

Athlete Information

National Classification Assessment

Classification for PSSA Trials

National level classification will be delivered for athletes with a **physical impairment** only.

Classification details

Event	Dates	Classification Venue
PSSA Trials	National Classification Assessment Thursday, 8 August 2019	Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre (Girls changerooms under stadium)

Athletes must meet the Minimal Impairment Criteria as defined by IPC Athletics' Classification Rules to be eligible to compete as a para-athlete at this event. Click on the link below for more information.

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If an athlete does not meet minimal impairment criteria, then they will/ will not be permitted to compete.

What do I need to do to prepare for national classification evaluation?

Typically, all Athletes are to:

- Arrive at least **15 minutes prior** to your allocated time.
- Attend with an **athlete representative** (parent, coach or other). A representative **MUST** accompany athletes under the age of 18 years.
- If you have one available, bring an identification document (e.g. passport, driver's license, birth certificate).
- Be appropriately **dressed in clothing worn for training for your sport**.
- Bring **assistive devices** needed for competition. This includes sport prostheses, strapping and any performance equipment e.g. competition chairs/limbs.
- Bring any **previous** copies of classification documentation
- Bring copies of **medical documentation** relevant to the classification.



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Medical documentation requirements

All athletes attending classification (except those with an obvious limb deficiency) will need to bring a letter or report from a specialist (e.g. neurologist, orthopaedic or spinal specialist) stating their diagnosis, and the physical signs. This letter should not be more than 5 years old.

ALL athletes under 18 with short stature (Achondroplasia or other conditions causing short stature) must present with a letter from their treating specialist (endocrinologist, paediatric rehabilitation consultant or orthopaedic specialist) outlining the details of their diagnosis and an estimated likely terminal height (i.e. height as an adult). Documentation must include a brief rationale for their estimation of this height, and predicted growth curves compared to norms.

What does it cost?

There is no cost for classification.

What is expected of athletes?

Athletes must cooperate at all times to the best of their ability. Athletes are expected to behave in an honest, courteous and sportsman-like manner. If an athlete fails to do so, they will not be allowed to compete in their sport. Athletes must declare any previous classifications to the classification panel.

Athletes should be well informed about all elements related to classification procedures, as well as the **Codes of Conduct**, outlined in the IPC Rules.

What is expected of the athlete representative?

Representatives (e.g. parents, coach) who attend classification with an athlete:

- Are expected to behave in a courteous manner at all times
- Are able to observe, and participate when requested, in the evaluation process
- Are welcome to ask appropriate questions

What is expected of classifiers?

Classifiers will treat athletes in a manner that is professional, courteous and safe at all times. Classifiers will provide an athlete with sufficient information to understand the process, the decision, and the opportunities for clarification or protest. All information obtained during classification will be kept confidential.

What if an athlete does not agree with their classification?

In the case where an athlete disagrees with the classification decision or process followed, they should contact Athletics Australia to discuss the opportunities available for protest or appeal.

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When will an athlete's classification be reviewed?

Every time an athlete is classified their classification is given a status. The following outcomes may occur:

- An athlete is allocated a National Review (NR) status, with no date for review, which means they will be required to attend classification again at the next competition where classification is held.
- An athlete is allocated a fixed review year e.g. NR 2020, which means they will not be able to attend classification until the year that is allocated.
- An athlete is allocated a National Confirmed (NC) status, which means the athlete will not be classified again for any National competitions.

Regardless of what status is allocated an athlete may be classified again if:

- the classification rules for the sport change
- the athlete has a change in condition (medical or deterioration/fluctuation).
- as an outcome of protest or appeal.

Where do I go for further information?

Organisation and contact	Website and contact details
Athletics Australia Classification Services	http://www.athletics.com.au/home classification@athletics.com.au