

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION FOR ATHLETES WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Please find below the list of World Para Swimming recognised competitions in the year 2018 which offer international classification.

1. **Managua 2018 Para Central American Games**- - to be held on 22-24 January (classification on 20-21 January) in Managua, Nicaragua – (medical documentation must be uploaded before 11 December 2018)
2. **2018 Kenya National Open and Para Swimming Championships**- - to be held on 08-11 February (classification on 5-7 February) in Nairobi, Kenya – (medical documentation must be uploaded before 11 December 2018)
3. **Sao Paulo 2018 World Para Swimming World Series (2018 Caixa Loterias Open Championships)** - to be held on 26-28 April (classification on 23-25 April) in Sao Paulo, Brazil – (medical documentation must be uploaded before 26 February 2018)
4. **Lignano Sabbiadoro 2018 World Para Swimming World Series** - to be held on 23-26 May (classification on 20-22 May) in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy – (medical documentation must be uploaded before 25 March 2018)
5. **Sheffield 2018 World Para Swimming World Series (British Para Swim International Meet)** - to be held on 31 May – 1 June (classification on 28-30 May) in Sheffield, Great Britain – (medical documentation must be uploaded before 2 April 2018) **CLASSIFICATION TO BE CONFIRMED**
6. **Berlin 2018 World Para Swimming World Series (Internationale Deutsche Meisterschaften Swimming Berlin)** - to be held on 7-10 June (classification on 4-6 June) in Berlin, Germany – (medical documentation must be uploaded before 9 April 2018)
7. **Dublin 2018 World Para Swimming European Championships** - to be held on 13-19 August (classification on 10-12 August) in Dublin, Ireland – (medical documentation must be uploaded before 15 June 2018).
8. **Jakarta 2018 Asian Para Games** - to be held on 6-13 October (classification on 2-5 October) in Jakarta, Indonesia – (medical documentation must be uploaded before 14 August 2018)

World Para Swimming will update the list should opportunities become available.

Details for the above listed competitions can be found on the [World Para Swimming Calendar](#)

Any queries on classification can be directed to jovana.zrnzevic@paralympic.org, all queries must come from the NPC or approved NF.

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Athlete Classification

At competitions where classification is offered, World Para Swimming will schedule all athletes with a New or Review status pursuant with the below regulations.

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

- Is registered and/or licensed with World Para Swimming pursuant to the relevant provisions in the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations;
- Has been entered into the Recognised Competition where International Classification is to take place;
- Has submitted Medical Diagnostics information (Medical Diagnostic Form and supporting documents) to the Sport Data Management System (SDMS)

Where a classification schedule is full:

- Athletes who are licensed will take priority over registered athletes¹ followed by;
- New Athletes will take priority over Review Athletes.

Medical Diagnostic Form – Athletes with a Physical or Visual Impairment

The Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) serves the purpose of guiding NPCs in the submission of the required Medical Diagnostic Information for classification. As such, a Medical Diagnostic Form must be submitted to the Sport Data Management System (SDMS) for all athletes with a New or Review sport class status before the athlete undergoes classification, according to the following timeline, VI MDFs must be uploaded at least 6 weeks before the athlete undergoes classification.

Depending on the athlete's health condition and impairment, additional medical information is to be attached to the Medical Diagnostic Form. Medical Diagnostic Forms will be reviewed by the Chief Classifier ahead of a competition and, if required, further information may be requested. If an athlete fails to produce sufficient medical documentation and the classification panel considers that the absence of such medical documentation will affect its ability to conduct Athlete Evaluation in a fair manner, classification will be suspended as per rule 4.7 of the World Para Swimming Classification Rules and Regulations (September 2015).

The [Medical Diagnostics Form](#) is published on the World Para Swimming website under Classification.

Review Requests have to be sent 3 months in advance, together with supportive medical documents.

¹ 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.



If an Athlete is required to attend Athlete Evaluation, Athletes must arrive at the competition **prior to the start of the classification period**. World Para Swimming will schedule athletes in accordance with the classification period **and not** arrival dates of athletes. World Para Swimming **WILL NOT** entertain any request to change any athlete's classification times. World Para Swimming will publish classification schedules to the [World Para Swimming website](http://www.worldparaswimming.org) and notify NPCs. It is the responsibility of the NPC to inform athletes of classification.

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