

# Classification Information Sheet

## WHEELCHAIR CURLING

This information is intended to be a generic guide to classification for Wheelchair Curling. 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 ([World Curling Federation](#)).

### Which Paralympic impairment groups compete in Wheelchair Curling?

Impairment		Examples of health conditions
Physical Impairment	Limb loss or deficiency	Amputation from trauma, cancer, Limb deficiency from birth
	Loss of muscle power	Spinal cord injury, Spina Bifida, Transverse Myelitis, Sacral Agenesis, Spinal Tumours, Muscular dystrophy
	Hypertonia Ataxia	Cerebral palsy, acquired brain injury, stroke, brain tumor, Multiple sclerosis, cerebellar ataxia, Hereditary Spastic Paraparesis or other conditions where hypertonia (spasticity, rigidity or dystonia), or ataxia are present.
	Joint movement restrictions	Arthrogryposis, Talipes Equinovarus, joint fusions

### 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 [ICF Wheelchair Curling Classification rules](#).

Impairment		Minimal Disability – GUIDE ONLY
Physical Impairment	Limb loss or deficiency	Leg: Bilateral above ankle amputation; unilateral hip disarticulation or unilateral above knee amputation and loss of muscle strength in other leg or similar impairment
	Loss of muscle power	Loss of muscle power in lower limbs, with testing being less than 40 out of 80 points
	Hypertonia Ataxia	Hypertonia or athetosis in lower limbs. Score of grade 3 or 4 on Ashworth Scale or incoordination in lower limb tests that limits ambulation.
	Joint movement restrictions	Loss of range of 50% across 2 or more joints (hip, knee, ankle in both legs)

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

Only authorised classifiers are able to provide a formal classification in a particular sport.

In Wheelchair Curling there is only one sport class. Athletes have to have a significant impairment in the lower part of their body which restricts leg/gait function. Players commonly who use a wheelchair for mobility, or are ambulant over short distances.

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

### Further Information

National	<a href="#">Australian Paralympic Committee</a> E: <a href="mailto:classification@paralympic.org.au">classification@paralympic.org.au</a> P: +61 2 9704 0500
International	<a href="#">World Wheelchair Curling</a>