

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

Track & Field (NB: also used for Cross Country where applicable)

Current Classification	Previous Classification	Definition
Deaf (Track & Field Events)		
T/F 01	HI Equivalent to Au2	55db loss on the average at 500, 1000 and 2000Hz in the better ear
Visually Impaired		
T/F 11	B1	From no light perception at all in either eye, up to and including the ability to perceive light; inability to recognise objects or contours in any direction and at any distance.
T/F 12	B2	Ability to recognise objects up to a distance of 2 metres ie below 2/60 and/or visual field of less than five (5) degrees.
T/F13	B3	Can recognise contours between 2 and 6 metres away ie 2/60-6/60 and visual field of more than five (5) degrees and less than twenty (20) degrees.
Intellectually Disabled		
T/F 20	ID	Intellectually disabled. The athlete's intellectual functioning is 75 or below. Limitations in two or more of the following adaptive skill areas; communication, self-care; home living, social skills, community use, self direction, health and safety, functional academics, leisure and work. They must have acquired their condition before age 18.
Cerebral Palsy		
	C2 Upper Wheelchair	Severe to moderate quadriplegia. Upper extremity events are performed by pushing the wheelchair with one or two arms and the wheelchair propulsion is restricted due to poor control. Upper extremity athletes have limited control of movements, but are able to produce some semblance of throwing motion.
T/F 33	C3 Wheelchair	Moderate quadriplegia. Fair functional strength and moderate problems in upper extremities and torso. Wheelchair for daily activities but may be ambulant with assistive devices.
T/F 34	C4 Wheelchair	Moderate to severe problems in lower limbs, good functional strength and minimal control problems in upper limbs and torso. Wheelchair for daily activities but may be ambulant with assistive devices.
T/F 35	C5 Ambulatory	Good functional strength and minimal control problems in upper limbs. No wheelchair. May or may not use assistive devices.
T/F 36	C6 Ambulatory	Greater upper limb involvement, less co-ordination / balance problems when running or throwing. Ambulates without walking devices.
T/F 37	C7 Ambulatory	Moderate to minimal hemiplegia (ie one half of the body affected – arm and leg on same side). Good functional ability in non affected side. Walks / runs without assistive devices, but with a limp.
T/F 38	C8 Ambulatory	Minimal hemiplegia. May have minimal co-ordination problems, good balance. Runs and jumps freely.
Amputee & Les Autres (Track Events)		
T 40 / T41		Short stature
T 42	A2, A9	Single leg, above or through knee amputation. Combined lower plus upper limb amputations. Minimal disability
T 43	A3, A9	Double leg, below knee amputation. Combined lower plus upper limb amputations. Normal function in throwing arm.
T 44	A4, A9, LAT3	Single leg below knee amputation. Combined lower plus upper limb amputations. Ambulant with moderately reduced function in one or both lower limbs.
T 45	A5,A7	Double arm above elbow. Double arm below elbow.

T 46	A6,A8,LAT4	Single arm, above elbow. Single arm, below elbow. Normal function in both lower limbs. Other impairments in trunk. Upper limb function in throwing.
T47	New	Single arm, through wrist. Combined with T46. Not eligible for running events over 400m.
Amputee & Les Autres (Field Events)		
F 40 / F41		Short stature
F 42	A2,A9, LAF5,F8	Single leg, above or through knee amputation. Combined lower plus upper limb amputations. Minimal disability.
F43	A3,A9,LAF5,F8	Double leg, below the knee amputation. Combined lower plus upper limb amputations. Normal function in throwing arm.
F 44	A4,A9,LAF5,F8	Single leg below the knee amputation. Combined lower plus upper limb amputations. Ambulant with moderately reduced function in one or both lower limbs.
F 45	A5,A7	Double arm above elbow. Double arm below elbow.
F 46	A6,A8,LAF6	Single arm, above elbow.. Single arm below elbow. Normal function in both lower limbs. Other impairments in trunk. Upper limb function in throwing.
Wheelchair Athletes (Track Events)		
T 52	T2	Damage to spinal cord in the higher parts of the back. Substantially impaired or no trunk function; no leg function. Pushing power comes from elbow extensions.
T 53	T3	Impaired trunk movements, some with no spinal control. Some interference in their ability to perform long and forceful strokes and the ability to rapidly grasp and release the pushing rim of the wheel.
T 54	T4	Have normal or nearly normal upper limb function. May have no upper trunk movements and when pushing, the trunk is usually lying on the legs. Those with almost normal trunk function are able to perform long and forceful strokes. Double above the knee amputations
Wheelchair Athletes (Field Events)		
F 52	F1, LAF1, CP2	Limited arm function. Difficulty gripping with non-throwing arm. Shot - Unable to form a fist and therefore do not usually have finger contact with the shot at the release point. Discus – Have difficulty placing fingers over the edge of the discus. Javelin – Usually grip the Javelin between the index and middle fingers, or between the middle and ring fingers.
F 53	F2, LAF1, CP2, CP3	Have nearly normal grip with non-throwing arm Shot – Usually a good fist can be made. Can spread fingers apart and can ‘grasp’ the shot put when throwing. Discus – have good finger function to hold the discus and may be able to impart spin on the discus. Are able to spread and close the fingers, but not with normal power. Javelin – Usually grip Javelin between the thumb and the index finger. Have ability to hold javelin.
F 54	F4, LAF3, CP3, CP4	Normal arm function; no trunk or leg function. Shot, Discus and Javelin – Have no sitting balance and usually hold onto part of chair whilst throwing.
F 55	F5, LAF3, CP3, CP4	Some trunk function; no leg function. Fair to good sitting balance.
F 56	F6, (A1), (A9), LAF3, CP4, CP5	Trunk function with some upper leg function. Good balance and movements backwards and forwards.
F 57	F7, (A1), (A9), LAF3	Usually one ‘good’ leg and one ‘bad’ leg. Good movements backwards and forwards, usually to one side. Can raise from a sitting to a standing position with assistance during the throw.
F 58	F8, A2, A3, (A9), LAF3, (LAF4)	Seated. Better function than F57 athletes, but not enough to stand to throw. Usually similar impairment in both legs.
Transplantee		
T/F60*		Transplantee. A person who has received a kidney, heart, heart and lung, liver or bone marrow transplant.

