



New Zealand Wheelchair Rugby 'Social' Player Application Form

Intention of the Social Dispensation:

Applications for a '**Social (S)**' classification will be reviewed by a subcommittee of at least three people. Any '**Social (S)**' classification issued will be valid for one season and will not be recognised at the NZ Low Point Nationals or NZ Nationals.

This intention of the '**Social (S)**' classification is to:

- Assist new athletes while they learn and develop into the game of Wheelchair Rugby
- Allow athletes to remain involved in the game if fitness/ability is affecting their competitiveness *NB: if an athlete feels their condition has changed, please contact the Head Classifier – Sara Edwards.*
- Assist developing regions to compete in tournaments when a reduced player base may limit their ability to field an appropriate point line up
- Allow players who are not eligible under IWRF classification rules to play at a class lower than that of Able Bodied or Paraplegic athletes

Note: NZWR recognises the importance to protect athletes for whom Wheelchair Rugby is designed for. It also recognises the need to develop athletes in their official classification, as such these will be two primary factors considered during each application.