

<b>ROLE DESCRIPTION</b>			
<b>CLASSIFICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR</b>			
<b>Location:</b>	Home-based (global)	<b>Salary:</b>	-
<b>Reports to:</b>	Operations Manager	<b>Employment type:</b>	Volunteer
<b>INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE</b>			
<p>The International Rugby League (IRL) is the global governing body for the sport of rugby league. The IRL membership comprises over 50 members, who play approximately 100 international games annually – a number that, in normal times, was gradually increasing given the growing capacity and number of members. It is responsible for the Laws of the Game, the development, organisation and governance of all forms of rugby league internationally, and for the sport's major international tournaments most notably the Rugby League World Cups. There are currently two regional associations affiliated to the IRL; the Rugby League European Federation (RLEF) and the Asia-Pacific Rugby League Confederation (APRLC) through which the IRL works to develop the game, support nations and operate tournaments in the respective regions.</p>			
<b>MISSION OF INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop international rugby league by working with the regional Confederations in supporting existing members to improve their accreditation status within IRL and other international accreditation bodies e.g. GAISF, Commonwealth Games Federation and the IOC, and ensuring more nations become members, both of which require more people in more nations playing rugby league in domestic competitions</li> <li>• To establish a multi-year rolling calendar of international matches including IRL and Confederation tournaments and bilateral nation tournaments and matches; and to meet the growing demand for augmented women, wheelchair and other disability discipline international events</li> <li>• To stage world class events that deliver commercial value, grow audiences and inspire members to grow participation and talent development</li> <li>• To determine the international Laws of the game across all formats of the sport and ensure their consistent application in all competitions both internationally and domestically in member countries</li> <li>• To ensure integrity of the international game and compliance with the standards required by international monitoring bodies e.g. WADA</li> </ul>			
<b>THE CLASSIFICATIONS COMMITTEE ROLE</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>			
<p>The post holder will chair the IRL Classifications Committee, which will adminstrate classifications across all forms of disability rugby league, including but not limited to wheelchair, learning disability and physical disability. The Chair, who will be independent of professional affiliation with a current IRL member, will provide leadership of the</p>			



committee and direct its affairs, including communicating with the sport's other disability rugby league committees and event Local Organising Committees.

### **Principal responsibilities**

- Provide leadership to and chair the IRL Classifications Committee ("CC")
- Create, through the CC, a classifications framework in line with the tenets of the parasport movement that is suitable for implementation in all formats of disability rugby league. The framework should reflect the six impairment groups identified by the International Paralympic Committee: amputees; athletes with Cerebral Palsy; blind or visually impaired athletes; spinal cord injured athletes; athletes with intellectual/learning disability; other athletes with a physical impairment who do not fit into any of the five previous categories
- Create, through the CC, an application process whereby athletes are evaluated and allocated to a sport class, in line with the classifications framework
- Effectively coordinate with colleagues, especially members of disability rugby league committees
- Raise the profile of the IRL by successfully positioning the federation amongst other first class disability sports

### **Duties / activities**

- Ensure the CC meets an appropriate amount of time to, firstly, create, then periodically review, the disability rugby league classifications framework
- Maintain appropriate levels of communication with fellow CC members
- Manage the processing and archiving of athletes applying for classification in a central database through delegation to the appropriate executive support function
- Field and respond to, either personally or through delegation, requests from the membership or event LOCs on classification matters
- Ensure knowledge of the major changes and trends in the disability sport world is up to date and relevant

### **Essential skills / experience**

- Excellent spoken and written English
- First class knowledge of disability sport classification systems and their practical application
- Ability to operate in a remote management environment with first class administration skills
- Proven leadership and effective team management
- Proven excellence in communication skills in a multi-cultural environment
- Understanding the demands of elite and grassroots disability sport
- Digital competencies, including good IT and presentation skills
- Experience of establishing, building and maintaining effective relationships with a wide range of external groups, organisations and/or individuals
- The ability to operate in a structured manner with maintenance of excellent record keeping

## **SCOPE OF ROLE RESPONSIBILITY**

### **Working hours**





- The role is voluntary, with the successful applicant required to commit to approximately three meetings per year, but maybe more depending on the exigencies of the role and the timing of disability rugby league tournaments

**Decision Making**

The post holder will be responsible for making decisions, involving a range of facts and situations, which require analysis of a range of options, will require initiative, interpretation of policy and procedure.

**Human Resources**

The post holder will report to the Global Operations Manager.

**Freedom to Act**

Within clearly defined IRL policies, resolutions of the Board and CC, and at the discretion of the line manager.

**Financial Responsibilities**

None.

All reasonable expenses for travel and subsistence that have been authorised will be met.

**APPLICATION**

Interested candidates should submit their CV and a covering letter (of not more than 300 words) to IRL Executive Assistant Michele Reed [Michele.Reed@GRLSL.com](mailto:Michele.Reed@GRLSL.com)

