

Classification Information Sheet - Para-Snowboard



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

What is the classification process?

Trained classifiers assess an athlete using the World Para Snowboard 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 Para-Snowboard?

Impairment	Examples of health conditions
Physical Impairment	Limb deficiency Amputation from trauma, illness, or Limb deficiency from birth
	Impaired Muscle Power 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.
	Impaired passive range of movement Arthrogryposis, Talipes Equinovarus, joint fusions
	Leg length difference Significant difference in leg length

What is the Minimal Impairment Criteria?

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Impairment		Minimum Impairment Criteria – (Guide Only)
Physical Impairment	Limb deficiency	Impairment resulting in loss of functional ankle or wrist joint, eg single amputation above ankle or above wrist.
	Impaired Muscle Power	Muscle weakness impact movement in elbow, shoulder, hip, knee or ankle.
	Hypertonia Ataxia Athetosis	Spasticity, ataxia or athetosis in at least one arm or leg.
	Impaired passive range of movement	No passive range of movement in the ankle joint, or restriction in range at least one elbow, shoulder joint, hip or knee.
	Leg length difference	Leg length difference of at least 7cm.

Minimum impairment criteria is further detailed in the [World Para Snowboard 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)
SB-LL1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Snowboarders with significant lower limb impairment in one leg or both legs, such as single above knee amputation, through knee amputation, double above knee amputation or significant muscle weakness or spasticity. – Athletes with amputations use a prosthesis to race.
SB-LL2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Snowboarders with lower limb impairment one or both legs with less activity limitation, such as below knee limb deficiency (above ankle) or mild spasticity.
SB-UL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Snowboarders with upper limb impairment in at least one arm. such as muscle weakness or limb deficiency, that impacts upon balance whilst racing (ie. single or double above wrist amputation).

How do I get classified?

Athletes with a **Vision Impairment** seek classification through [Paralympics Australia](#)

Athletes with a **Physical Impairment** seek classification through [Snow Australia](#)

Where do I find out further Information?

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	Paralympics Australia E: classification@paralympic.org.au P: +61 2 9704 0500	
International	World Para Snowboard	