

Preparation for International II Classification

This document is for athletes with an intellectual impairment who are seeking International Classification as a part of qualification preparation for the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships, and the 2019 WPA Junior Championships.

What is International Classification?

To compete internationally, athletes require an International Classification.

International Classification is managed by World Para Athletics (WPA) and is held in conjunction with selected WPA approved competitions. Athletes are classified by a panel of international classifiers (a minimum of 2 classifiers).

For a New Zealand Athlete to be considered to progress to International Classification, he/she must have a current New Zealand Passport, and must hold a national TF20 Classification.

What occurs at International Classification?

Classification for athletics typically includes 3 components – Physical, Technical and Observation assessments.

Classification component	Details
Physical Assessment	Assessment of cognitive impairment using a series of tests. This includes computer and physical cognitive tests.
Technical Assessment	Assessment of sport specific tests for the relevant event – 400m, 1500m, Shot Put, Long Jump
Observation in Competition	Assessment of athlete when competing in relevant event - 400m, 1500m, Shot Put, Long Jump

T/F 20 events for International Classification

International classification is for athletes in the following events:

- 400m track
- 1500m track
- Shot Put
- Long Jump

Who needs to present for WPA International Classification in 2018?

Athletes who hold the following WPA sport class level and status will be required to attend WPA International Classification prior to the commencement of international competition in 2018.

- International New (*this applies to athletes who have not been classified internationally, including National Review and National Confirmed athletes*)
- International Review (*with no review year*)
- International Review (*with fixed review year 2017 or 2018*)

Athletics New Zealand will work with the Paralympics New Zealand to identify and prepare athletes for International Classification.

What happens if I already have a WPA (Formerly IPC Athletics) II classification for T20 or F20 and I am changing events?

- Athletes who are currently classified as a T20 or F20 and wish to change the events they compete in must undergo International Classification for the relevant event.

The only exception is athletes who are with a current T20 confirmed 1500m classification who wish to be classified in the 400m. These athletes will NOT be required to go through international classification again, unless otherwise advised by WPA.

Requirements

To present for International Classification, athletes are required to meet the three criteria listed in the next section.

- Without this information an athlete will not be placed onto a schedule for international level classification.

Requirements for WPA II Classification

1. INAS Primary Eligibility Check and Master List

T/F 20 athletes must be registered on the INAS Classification Master List; <http://www.inas.org/member-services/eligibility-and-classification/inasmaster-list>

If an athlete is not already on the INAS Classification master list, the INAS Athlete Eligibility Application needs to be completed by athletes. Full Eligibility is required for INAS Regional and World Championship events and is a requirement of WPA sports classification.

Athletes must complete the INAS eligibility check through Sport Inclusion Australia:
INAS Form

- <http://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2016/06/InternationalEligibilityForm.pdf>

INAS guidance notes

- <http://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2016/06/InternationalGuidanceNotes.pdf>

Any questions about the INAS eligibility process should be directed to Paralympics New Zealand.
Contact - *Marguerite Christophers - Classification* mchristophers@paralympics.org.nz

Athletes who are not currently on the INAS master list need to have completed the INAS paperwork and be **on the INAS Master List no later than Monday 15th January 2018.**

If an athlete has completed full eligibility and is already on the INAS master list in a different sport, they will need to request to add Athletics as a sport.

2. WPA Athletics TSAL Questionnaire for athletes with an Intellectual Impairment

Athletes must arrange for their personal coach to complete the TSAL Questionnaire. The TSAL must have been completed within the last 12 months.

Your completed TSAL Questionnaire must be provided back to Athletics New Zealand by **Monday 15th January 2018**. Please send this to Para Programme Manager - Brett Watton via brettw@athletics.org.nz

3. Listing on WPA Master List

Athletes must be registered in the SDMS prior to undergoing classification and be listed on the WPA Classification Master List with New or Review Status prior to undergoing classification.

Timeframes

Aths NZ provides TSAL Questionnaire form for athletes with an Intellectual Impairment and outlines requirements to athletes.	November 2017
Athlete checks if they are on the INAS Master List (and if not currently on the Master List completes the INAS requirements through Paralympics New Zealand)	November 2017
Athlete arranges WPA License through Aths NZ	December 2017
Athlete arranges TSAL to be completed by coach	November/December 2017
AA provides information regarding competition in which II International Classification is offered	November 2017
Completed TSAL Questionnaire form to be provided back to Aths New Zealand	15th January 2018
Athlete be listed on the INAS Master List	15th January 2018
Check off all requirements for II Athletes	January 2018
Athlete enter into the event in which classification is being conducted	In line with competition entry deadline
Preparation with program staff and identification of athlete representative	1 month prior to the identified event
Aths NZ provides athletes with the classification schedule to present for classification	1 week prior to identified event
Athlete attends Classification	1-2 days prior to identified event

What happens if an athlete doesn't have the required information?

Without all the appropriate information, WPA or an II classification panel may:

1. Decide not to classify an athlete as they do not have all the requested verification information, an athlete cannot compete in international level competition
2. Provide the athlete with a Classification Not Complete, meaning the athlete has not finalised all aspects of classification and cannot compete in international level competition

WPA Classification Rules

Please refer to WPA Classification Rules and Regulations;

<https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/classification/rules-and-regulations>

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