

Preparation for International II Classification

This document is for athletes with an intellectual impairment who are seeking IPC Athletics International Classification as a part of qualification preparation for the 2017 IPC Athletics World Championships, and the 2017 IPC Athletics Junior World Championships.

What is International Classification?

To compete internationally, athletes require an international level classification.

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

In order for an athlete with an intellectual impairment to proceed to International Classification, they must receive Primary Eligibility Status with INAS (International) through Sport Inclusion Australia.

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 IPC Athletics International Classification in 2017?

Athletes who hold the following IPC Athletics sport class level and status will be required to attend IPC International Classification prior to the commencement of international competition in 2017.

- 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 2016 or 2017*)

Athletics Australia will work with the Australian Paralympic Committee to identify and prepare athletes for International Classification.

Your previous eligibility confirmation will be shared between Sport Inclusion Australia, APC, and AA to assess the next stage. If you do not wish for this occur, please email Amy Hibbert (amy.hibbert@athletics.org.au) by Friday 2nd December 2016.

What happens if I already have an IPC Athletics II classification for T20 or F20 and I am changing events?

- Athletes who are currently classified as a T20 or F20 who 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 IPC Athletics.

AA 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 IPC Athletics II Classification

1. INAS Primary Eligibility Check and masterlist

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



If an athlete is not already on the INAS Classification masterlist, 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 IPC Athletics sports classification.

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

INAS Form

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

INAS guidance notes

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

Any questions about the INAS eligibility process should be directed to Sport Inclusion Australia. Contact - mail@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au

Athletes who are not currently on the INAS masterlist need to have completed the INAS paperwork and be **on the INAS Masterlist no later than Monday 23rd January 2017**.

If an athlete has completed full eligibility and is already on the INAS masterlist in a different sport, they will need to request to add Athletics as a sport. Any questions about adding a sport to the INAS list should be directed to Sport Inclusion Australia. Contact – mail@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au

2. IPC 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.

https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/120719150853495_2011_10_AT_TSAL_Questionnaire_0.pdf

Your completed TSAL Questionnaire must be provided back to Athletics Australia by **Monday 23rd January 2017**.

3. Listing on IPC Athletics Masterlist

Athletes must be registered in the SDMS prior to undergoing classification and be listed on the IPC Athletics Classification Masterlist with New or Review Status prior to undergoing classification.

Timeframes

AA provides TSAL Questionnaire form for athletes with an Intellectual Impairment and outlines requirements to athletes.	November 2016
Athlete checks if they are on the INAS Masterlist (and if not currently on the Masterlist completes the INAS requirements through Sport Inclusion Australia)	November 2016
Athlete arranges IPC License through AA	December 2016
Athlete arranges TSAL to be completed by coach	November/December 2016
AA provides information regarding event in which II International Classification is offered	November 2016
Completed TSAL Questionnaire form to be provided back to AA	23rd January 2017
Athlete be listed on the INAS Masterlist	23rd January 2017
Check off all requirements for II Athletes	January 2017
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
AA 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, IPC Athletics 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

IPC Athletics Classification Rules

Please refer to IPC Athletics Classification Rules and Regulations;

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

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