



ARAFURA GAMES 2019 CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION

Athletics Australia, Paralympics Australia and the Arafura Games organising committee are supporting classification opportunities at the 2019 Arafura Games.

International classification will be held at the 2019 Arafura Games, with classification conducted in accordance with the World Para Athletics Classification Rules and Regulations.

Athlete Evaluation will occur between the 24th-26th April 2019 for athletes with a physical or vision impairment.
Competition observation will occur as required from 27th-29th April 2019.

Please read the impairment classification information that is relevant to your impairment type.



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VISUAL IMPAIRMENT INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION – T/F11-13

VI International Classification

International VI classification will be conducted by a panel over a period of one to two days (with final dates to be confirmed based on entries).

Classification will occur between 24th – 26th April 2019.

VI International Classification Documentation

All athletes must have a current SDMS number and valid WPA licence for the 2019 season. Athletes need to arrange this through their respective NPC or NSO and may need to complete the IPC Athlete Eligibility Agreement Form version 2.

https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/171214100830007_2017_10_27_IPC+Eligibility+Agreement_Athlete_V2.pdf

Athletes must have the applicable VI Medical Documentation uploaded to SDMS by their NSO or NPC. This includes;

Medical Documentation

- Visual Impairment Medical Diagnostics Form – completed by ophthalmologist within 12 months prior to the date of athlete evaluation.
https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/180308112724077_2017_11_29+VI+MDF.pdf
- Additional Evidence – as required in the VI MDF according to the individual's visual impairment.

WPA have the discretion to request additional diagnostic information from an athlete at any time.

Arafura Games and International Classification Deadlines

Arafura Entry Cut-Off	8/03/2019
Confirmation of Arrival and Evaluation Dates	12/03/2019
Licensing and Classification documentation due in SDMS	18/03/2019
International Classification Evaluation Schedule Released	13/04/2019 (TBC)
Athlete Arrival Date	23/04/2019 TBC*
International Classification Evaluation	24-26/04/2019 (TBC)
Arafura Games Athletics Competition	27-29/04/2019

**WPA will determine the amount of days necessary to conduct classification for athletes with a visual impairment after competition entries close.*

**It is mandatory that athletes plan their arrival for the day prior to international classification beginning.*

International Classification is expected to take place on the 24th and the 26th of April (due to the 25th being a Public Holiday) or the 26th only, depending on the number of athletes requiring evaluation. Further information will be clarified to LOC and nations following close of entries.

Scheduling of Athletes for Evaluation

WPA are responsible for allocating determining available slots for each nation and scheduling athletes on a classification schedule.

Following the release of the International Classification Evaluation Schedule, communication will be provided to nations regarding the allocation of an evaluation slot, date and time.

Protest opportunities

NSOs, National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) and WPA are the only three bodies who have the jurisdiction to protest the outcome of an athlete evaluation (WPA Classification Rules and Regulations, January 2018, Part Six, 20.1-20.1.3).

There is not a second panel available at the Arafura Games for VI. Any protest, or not eligible second assessment, will not be able to be resolved at the Arafura Games

A protested athlete must be permitted to compete in the Sport Class that is the subject of the Protest with the Sport Class Status 'Review', pending the resolution of the Protest; and all reasonable steps must be taken to ensure that the Protest is resolved at the earliest opportunity. (WPA Classification Rules and Regulations, January 2018, Part Six, 26.1-26.1.2).

Protest processes, forms and fees are as detailed in the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations and WPA website.

INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION – T/F20

II International Classification

International II classification athletes will not be conducted at the 2019 Arafura Games. Athletes with an international II class, with a review or confirmed status will be permitted to compete. All athletes with a current international classification must have a valid WPA licence for the 2019 season.

Athletes with a national II class will be permitted to compete at this competition. Results achieved by nationally classified athletes at Arafura Games will not;

- Appear on WPA Results on Rankings
- Be recognised as an official world record (if a performance greater than the world record for the athlete's class/event is achieved)
- Be recognised as a WPA minimum qualifying standard or AA qualifying standard for the 2019/2020 WPA Championships or Paralympic Games.

PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION T/F32-38, 40-47, 51-57, 61-64

PI International Classification

International PI Classification will be conducted by 2 appointed WPA panels between 24th – 26th April 2019.

In order to attend international classification, athletes must have a valid WPA international licence for the 2019 season.

Athletes are required to be in Darwin and available from the start of classification on the 24th April.

PI International Classification Documentation

All athletes must have a current SDMS number and WPA licence for the 2019 season. Athletes need to arrange this through their respective NPC or NSO and may need to complete the IPC Athlete Eligibility Agreement Form version 2.

https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/171214100830007_2017_10_27_IPC+Eligibility+Agreement_Athlete_V2.pdf

Athletes must have the applicable Medical Documentation uploaded to SDMS by their NSO or NPC.

