

Classification Fact Sheet – Athletes with a Physical Disability

There are four types of types of classification:

- **National Disability Sport Organization (NDSO)** – conducted by NDSO classifiers (i.e. CP Sport, DAAUK, BWAA etc.);
- **National** - conducted by UKA approved classifiers;
- **IPC Review** – conducted by IPC approved classification panel;
- **IPC Confirmed** – conducted by IPC approved classification panel;

What each classification entitles you to:

- **NDSO classification:**
 - Able to compete in NDSO competitions and County Level Aviva Parallel Success events;
 - Able to compete in certain IPC approved competitions – NOT Paralympic Games, World Championships, Paralympic Games or Paralympic World Cup;
 - Performances will not be added to Powerof10 – if/when an athlete receives a National or IPC classification, performances from that season will be added to Powerof10 retrospectively;
 - Performances will not be added to IPC World Rankings – if/when an athlete receives an IPC classification, performances from that season will be added to IPC ranking list retrospectively (provided that athlete has an IPC License);
 - Able to achieve qualifying performances for the IPC World Championships and Paralympic Games (provided that athlete has an IPC License), but will only be accepted as B standard,;
- **National Classification:**
 - Able to compete in NDSO and all UKA competitions (including Aviva Parallel Success);
 - Able to compete in certain IPC approved competitions – NOT Paralympic Games, World Championships or Paralympic World Cup;
 - Performances will be added to Powerof10;
 - Performances will not be added to IPC World Rankings – if/when an athlete receives an IPC classification, performances from that season will be added to IPC ranking list retrospectively, provided that athlete has an IPC License;
 - Able to achieve qualifying performances for the IPC World Championships and Paralympic Games (provided that athlete has an IPC License), but will only be accepted as B standard;
- **IPC Review:**
 - Able to compete in NDSO, UKA and all IPC approved competitions;
 - Performances will be added to Powerof10;
 - Performances from IPC approved competitions will be added to the IPC World Rankings (provided that athlete has an IPC License);
 - Able to achieve qualifying performances for the World Championships and Paralympic Games (provided that athlete has an IPC License);
 - Athletes with an IPC review level classification will need to be seen by a second IPC classification panel before their status is changed to confirmed;
- **IPC Confirmed:**
 - Highest level of classification which can only be challenged by a chief classifier at a major IPC competition (i.e. World Championships/Paralympic Games);
 - Able to compete in NDSO, UKA and all IPC approved competitions;
 - Performances will be added to Powerof10;
 - Performances from IPC approved competitions will be added to the IPC World Rankings (provided that athlete has an IPC License);
 - Able to achieve qualifying performances for the World Championships and Paralympic Games (provided that athlete has an IPC License);

ATHLETES WITHOUT AT LEAST AN NDSO CLASSIFICATION WILL BE UNABLE TO COMPETE IN ANY UKA COMPETITION (INCLUDING AVIVA PARALLEL SUCCESS) FROM 2010 ONWARDS.

IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, OR FOR PERFORMANCES TO BE CONSIDERD FOR THE IPC RANKING LIST, ATHLETES MUST HAVE AN IPC LICENSE – PLEASE SEE SEPARATE INFORMATION SHEET REGARDING LICENSING PROCESS.