

NPC / IOSD
Via High Priority Email

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IPC Athletics Classification,

Dear NPC,

I would like to make you aware of the following information and procedures that **must** be adhered to in order to undergo classification at an IPC Athletics Competition.

Athlete Classification

An athlete will only be permitted to undergo classification if he or she:

- Is registered and/or licensed with IPC Athletics pursuant to the relevant provisions in the IPC Athletics Rules and Regulations,
- Has been entered into the Recognised Competition where International Classification is to take place, and
- Have provided the required medical diagnostics documentation and uploaded to SDMS

Where a classification schedule is full,

- Athletes who are licensed will take priority over registered athletes*.
- **New Athletes** will take priority over **Review Athletes**

*Athletes must be licenced prior to the final entry deadline of the respective competition where classification is taking place. Licencing an athlete after the final entry deadline will not give an athlete priority where the schedule is full or has been completed with registered athletes.

Competitions where classification is offered, IPC Athletics will schedule all athletes with a New or Review status and who meet the above requirements for classification where schedule allows.

If an athlete is scheduled for classification and does not attend, the athlete will not be permitted to compete in the respective competition.

Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) – Athletes with a Physical or Visual Impairment

Medical documentation serves the purpose of providing evidence of an athletes' eligible impairment and is crucial for athlete evaluation and sport class allocation.

The PI and VI MDF forms serve the purpose of guiding NPCs in the submission of required medical information for classification. As such, a respective PI/VI MDF must be submitted for all athletes with a New or Review sport class status before the athlete undergoes classification.

PI medical diagnostics forms must be uploaded at least 6 weeks before the athlete undergoes classification.

VI medical diagnostics forms must be uploaded at least 4 weeks before the athlete undergoes classification. Additional medical reports are required as outlined on the form.

Failure to upload the MDF by the respective deadline may lead to the athlete not being scheduled for classification.

Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment (II)

Prior to Athlete Evaluation, an Athlete must comply with the following eligibility criteria:

- Inclusion on the INAS Classification Master list
 - You must submit the documents to INAS at least 12 weeks prior to your preferred IPC Athletics classification opportunity
- Completion of the Training History and Sport Limitation Questionnaire (TSAL-Q), available from the IPC Athletics website:
<http://www.paralympic.org/athletics/about/official-documents>. The TSAL-Q form must be uploaded to SDMS using the same procedure as the MDF form.

Classification Opportunities Confirmed and Planned for 2014

Month	Region	Competition Name	City, Country	Dates of Classification	Dates of Competition	Confirmed Panels	Confirmed Panels	Confirmed Panels
						PI	VI	II
February	Asia	6th Faza International Athletics Competition 2014	Dubai, UAE	20-21 February	22-25 February	2	2	1
March	Oceania	Queensland Open Athletics Championships	Brisbane, AUS	05-06 March	07-09 March	2		1
	Americas	Santiago 2014 Para Suramerican Games	Santiago, CHI	24-26 March	26-30 March	2	2	1
April	Asia	The 2nd China Open Athletics Championships	Beijing, CHN	11-13 April	14-16 April	2	1	1
	Americas	UTECH Track and Field Classic	Kingston, JAM	09-10 April	12-13 April	2	1	
	Americas	Brazil Open	Sao Paulo, BRA	22-23 April	24-26 April	2	2	1
May	Americas	Desert Challenge Games	Mesa, Arizona, USA	07-09 May	09-11 May	2	1	
	Europe	ParAthletics	Nottwil, SUI	15-16 May	16-18 May	2	1	
	Europe	Italian Open Championships 2014	Grosetto, ITA	27-29 May	30 May-01 June	2	1	1
June	Americas	2014 Guayaquil Open Para-Swimming, Athletics and Table Tennis	Guayaquil, Ecuador	03-05 June	06-08 June			TBC
	Europe	Championnats de France interclubs	Lille, FRA	13-14 June	15-Jun	2		
	Americas	2014 U.S. Paralympics Track and Field National Championships	San Mateo, California, USA	17-19 June	20-22 June	2		
	Africa	Tunis Open	Tunis, TUN	13-15 June	16-18 June	2	2	1
	Europe	German Open	Berlin, GER	17-18 June	20-22 June	2	2	1
August	Europe	IWAS World Junior Games 2014	Aylesbury, GBR	02-07 August		TBC		
	Europe	IPC Athletics European Championships, Swansea 2014	Swansea, GBR	15-18 August	14-24 August	3	2	2
October	Asia	Incheon 2014 Asian Para Games	Incheon, Republic of Korea	14-17 October	18-24 October	3	TBC	TBC

*TBC - Panels have been requested. IPC Athletics are in the process of finding classifiers for these competitions.

If your athlete requires classification please ensure that you arrive one (1) day prior to the start of classification period.

We will schedule athletes in accordance with the classification period and not arrival dates of athletes.

Failure to arrive in time for classification you will not undergo classification at this competition and not be eligible to compete in the competition.

You can find updated information during the course of the year from <http://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rules-and-regulations/classification/courses>

IPC Athletics Classification Schedule

IPC Athletics Management team will develop and published the final classification schedule via our website and send to the LOC of the competition.

This schedule is **FINAL** and no exceptions or changes will be made to this schedule by the Chief Classifier during the competition unless approved by a member of the IPC Athletics Management team.

Athletes scheduled for classification should take note of the Athlete Evaluation Requirements outlined in Article 4 (Athlete Evaluation) of the IPC Athletics Classification Rules and Regulations 2014 (Found here:

<http://www.paralympic.org/athletics/classification>).

Failure to comply with these rules may lead to the suspension of Athlete Evaluation.

Please contact IPC Athletics Competition Coordinator **Laura Danning** on Laura.Danning@paralympic.org should you have any further questions.

Kind regards



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