

Preparation for International Intellectual Impairment (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 WPA Championships, 2019 WPA Junior Championships and the 2020 Paralympic Games

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 an Australian Athlete to be considered to progress to International Classification, he/she must have a current National Classification.

Athletics Australia reserves the right to use its absolute discretion when nominating athletes for international classification. Athletes will be prioritised based on their recent performances*, performance progression* and likelihood of international representation within two years.

*athlete performances in Paralympic pathway events will be prioritized (Shot Put, Long Jump, 400m and 1500m)

What occurs at International Classification?

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

| Classification component | Details |
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| 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 |

Who needs to present for WPA International Classification in 2018?

Athletes who hold the following sport class level and status will be required to attend international classification prior to the commencement of international competition in 2019:

- 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, 2018 or 2019*)

To check your current International Classification Status please visit the following website:

<https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/classification/master-list>

Or alternatively contact Steve Caddy – steve.caddy@athletics.org.au

Your previous classification paperwork and medical diagnostic reports will be shared between the APC, AA and selected PI classifiers to assess what you may require as a part of your International Classification. If you do not wish for this occur, please email Steve Caddy (steve.caddy@athletics.org.au) by Friday 2nd November 2018.

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 hold a current T20 confirmed 1500m classification who wish to be classified in the 400m (or vice versa). These athletes will NOT be required to go through international classification again, unless otherwise advised by WPA.

AA Requirements

To attend International Classification, athletes are required to fulfil the following requirements:

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 WPA 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

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. 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 no more than 12 months prior to the date of the upcoming international classification.

3. Obtain an IPC License for the 2019 season

For 2019 IPC licensing please see this link – <http://athletics.com.au/High-Performance/Para-athletics/IPC-Licensing>

Your listing on the INAS Masterlist, completed TSAL questionnaire and licensing documentation must be provided back to Athletics Australia by February 1st, 2019

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

Without all the appropriate information, AA, WPA or the II Classification panel may:

1. Not register the athlete for international level classification with WPA.
2. Decide not to classify an athlete as they do not have all the requested verification information. The athlete will be ineligible to compete at international level competition.
3. Provide the athlete with a Classification Not Complete, meaning the athlete has not finalised all aspects of classification. The athlete will be ineligible to compete at international level competition.

Timeframes

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| AA provides TSAL Questionnaire form for athletes with an Intellectual Impairment and outlines requirements to athletes. | December 2018 |
| Athlete checks if they are on the INAS Masterlist (and if not currently on the Masterlist completes the INAS requirements through Sport Inclusion Australia) | December 2018 |
| Athlete arranges IPC License through AA. | December 2018 |
| AA provides information regarding competition in which II International Classification is offered. | December 2018 |
| Athlete arranges TSAL to be completed by coach. | January 2019 |
| Completed TSAL Questionnaire form to be provided back to AA. | 1st February 2019 |
| Athlete be listed on the INAS Masterlist. | 1st February 2019 |
| Check off all requirements for II Athletes. | 8 th February 2019 |
| 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 |

WPA Classification Rules

Please refer to WPA Classification Rules and Regulations;

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

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