Classification Step by Step

Swimming (all impairment groups)

Please refer to the Classification information available on the Swimming QLD website (located at http://qld.swimming.org.au/page.php?id=81 ) for all information regarding classification & eligibility prior to commencing the below steps.

Provisional / National Process

1. ALL swimming classifications are managed by Swimming Queensland (+ Swimming Australia).
2. Contact Development Co-ordinator/Disability Manager: Swimming Queensland 
   (Attn: Wendy Ross Ph:3390 2011) PO Box 1279, Capalaba 4157
   wendy.ross@swimming.org.au
3. Swimming Queensland to liaise with classifying bodies.
4. Classification decision made by classifying body and then athlete informed.
5. Classifying body to advise Swimming Australia for update on the SA Masterlist
   ( http://swimming.org.au/customdata/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_view&TheType=0&CategoryID=14154#Getclassified )

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/Portals/23/Participation/Documents/AA%20Classification%20Policy%20and%20Procedures%20(2012).pdf )

Intellectual Impairment (T/F20)

Temporary II Process

Following an agreement between School Sport Australia and AUSRAPID there is no longer access to a Temporary II process. All athletes with an Intellectual Impairment will complete the process as below and, therefore, have a National level classification.

Existing Temporary Classification Cards may be used for participation in QSS events.

NB: For athletes who currently hold a Life Stream Temporary Classification please contact Life Stream Sports Development Coordinator, (Attn: Jenny Bees jbees@lifestream.org.au Ph: 3394 4399) to assist with upgrade to the National Classification.

National II

ALL II classifications are only available through AUSRAPID.

1. Classification forms completed (http://www.ausrapid.org.au/ContentPages/eligibility.htm )
2. Send to AUSRAPID, 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 AUSRAPID Masterlist
5. Classifying body to advise Athletics Australia for update on Athletics Australia Masterlist

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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/home/community/awd_community/classification) 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 Amy Hibbert) (amy.hibbert@athletics.org.au, Phone: 03 8646 4569)
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 (Currently Amy Hibbert, amy.hibbert@athletics.org.au Phone: 03 8646 4569)
4. Classification decision made by classifying body and Athletics Australia informs athlete of the outcome.

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:
   Brett Watton brett.watton@qldathletics.org.au PH: 07 3343 5653 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://www.athletics.com.au/home/community/awd_community/classification/classification_masterlist)

Hearing Impairment (T/F 01) (NB: Equivalent to Deaf Sport Australia Au2 ONLY)

1. Audiology report sent to State Administrator Deaf Sport & Rec Qld, DSRQ Office, Sports House – South, Level 3, 866 Main Street, Woolloongabba Qld 4103 (Attn: Julie Lyons) OR scanned and emailed to dsrq@dsrq.org.au (Attn: Julie Lyons)
   NB: Schools are reminded that parent permission to share information is required.
2. Classification decision made by classifying body and then athlete or school informed
3. Classifying body to send a copy of decision to Queensland School Sport Office Manager (currently Steven Murray)
4. QSS Classification Officer to update state-wide database

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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 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

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 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.
4. Arranges an appointment time with the classifier at Vision Australia (Coorparoo office) via the APC - email classification@paralympic.org.au to make an appointment. Athlete to take the completed VI Medical Screening Form to the classification assessment to the assessment.
5. Classification decision made by classifier and informs athlete of the outcome
6. Classifier submits paperwork to APC. APC informs Athletics Australia to include on the National Classification Masterlist

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