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2021 GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY (MC ATHLETES) COMPETITION IN SWIMMING AND ATHLETICS

All Students with a disability must be classified if they wish to participate in competitive sport, at their school, club, state or at national level. Once officially classified, swimmers must obtain an ID card from Australian Swimming Inc (ASI) and show this card to the referee prior to the commencement of every Swimming meet. Track & Field (Athletics) athletes will be given temporary classes and will not be issued cards.

In Swimming, all students must be able to swim 50m competently and be able to enter and leave the pool without mechanical assistance and Track & Field athletes must be competent in their chosen event.

A key has been devised to distinguish between the events. S refers to Swimming and T/F refers to Athletics/Track and Field.

All meets are conducted under the ASI/IAAF/IPC/APS Sport guidelines.

Classification is a sport specific classification assessment. This may involve an element of physical testing, testing of sport specific movements, and often observation of sport performance, conducted by a panel of classifiers.

Classification has five areas or categories.

If students do not fall into one of the following categories, then they may not be able to be classified. If students cannot be classified, they are ineligible to compete as a SWD and must therefore compete as able-bodied.

To check eligibility, please call APS Sport office:

Functional (S1 – S10) (T/F 32-58) – [restriction in movement of limbs]

Locomotor disability e.g. amputee, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, achondroplasia, etc.

Visually Impaired (S11 – S13) (T/F11-13)

Poor light acuity to total blindness.

Intellectual (S14) (T/F20)

An IQ of **70 or 75** and below and significant limitations in adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social and practical adaptive skills and must have signed verification from the School Principal for confirmation, addressed to APS Sport prior to the event.

Please note: Autism Spectrum Disorder students, ADD/ADHD and other behavioral disabilities must have an IQ of 70 and below, to be eligible. Severe Language Disorder students have an IQ of above 85, and are therefore ineligible to compete in the disability classes.

Deaf (S15) (T/F01) *

At least 55db in the better ear as assessed by an audiologist or audiometrist.

Transplant (S16) (T/F60)

Organ or bone marrow.

Temporary Classification

A temporary classification may be issued in each area for the purpose of a school meet only; valid for a maximum of 30 days.

All temporary classifications must be arranged at least 7 days prior to the school competition. Please contact APS Sport office for details on (03) 9804 3677.

Visual Classification	Australian Paralympic Committee	(03) 9614 3076
Hearing Classification	Australian Deaf Sports Federation	(03) 9650 2524
Physical Classification	Australian Paralympic Committee	(03) 9614 3076
Intellectual Classification	Vicsrapid	(03) 9926 1380