

This information is intended to be a generic guide to classification for Sitting Volleyball. The classification of athletes in this sport is performed by authorised classifiers according to the [World Para Volley](#) classification rules.

What is the classification process?

Trained classifiers assess an athlete using the World Para Volley classification rules to determine the following:

1. Does the athlete have an eligible impairment type?
An athlete must have a permanent eligible impairment type and provide medical documentation detailing their diagnosis and health condition.

2. Does the athlete meet the minimum impairment criteria for the sport?
Specific criteria applied to each sport to determine if a person's impairment results in sufficient limitation in their sport. This is called the minimum impairment criteria.

3. What is the appropriate class to allocate the athlete for competition?
Classes are detailed in the classification rules for the sport and a classifier determines the class an athlete will compete in.

Which Paralympic impairment groups compete in Sitting Volleyball?

Athletes are required to have a permanent, eligible impairment and will be required to provide medical diagnostic information about their diagnosis and impairment.

Eligible Impairment Type		Examples of health conditions
Physical Impairment	Limb deficiency	Amputation from trauma, illness or cancer Limb deficiency from birth.
	Impaired Muscle Power	Spinal cord injury, peripheral nerve injury, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy and post-polio syndrome.
	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.
	Impaired passive range of movement	Arthrogryposis, Talipes Equinovarus, joint fusions or contractures from chronic immobilisation or trauma.
	Leg length difference	Significant difference in leg length.

What is the Minimum Impairment Criteria?

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Impairment	Minimum Impairment– GUIDE ONLY	
Physical Impairment	Limb deficiency	Complete unilateral or bilateral Lisfranc amputation; or equivalent congenital limb deficiency. Unilateral amputation of thumb and 2 fingers or any 4 digits.

		Bilateral amputation of thumbs, index and long fingers, or thumb and index fingers.
	Impaired Muscle Power	Loss of muscle power in at least one hand, elbow, shoulder, hip, knee or ankle.
	Hypertonia Ataxia Athetosis	Hypertonia, ataxia or athetosis in at least one limb.
	Impaired passive range of movement	Movement restriction in at least one wrist, elbow, shoulder, hip, knee or ankle joint; or stiff/afunctional fingers on one hand.
	Leg length difference	Leg length difference of at least 7cm.

Minimum impairment criteria is further detailed in the [World Para Volley classification rules](#).

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)
VS1	Athletes with impairments which more significantly affect the core functions in sitting volleyball.
VS2	Athletes that meet the minimum impairment criteria.

How do I get classified?

Classification in Australia is organised through [Volleyball Australia](#)

Where do I find out further information?

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