

Classification Information Sheet- Para-Shooting



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

What is the classification process?

Trained classifiers assess an athlete using the [World Shooting Para Sport](#) 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 Shooting Para Sport?

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, 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 or contractures from chronic immobilisation or trauma.
Visual Impairment (Non-Paralympic event)	Vision is impacted by either an: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• impairment of the eye structure;• impairment of the optic nerve or pathways;• impairment of the visual cortex of the brain.	

What is the Minimum Impairment Criteria?

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Impairment	Minimum Impairment– GUIDE ONLY	
Physical Impairment	Limb deficiency	<p>Leg: Through ankle amputation; or dysmelia resulting in the absence of a full ankle joint.</p> <p>Arm: Through wrist amputation resulting in a non-functional wrist joint in one arm; or dysmelia resulting in the absence of a full wrist joint in one arm.</p>
	Impaired Muscle Power	Loss of muscle power in at least one wrist, elbow, shoulder, hip, knee or ankle.
	Hypertonia Ataxia Athetosis	<p>Leg: Lack of coordination resulting in a functional deficit in the lower limbs restricting joint movement.</p> <p>Arm: Lack of coordination that results in a functional deficit in the upper limbs comparable to loss of muscle power described above.</p>
	Impaired passive range of movement	<p>Leg: Complete Ankylosis in one ankle joint; or impaired range of movement that results in a functional deficit in the lower limbs comparable to loss of muscle power described above.</p> <p>Arm: Impaired range of movement that results in a functional deficit in the upper limbs comparable to loss of muscle power described above.</p>
Vision Impairment	Visual Acuity	Athletes with a visual acuity poorer than or equal to logMAR 1.1
	Visual Acuity and Contrast Sensitivity	Athletes with a visual acuity between 0.6 and 1.0 logMAR (inclusive) and with a contrast sensitivity poorer than or equal to 1.4 logCS

Minimum impairment criteria is further detailed in the [World Shooting Para Sport 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)
SH1	Pistol and Rifle competitors that do not require a shooting stand.
SH1-A	Have normal trunk function. May choose to stand or sit to shoot. Do not use a backrest on their shooting chair.
SH1-B	Competitors who have limited function in their lower limbs. May use a low backrest on the shooting chair.
SH1-C	Competitors have very limited function in lower limbs, and difficulties with maintaining trunk position without support. These competitors may use a high backrest on the shooting chair.
SH2	Rifle competitors who have no ability to support the weight with their arms and therefore require a shooting stand.
SH2-Aa	Sitting competitors with one non-functional upper limb or significant difficulties with both upper limbs, with normal trunk control. May choose to stand or sit to shoot. Do not use a backrest while shooting.
SH2-Bb	Sitting competitors who have limited function in their lower limbs with good pelvis control. May use a low backrest on the shooting chair.
SH2-Ca	Competitors who have very limited function in their lower limbs, and difficulties with maintaining trunk position without support. These competitors may use a high backrest on the shooting chair.
Class	Non-Paralympic Events (Guide Only)
SG	Trap shooting competitors
SG – S	Athletes with poor balance and/or trunk stability, competing from a wheelchair in a standard seated position. Athletes have an impairment in the lower limb(s), but no functional limitation in the upper limb(s).

SG - L	Athletes with good balance and trunk function, competing from a standing position. Athletes have an impairment in the lower limb(s), but no functional limitation in the upper limbs.
SG - U	Athletes with good balance and trunk function, competing from a standing position. Athletes have an impairment of the non-shooting arm.
SH - VI	Designated to athletes with a vision impairment for competition in Rifle events.

How do I get classified?

Athletes with a **physical impairment** seek classification through **Shooting Australia**.

Athletes with a **vision impairment** seek classification through the **Paralympics Australia**.

Where do I find out further Information?

National	Shooting Australia E: classification@shootingaustralia.org P: +61 8177 1860	
	Paralympics Australia E: classification@paralympic.org.au P: +61 2 9704 0500	
International	World Shooting Para Sport	