

PARA-ATHLETICS CLASSIFICATION



In Para-Athletics, Classification groups eligible athletes with similar impairments to allow for a fair and even playing field.

PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT

PROVISIONAL CLASSIFICATION

- Allows athletes to compete up to and including State Level Competition.
- Classification forms to be completed by your physiotherapist/doctor and submitted online.

NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION

- Allows athletes to compete up to and including National Level Competition.
- In-person classification opportunities provided in each state and at the Australian National and All Schools Championships.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION

- Required for athletes representing Australia at International Level Competition including the Paralympic Games and World Para Athletics Championships.

VISION IMPAIRMENT

- Paralympics Australia is responsible for managing classification opportunities for athletes with a vision impairment.

HEARING IMPAIRMENT

- Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) is the national sports organisation responsible for Hearing Impaired classifications.

INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT

- Sport Inclusion Australia (SIA) is the national organisation responsible for classifying athletes with an Intellectual Impairment.

TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT

- Transplant Australia is the national organisation responsible for Transplant Recipient classifications.

MULTI-CLASS COMPETITION

- Once an athlete receives a classification, they are added to the Athletics Australia Masterlist.
- In Australia, athletes compete in multi-class events using a baseline scoring system that provides a simplified way to compare performances in multi-class events across all athletes with an eligible classification.
- Baseline uses a base time/distance/height in each class for each contestable event and measures this as a percentage against the individual athletes performance to generate a percentage score.

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PARALYMPIC PATHWAY



- T/F11-13 Athletes with a Vision Impairment
- T/F20 Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment
- F31-T/F34 Athletes with Hypertonia, Ataxia or Athetosis (compete sitting)
- T/F35-38 Athletes with Hypertonia, Ataxia or Athetosis (compete standing)
- T/F40-41 Athletes with Short Stature
- T/F42-47 Athletes with Limb Loss, Muscle Weakness or Impaired Range of Motion (compete standing)
- T51-T54 Athletes with Limb Loss, Muscle Weakness or Impaired Range of Motion (compete in track chair)
- F51-57 Athletes with Limb Loss, Muscle Weakness or Impaired Range of Motion (compete seated)
- T/F61-64 Athletes with Limb Loss/Leg Length Difference who compete with a Prosthesis
- T71-72 Athletes with Hypertonia, Ataxia or Athetosis (compete in Frame Runner)

NON-PARALYMPIC PATHWAY

There are many additional opportunities to be involved, both with and without a classification, from participation through to elite level competition including some of the examples below.

VIRTUS GLOBAL GAMES

- Oceania and Global Competition pathways through Sport Inclusion Australia including the Virtus Global Games.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

- State, National, and International Competition opportunities through Special Olympics Australia including the Special Olympics World Games.

WORLD DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS

- National and International pathway opportunities through Deaf Sports Australia including the Australian Deaf Games, and World Deaf Championships.

WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES

- National and International pathway opportunities through Transplant Australia including the World Transplant Games.



FIND OUT MORE

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