# IRUGBY

#### ROLE DESCRIPTION INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE CLASSIFICATION ADVISORY GROUP CHAIR

Location: Reports to: Home-based (global) Secretary General Salary: Employment type: Voluntary

#### INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE

International Rugby League (IRL) is the global governing body for the sport of rugby league. The IRL membership comprises approximately 60 members, who play approximately 100 international games annually – a number that is 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 rugby league internationally, and for the sport's major international tournaments most notably the Rugby League World Cup. There are currently two regional confederations affiliated to the IRL; European Rugby League (ERL) and the Asia-Pacific Rugby League Confederation (APRL) through which the IRL works to develop the game, support nations and operate tournaments in the respective regions.

#### MISSION OF INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE

- To be an inspiring, strong, global sports leader that offers compelling entertainment and participation opportunities to all
- Creating the environment, through a commercially successful international calendar of events, that fosters the global growth of the game, connecting people across all continents and cultures with our exciting sport
- Ensure that all of our activities are signposted by the IF's core values of cooperation, excellence, integrity and leadership
- To ensure integrity of the international game and compliance with the standards required by international monitoring bodies, such as WADA

## THE CLASSIFICATION ADVISORY GROUP CHAIR ROLE Purpose

The IRL Classification Advisory Group Chair ('the Appointee') role is a leadership function. The Appointee will be responsible for leadership of the advisory group (the "Group"), and through it advise the IRL on strategic direction and leadership of the international classification process in physical disability and wheelchair rugby league. The Appointee will be tasked with setting high governance standards, ensuring the effectiveness of the Group, through its representatives and maintaining clear communications with IRL management.

#### **Principal responsibilities**

- Serve as the senior IRL representative and if necessary spokesperson for all matters within rugby league classification
- Oversee any developments to and application of the classification system in use
- Cultivate, mentor, coordinate and lead the Group's individual representatives
- Maintain regular communications of the Group's activities with IRL management

#### Duties / activities

- Decide an annual calendar of Group meetings, and their accompanying agendas, to oversee the progression of the IRL's classification activities
- Facilitate the agreement and mapping of high level objectives for the Group



- Chair Group meetings, reviewing past actions and setting new tasks on a case by case basis to ensure efficiency
- Overseeing, in line with the Group secretary and senior IRL classification officers, the successful and timely implementation of tasks agreed by the Group
- Reviewing, annually, the performance of other Group representatives with the secretary

#### Essential skills / experience

- Understanding of the disability sporting landscape, in particular classifications
- Excellent spoken and written English
- Experience of chairing a group, including cultivation of debate and a free exchange of ideas, and the ability to unite the Group behind an agreed series of decisions
- Ability to operate in a remote management environment with first class communication and delegation skills
- Proven leadership ability with an effective mentoring record
- Proven excellence in communication skills in a multi-cultural environment

#### Desirable skills / experience

- Professional/governance experience with sport
- Knowledge of the international sporting landscape, including governmental, nongovernmental and omnisport organisations
- Speaks more than one language

### SCOPE OF ROLE RESPONSIBILITY

#### Working hours

- The role is part-time, with the successful applicant required to commit to a reasonable number of hours required to meet the requirements of this role description
- As a rough guide, the Group will hold approximately four meetings annually

#### **Decision Making**

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

#### Freedom to Act

Within clearly defined IRL policies and regulations.

#### **Financial Responsibilities**

Operates within budgets determined by the Board of Directors.

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 the IRL's <u>charlotte.monkman@intrl.sport</u> by **5pm UK on Friday 12 April 2024**.