



**BRITISH SHOOTING<sup>®</sup>**

**BRITISH SHOOTING PARALYMPIC  
CLASSIFICATION STRATEGY**



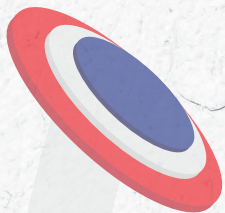


## PRINCIPLE OF CLASSIFICATION

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- Shooting Para Sport is governed at the international level by **World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS)**
- Classification enables athletes with an **eligible impairment** to compete in rifle and pistol shooting at a Paralympic level (Para Trap/VI Rifle at World level).
- Shooting Para Sport adheres to ISSF rules as closely as possible with adaptations to minimise the impact of impairment and for safety. **WSPS Technical Rules** sit alongside ISSF Technical Rules
- The classification process determines which sport class an athlete competes in and is governed by **WSPS Classification Rules**





## CLASSIFICATION IN SHOOTING PARA SPORT

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- **WSPS Classification Rules** are compliant with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Classification Code
- Classification is conducted at International competition by a **Classification Panel** (with medical and technical expertise) and at National level by a **National Classifier**
- **Eligible Impairments** (subject to **Minimum Impairment Criteria**) are:
  - *Impaired Muscle Power* e.g. spinal cord injury, muscular dystrophy, spina bifida
  - *Limb deficiency*
  - *Hypertonia/Ataxia/Athetosis* through brain injury
  - *Impaired Passive Range of Movement*
- **Non-eligible impairments** are fluctuating, non-measurable or have no impact on performance. These include pain, low muscle tone and hypermobility of joints.
- **Sport Class Status** is allocated following classification - Confirmed, Review or Not Eligible

## SPORT CLASSES IN SHOOTING PARA SPORT

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- **SH1 (Rifle)** – Minimum Impairment Criteria for lower limbs
- **SH1 (Pistol)** – Minimum Impairment Criteria for lower and/or upper limbs
- **SH2 (Rifle)** – Minimum Impairment Criteria for upper limbs (support stand with spring and a loader permitted)

