 30 participants. In case of too many applicants, FIS will prioritise those applicants with the appropriate qualifications on a first come, first serve basis.

FIS will advise applicants as soon as possible about their admission to the course. In case of an insufficient number of applications, FIS reserves the right to postpone or cancel the course following the application deadline. FIS assumes no liability for any costs incurred by the participant as a result of such postponement or cancellation.

We kindly ask you to pass this invitation on to any individuals that might be interested in joining the course.

Kind regards,

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