This includes;

- WPA Medical Diagnostics Form – completed by your GP or specialist within 12 months prior to the date of athlete evaluation.
https://www.paralympic.org/sites/default/files/document/180508150843738_2017_11+Medical+Diagnostic+Form+for+ALL+Athletes+with+Physical+Impairment_Athletics_0.pdf
- Additional Evidence – as required in the MDF 'Diagnostics Evidence' – Page 2, according to the individual's physical impairment.

WPA have the discretion to request additional diagnostic information from an athlete at any time.

Arafura Games and International Classification Deadlines

Arafura Entry Cut-Off	8/03/2019
Licensing and Classification documentation due in SDMS	18/03/2019
International Classification Evaluation Schedule Released	13/04/2019 (TBC)
Athlete Arrival Date	23/04/2019*
International Classification Evaluation	24-26/04/2019
International Classification Observation in Competition Assessment	27-29/04/2019
Arafura Games Athletics Competition	27-29/04/2019

**It is mandatory that athletes plan their arrival for the day prior to international classification beginning.*

Scheduling of Athletes for Evaluation

WPA are responsible for determining slots available for each nation and allocating athletes to the classification schedule.

There is no guarantee that every athlete wishing to attend international classification will be able to be scheduled.

For those athletes competing at Arafura Games that do not have an international classification or a national classification with Fixed Year Review Date prior to 2020, and are not given the opportunity to be evaluated for international classification – please see ‘PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION – T/F32-38, 40-47, 51-57, 61-64.’

Athlete Evaluation Protest

Protest resolution may be possible at this event, in accordance with the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations.

NSOs, NPCs and WPA are the only three bodies who have the jurisdiction to protest the outcome of an athlete evaluation (WPA Classification Rules and Regulations, January 2018, Part Six, 20.1-20.1.3).

Protest processes, forms and fees are as detailed in the WPA Classification Rules and Regulations and WPA website.

PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION T/F32-38, 40-47, 51-57, 61-64

PI National Classification

There will be an opportunity for national classification, for athletes with a physical impairment at the Arafura Games in Darwin. National Classification will be conducted, depending on final numbers.

Athletes from Australia may be required to attend a national classification evaluation (as outlined in this section).

Athletes from other nations who do not have a valid classification from their nation, and who are not scheduled for international classification, may be requested to attend Australian National Classification for the purposes of this competition.

Results achieved by nationally classified athletes at Arafura Games will not;

- Appear on WPA Results on Rankings
- Be recognised as an official world record (if a performance greater than the world record for the athlete’s class/event is achieved)
- Be recognised as a WPA minimum qualifying standard or AA qualifying standard for the 2019/2020 WPA Championships or Paralympic Games.

PI National Classification Documentation

Athletes Australia will accept either of the following documentations for 'New' or 'Review' status athletes attending national classification.

1. WPA Medical Diagnostics Form (MDF – appendix 4) – completed by your GP or specialist within 12 months prior to the date of athlete evaluation. Additional Evidence – as required in the WPA MDF 'Diagnostics Evidence' – Page 2, according to the individual's physical impairment.
2. Athletics Australia PI Medical Diagnostics Form (MDF – appendix 5) – completed by your GP or specialist within 12 months prior to the date of athlete evaluation. Additional Evidence – as required in the Athletics Australia PI MDF 'Diagnostics Evidence' – Page 2, according to the individual's physical impairment.

Arafura Entry Cut-Off	8/03/2019
Classification documentation due	TBC
International Classification Evaluation Schedule Released	13/04/2019
National Classification Evaluation Schedule Released	TBC*
Athlete Arrival Date	TBC*
National Classification Evaluation	TBC*
National Classification Observation in Competition Assessment	27-29/04/2019
Arafura Games Athletics Competition	27-29/04/2019

**Days necessary for national classification will be determined after competition entries close.*

National Classification will take place on the 26th April , depending on the number of athletes requiring evaluation and classifier availability.

Prioritisation of Athletes for Evaluation

Prioritisation of athletes requiring national classification will be allocated in the following order;

1. Athletes with a physical impairment without a formal classification
2. Athletes with a physical impairment with a provisional classification
3. Athletes with a national classification 'Review' status
4. Athletes with a national classification 'Fixed Year Review Date – 2019'

FURTHER INFORMATION

World Para Athletics Classification information

<https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/classification/rules-and-regulations>

Arafura Games

<https://arafuragames.nt.gov.au/sport/athletics/>