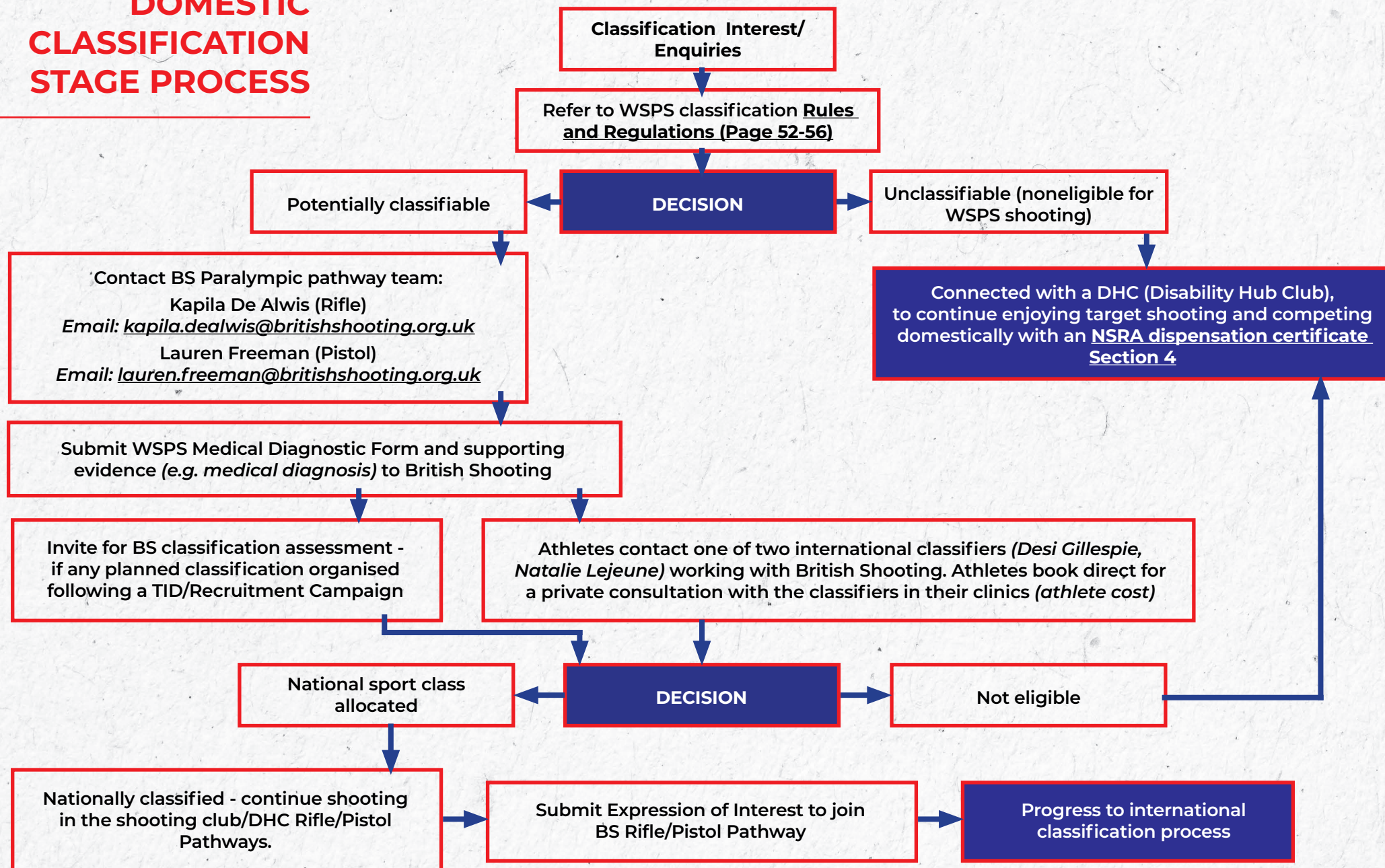
## SUB CLASSES (ONCE SPORT CLASS IS ALLOCATED)

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- **SH1 and SH2 - Visible free height** (determined by assessment of trunk stability)
  - *A – No backrest on chair*
  - *B – Low backrest on chair*
  - *C – High backrest on chair*
- **SH2 - Spring Stiffness** (determined by assessment of muscle power in shooting arm)
  - *A – Strong spring*
  - *B – Weak spring*

