

# Classification Information Sheet

## FOOTBALL 7 a-side

This information is intended to be a generic guide to classification for Football 7 a-side. The classification of athletes in this sport is performed by authorised classifiers according to the classification rules of the sport, which are determined by the International Federation (CPISRA).

### Which Paralympic impairment groups compete in Football 7 a-side

Impairment		Examples of health conditions
Physical Impairment	Hypertonia Ataxia Athetosis	Cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury, stroke, brain tumor, Multiple sclerosis, cerebellar ataxia, Hereditary Spastic Paraparesis or other conditions where hypertonia (spasticity, rigidity or dystonia), ataxia or athetosis are present.

### What is the Minimal Disability Criteria?

Specific criteria applied to each sport to determine if a person's disability results in sufficient limitation in their sport. This is called the minimal disability criteria. For more information page numbers of the [CPISRA Classification rules](#) are indicated in brackets.

Impairment		Minimal Disability – GUIDE ONLY
Physical Impairment	Hypertonia Ataxia Athetosis	Hypertonia (Spasticity, Rigidity or Dystonia) in at least two joints of the leg. (Page 26) Ataxia-unsteadiness or inco-ordination in at least one coordination test. (Page 27) Athetosis-involuntary movement in arms, legs or trunk. (page 26)

### How do I get classified?

1. Apply to be classified online via the [Get Classified form](#).
- OR
2. Contact your [State Football Organisation](#)

### What are the Paralympic classes for this sport?

The list below is intended as a guide only. Only authorised classifiers are able to provide a formal classification in a particular sport.

Class	Examples (Guide Only)
FT 5	Players with impairment in both legs, with no or very mild impact on arms. These athletes will have difficulty in turning, pivoting, jumping and stopping, usually running only short distances.
FT 6	Players who have balance, co-ordination and timing difficulties (ataxia/athetosis) affecting their whole body. These athletes will have trouble stopping and changing direction quickly with and without the ball. Coordination and timing problems will be seen when tracking, trapping and kicking/passing the ball.
FT 7	Players whose impairment is predominantly on one side of their body. These athletes have difficulty pivoting and balancing on the impaired side and therefore often pivot on the unaffected side and may kick with the affected foot.

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FT 8	Players who have more mild disability than those in class FT5, FT6 or FT7. FT8 are the fastest, most agile players on the field. Teams may not play with more than two class FT8 players.
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### Further Information

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