

PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT CLASSIFICATION GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

****Athlete needs to meet at least ONE (1) of the qualifications for the respective groups to qualify****

P1:

- Nationally/Internationally classified as a S1-S4
- Non-ambulatory (wheelchair bound)
- Limited use of all 4 extremities

P2:

- Nationally/Internationally classified as a S5-S8
- Non-ambulatory (wheelchair bound) but has the strength/coordination to push their own chair
- Ambulatory but unable to use **both** arms (can kick, but not pull)
- Ambulatory with assistance (crutches/walker), but can also primarily use a wheelchair for safety/ease of mobility
- Dwarfism
- Multiple limb deficiencies

P3:

- Nationally/Internationally classified as a S9-S14
- Blind or Visually Impaired (minimum 20/200 vision with correction)
- Single-limb deficiency
- Malformed hands and/or feet (minimum of 3 fingers or toes missing on one extremity)
- Loss of a hand or foot either by amputation or inability to use—may still have the hand or foot but fixed in a position where it is not able to be used for swimming
- Ambulatory but able to still pull with 1 arm
- Ambulatory without significant assistance (e.g. cerebral palsy, stroke, muscular dystrophy, Erb's palsy, or traumatic brain injury)
- Have a leg-length difference greater than 200mm
- Intellectual Impairment
 - If you are unsure as to whether or not your athlete should compete in this category, you can find more information about the degree of impairment needed to allow an athlete to compete in Para-swimming at the national/international level here: <https://inas.org/about-us/athlete-eligibility/eligibility-and-classification>.

If you are unsure as to which class your athlete belongs, please feel free to contact:

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—Deafness is not a qualification for Para-Swimming. There is, however, a separate avenue for elite competition for deaf athletes: <https://www.teamunify.com/TabGeneric.jsp?tabid=161379&team=usds>