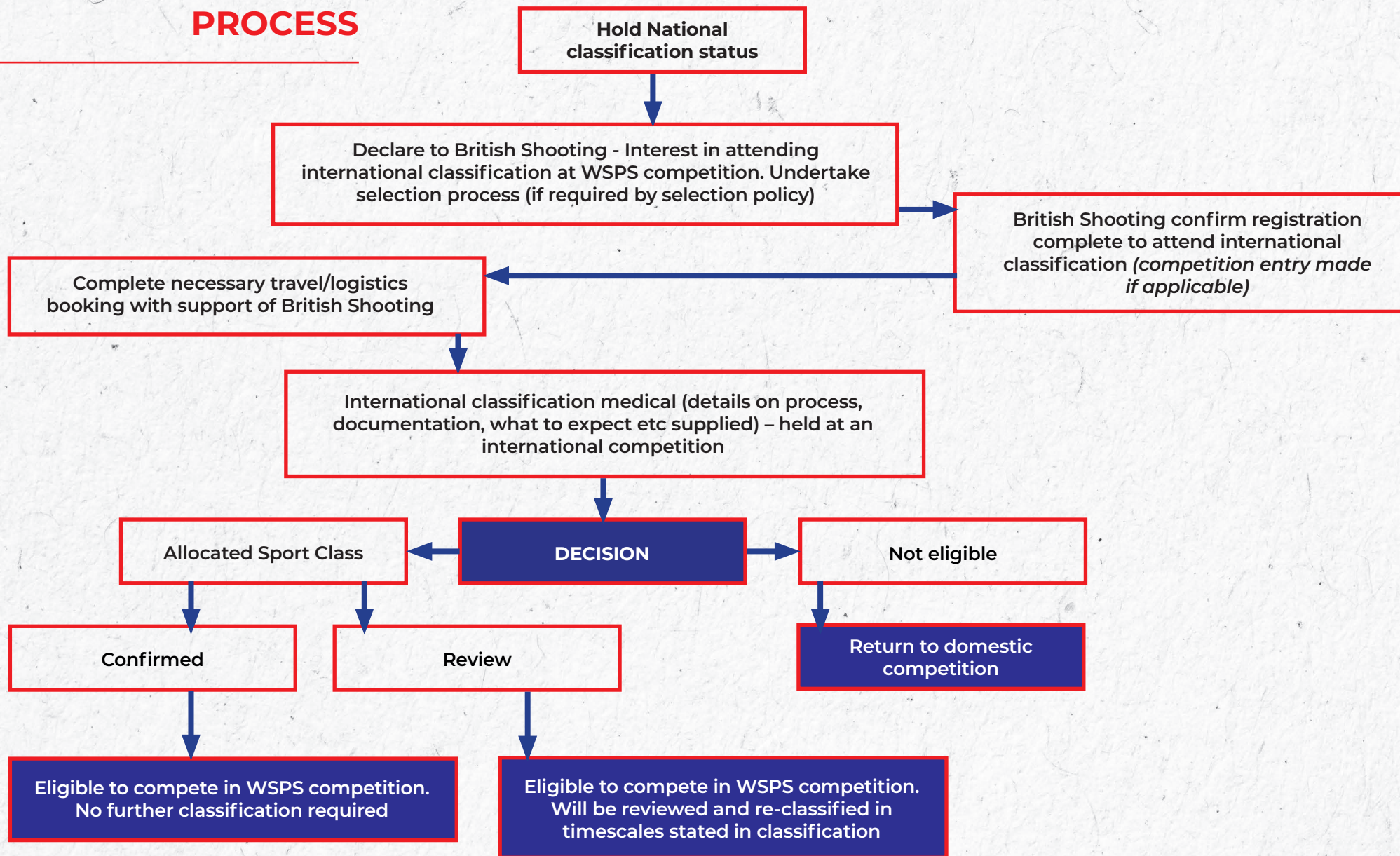


# DOMESTIC CLASSIFICATION STAGE PROCESS





# INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION STAGE PROCESS





The British Shooting Paralympic Classification Strategy focusses on supporting athletes with a high likelihood of achieving an international classification to attend WSPS competitions with a classification panel present. The National Classification process mirrors the international process, ensuring that when athletes go through international classification it is likely they will be deemed eligible to compete.

### **National Classifiers**

British Shooting has access to two physiotherapists who are qualified international classifiers who can conduct national classification within the UK.

- **Desi Gillespie**
- **Natalie Lejeune**

## **National Classification**

Whether organised centrally by British Shooting or direct with a classifier by the athlete, the process is the same.

The athletes complete and send the WSPS Medical Diagnostic Form well in advance of the date of assessment to the classifiers along with supporting medical evidence of the eligible impairment. This would include medical letters, copies of medical images (x-rays/CT/MRI) or photographs.

The classifier will require them to attend a face-to-face meeting to discuss/explore the eligible impairment listed to provide an accurate National classification. This may require physical contact to assess the impairment depending on individual circumstances.

Athletes will be informed whether they have been allocated a National Sport Class or if they are deemed not eligible. If an athlete is deemed not eligible, they will be provided with the reasoning behind this.

Shooters with a not eligible status will be signposted to Disability Hub Clubs where they can still enjoy the Target Shooting and compete in domestic competitions by obtaining an **NSRA dispensation certificate** - Section 4.

Shooters allocated a Sport Class will also be sign posted to Disability Hub Clubs or they can continue shooting at their shooting club. They will also be notified of future international classification opportunities. An international classification is required in order to be able to compete at WSPS international competitions and the Paralympic Games.