SWIMMING

Swimming is the only sport that combines the conditions of amputation (limb loss), cerebral palsy (co-ordination and movement restrictions), spinal cord Injury (weakness or paralysis involving any combination of the limbs) and other disabilities across classes.

Classes 1-10 – are for swimmers with a physical disability

Classes 11-13 – are for swimmers with a visual disability

Class 14 – is for swimmers with an intellectual disability

The Prefix **S** – denotes the class for freestyle, backstroke and butterfly

The Prefix **SB** – denotes the class for breaststroke

The Prefix **SM** – denotes the class for individual medley

The range is from the swimmers with least ability for the stroke – severe disability – (S1, SB1, SM1) to those with the most physical ability – minimal disability – (S10, SB9, SM10)

In any one class some swimmers may start with a dive or in the water depending on their condition. This is factored in when classifying the athlete.

Current Classification	Definition
Deaf / Hearing Impaired (Track & Field Events)	
S15 / SB15 / SM15 (Equivalent to Au2)	Deaf or Hearing impaired refers to a hearing loss of 55db loss on the average at 500, 1000 and 2000Hz in the better ear
Visually Impaired	
S11 / SB11 / SM11	Swimmers considered to be totally blind. Must wear blackened goggles in this class. Require a tap as they are approaching the wall
S12 / SB12 / SM12	Swimmers can recognise the shape of a hand and have some ability to see. There is a large range of vision ability within this class
S13 / SB13 / SM13	Swimmers with some vision but still considered legally blind.
Intellectually Disabled	
S14 / SB14 / SM14	Intellectually disabled. The athlete's intellectual functioning is 75 or below. Limitations in two or more of the following adaptive skill areas; communication, self-care; home living, social skills, community use, self direction, health and safety, functional academics, leisure and work. They must have acquired their condition before age 18.
Functional Classification System	
S1 / SB1 / SM1	Swimmers with severe coordination problems in four limbs, no use of their legs, trunks or hands, minimal use of shoulders only and usually swim on their back
S2 / SB2 / SM2	Swimmers able to use their arms, no use of their legs, trunks or hands, or have severe coordination problems in four limbs
S3 / SB3 / SM3	Swimmers with reasonable arm strokes, no use of their legs or trunks or have coordination problems in four limbs or limb loss to four limbs
S4 / SB4 / SM4	Swimmers who use their arms and have minimal weakness in their hands but no use of their legs or trunks, or have coordination problems in four limbs but predominantly legs or limb loss to three limbs
S5 / SB5 / SM5	Swimmers with full use of their arms and hands but no trunk or leg movement, swimmers with coordination problems.
S6 / SB6 / SM6	Swimmers with full use of their arms and hands with some trunk control but no leg movement, Swimmers with major loss of 2 limbs; Short stature (<130cm women, <137cm men)
S7 / SB7 / SM7	Swimmers with full use of their arms and hands and trunk with some leg function; coordination or weakness problems on the same side of the body; Swimmers with major loss of 2 limbs
S8 / SB8 / SM8	Swimmers with full use of their arms and hands and trunk with some leg function; Swimmers with loss of 2 limbs; swimmers with the use of one arm only
S9 / SB9 / SM9	Swimmers with severe weakness in one leg only; swimmers with very slight coordination problems; swimmers with one limb loss
S10 / SB10 / SM10	Swimmers with very minimal weakness affecting the legs; swimmers with restriction of hip joint movement; swimmers with both feet deformed; swimmers with limb loss of part of a limb
Transplant	
S16 / SB16 / SM16	Swimmers who have had an organ or bone transplant

