



Paralympics  
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## Classification Information Sheet - Goalball

This information is intended to be a generic guide to classification for Goalball. The classification of athletes in this sport is performed by authorised classifiers according to the [International Blind Sports Federation \(IBSA\)](#) classification rules.

### What is the classification process?

Trained classifiers assess an athlete using the IBSA 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 Goalball?

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
Vision Impairment	Reduced or no vision in both eyes caused by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Impairment of the eye structure,</li> <li>- Impairment of the optical nerves/optic pathways, or</li> <li>- Impairment of the visual cortex of the brain.</li> </ul>

### What is the Minimum Impairment Criteria?

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Impairment	Minimum Impairment- GUIDE ONLY
Vision Impairment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visual acuity in both eyes with best corrected vision of less than or equal to 6/60 (log MAR 1.0); or</li> <li>- Visual field restriction of less than 40 degrees diameter in both eyes with best corrected vision.</li> </ul>

## 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)
<b>B1*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– From no light perception in either eye to light perception, but inability to recognise the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction.</li> <li>– Visual acuity is poorer than LogMAR 2.60 with best corrected vision.</li> </ul>
<b>B2*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Ability to recognise objects up to a distance of 2 metres.</li> <li>– Visual acuity ranges from LogMAR 1.5 to 2.60 (below 2/60) with best corrected vision and/or</li> <li>– visual field of less than ten (10) degrees diameter.</li> </ul>
<b>B3*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Can recognise contours between 2 and 6 metres away.</li> <li>– Visual acuity ranges from LogMAR 1.40 – 1.0 (2/60 – 6/60) with best corrected vision and/or</li> <li>– Visual field of more than ten (10) degrees and less than forty (40) degrees diameter.</li> </ul>

\*all players are required to wear a blindfold

## How do I get classified?

Classification in Australia is organised through the [Paralympics Australia](#)

## Where do I find out further Information?

National	Goalball Australia E: <a href="mailto:australiangoalball@gmail.com">australiangoalball@gmail.com</a> W: <a href="https://www.goalballaustralia.com.au/home/">https://www.goalballaustralia.com.au/home/</a>	
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