

# Classification Step by Step

## Swimming (all impairment groups)

Please refer to the Classification information available on the Swimming Queensland website (<http://qld.swimming.org.au/multi-class-swimming.html>) for all information regarding classification & eligibility.

ALL swimming classifications are managed by Swimming Queensland

### Provisional / National Process

1. Complete the Multi-class Swimming Engagement Portal on the Swimming Queensland website ([http://www.swimming.org.au/article.php?group\\_id=70784](http://www.swimming.org.au/article.php?group_id=70784)). Information that the athlete has provided via the portal will be sent directly to Swimming Queensland.
2. Swimming Queensland will be in contact with the athlete/athlete's parents once this information is received to discuss eligibility and classification class.
3. If eligible for classification, Swimming Queensland will provide all necessary information and liaise with classifying organisations.

### Swimming Queensland Contact Details:

Phone: 07 3390 2011

Email: [classification.qld@swimming.org.au](mailto:classification.qld@swimming.org.au)

## Track & Field / Cross Country

The following step by step process is for Track & Field and Cross Country.

NB: Athletics Australia is now responsible for managing ALL Track & Field classification with support from other agencies, as below. Please also see the AA Classification Overview (<http://www.athletics.com.au/Participate/Para-athletics/Classification/Get-Classified>)

### Intellectual Impairment (T/F20)

#### National II

ALL II classifications are only available through Sport Inclusion Australia (previously AUSRAPID).

1. Classification forms completed (<http://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/eligibility/>)
2. Send to **Sport Inclusion Australia**, 4 Lowry Place, BENALLA VIC, 3672  
(Including Applicants passport photo and payment)
3. Classification decision made by classifying body and then athlete informed
4. Classifying body to post result on **Sport Inclusion Australia** Masterlist
5. Classifying body to advise Athletics Australia for update on Athletics Australia Masterlist

**Sport Inclusion Australia phone:** 03 5762 7494

## Physical Impairment (T/F 31-38, 40-47, 51-58)

Please refer to the PI Classification information available on the Athletics Australia website (located at <http://www.athletics.com.au/Participate/Para-athletics/Classification/Get-Classified> ) for all information regarding classification & eligibility for athletes with a physical impairment prior to commencing the below steps.

**Provisional PI Process** (\*Remote paperwork process available to athletes located in regional areas or where National face to face classification is unavailable prior to the competition):

1. Obtain provisional Classification forms from Athletics Australia (currently Cathy Lambert) ([cathy.lambert@athletics.org.au](mailto:cathy.lambert@athletics.org.au), Phone: 03 8646 4570)
2. Arrange assessment and have provisional classification paperwork completed by a physiotherapist or other recognised specialist.
3. Form sent to **Athletics Australia**, Para-Athletics Development Officer, Athletics House, Level 2, 31 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park, VIC 3206 (Attn Cathy Lambert, Phone: 03 8646 4570 )
4. Classification decision made by classifying body and Athletics Australia informs athlete of the outcome.
5. Classifying body to update Athletics Australia Masterlist (<http://athletics.com.au/Participate/Para-athletics/Classification/Classification-Masterlist> )

**National PI Process** (Classification with a recognised panel of classifiers)

1. Athlete to have medical documentation provided by their specialist (eg neurologist, rehabilitation therapist, endocrinologist) prior to arranging a classification session.
2. Athlete to book in for a classification with Athletics QLD. Classification is offered in conjunction with selected competitions:  
Nick Girvan [nick.girvan@qldathletics.org.au](mailto:nick.girvan@qldathletics.org.au) PH: 07 3343 5653 [www.qldathletics.org.au](http://www.qldathletics.org.au)
3. Classification decision made by classifiers, athlete is informed at the time of classification.
4. Athletics QLD sends the completed paperwork to Athletics Australia to update Athletics Australia Masterlist

(<http://athletics.com.au/Participate/Para-athletics/Classification/Classification-Masterlist> )

## Hearing Impairment (T/F 01)

**National Sports Organisation - Deaf Sports Australia**

Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) is the national sports organisation that is responsible for Hearing Impaired classifications. Athletes wishing to obtain a classification as a Hearing Impaired Athlete, must first obtain an Audiogram. Athletes then must download and complete the [Audiogram Classification Form](#) and return it to DSA. Please return completed forms to **Irena Farinacci** at Deaf Sports Australia. For more information on Hearing Impaired classification please read the [DSA Sport Participation Page](#).

Application for Hearing Impaired Classification [Download PDF](#)

## Vision Impairment (T/F 11-13)

Please refer to the Vision Impairment Classification Fact Sheet on the Australian Paralympic Committee website (located at <http://www.paralympic.org.au/vision-classification>) for all information regarding classification and eligibility prior to commencing the below steps.

**Provisional VI** (\*Remote paperwork process that is available for athletes where National face to face classification is unavailable prior to the competition):

1. Athlete to complete the Get Classified page on the APC website (<http://www.paralympic.org.au/content/get-sport>) or phone the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) on 02 9704 0500.
2. Athletes visit the APC VI Classification page and download the **Provisional Classification Form** (available at <http://www.paralympic.org.au/vision-classification>)
3. If any questions, contact Australian Paralympic Committee [classification@paralympic.org.au](mailto:classification@paralympic.org.au) Phone: 02 9704 0500. Allow at 2-3 months for the process to be complete.
4. Athlete to arrange an appointment with their Ophthalmologist and take the Provisional Classification Form along for the Ophthalmologist to complete relevant sections.
5. Athlete sends Provisional Classification Form to the APC
6. Classification decision made by classifier, APC informs the athlete of outcome
7. APC informs Athletics Australia to include on the National Classification Masterlist
8. Athletics Australia updates the AA National Classification Masterlist (<http://athletics.com.au/Participate/Para-athletics/Classification/Classification-Masterlist>)

**National VI** (Face to face classification held at Vision Australia – Coorparoo office -with authorised APC Classifier)

1. Athlete to complete the Get Classified page on the APC website (<http://www.paralympic.org.au/content/get-sport>) or phone the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) on 02 9704 0500.
2. Athlete to download and print a copy of the **VI Medical Screening Form** (available on the APC website <http://www.paralympic.org.au/vision-classification>)
3. Arrange an appointment with their Ophthalmologist for current test and take a printed copy of the **VI Medical Screening Form** (available on the APC website <http://www.paralympic.org.au/vision-classification>) along for the Ophthalmologist to complete relevant sections.
3. Arranges an appointment time with the classifier at Vision Australia (Coorparoo office) via the APC - email [classification@paralympic.org.au](mailto:classification@paralympic.org.au) to make an appointment. Athlete to take the completed VI Medical Screening Form to the classification assessment.
4. Classification decision made by classifier and informs athlete of the outcome
5. Classifier submits paperwork to APC. APC informs Athletics Australia to include on the National Classification Masterlist
6. Athletics Australia updates the AA National Classification Masterlist (<http://athletics.com.au/Participate/Para-athletics/Classification/Classification-Masterlist>)