

Classification Information Sheet

PARA ICE HOCKEY

This information is intended to be a generic guide to classification for Para Ice Hockey. 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 (IPC Para Ice Hockey).

Which Paralympic impairment groups compete in Para Ice Hockey?

Impairment		Examples of health conditions
Physical Impairment	Limb loss or deficiency	Amputation from trauma, cancer, Limb deficiency from birth
	Loss of muscle strength	Spinal cord injury, Spina Bifida, Transverse Myelitis, Sacral Agenesis, Spinal Tumours, Erbs Palsy, Muscular dystrophy
	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.
	Joint movement restrictions	Arthrogryposis, Talipes Equinovarus, joint fusions
	Leg length difference	Significant difference in leg length

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. This information is further detailed in the [World Para Ice Hockey Classification rules](#).

Impairment		Minimal Disability – GUIDE ONLY
Physical Impairment	Limb loss or deficiency	Leg: At least through ankle amputation or similar impairment
	Loss of muscle strength	Loss of 10 points in muscle power testing in both lower limbs
	Hypertonia Ataxia Athetosis	Hypertonia, ataxia or athetosis in lower limbs. Score of 3 or less on the coordination tests conducted.
	Joint movement restrictions	Ankylosis in one ankle, or Knee extension defect of at least 30 degrees
	Leg length difference	Leg length difference of at least 7cm.

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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. In Para Ice Hockey there is only one sport class. Athletes have to have an impairment in the lower part of their body that would prevent them from competing in able-bodied Ice Hockey.

Class	Examples (Guide Only)
Athletes with a Physical Impairment	
E (Eligible)	Meets the minimal disability for the sport.
NE (Not Eligible)	Does not meet the minimal disability for the sport.

Further Information

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International	World Para Ice Hockey