

# 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 Australian Athletics 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 a frame runner)

## NON PARALYMPIC PATHWAY



- T/F01 Athletes with a Hearing Impairment
- T/F21 Athletes with a Significant intellectual Impairment
- T/F60 Athletes who are Transplant Recipients (solid organ and bone marrow recipients)

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

- Virtus Global Games
- World Deaf Championships
- Special Olympics World Games
- World Transplant Games



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