Introduction

This information is intended to be a generic guide to classification for athletes with an intellectual impairment in the Paralympic Sport of Table Tennis. It is not to be used to make classification or athlete selection decisions. The eligibility and subsequent classification of athletes with an intellectual impairment is performed by authorised eligibility officers and classifiers according to the classification rules of the sport.

The classification system is determined by the International Table Tennis federation. Sport Classification Rules change from time to time, and this guide represents the classification system current at the date of publication.

What is the Paralympic class for Table Tennis?

For more specific information, please use the resources on the last page of this information sheet.

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What is the Eligibility Criteria?

To be eligible to compete as an athlete with an intellectual impairment, the intellectual impairment must be diagnostically confirmed. Only authorised eligibility officers are able to determine whether a person meets the minimal disability criteria. In the table below is a rough guide to the criteria – it should not be used to provide athletes with advice regarding eligibility.

Primary Eligibility Criteria – GUIDE ONLY

The following criteria must be met in order for athletes to meet the minimal eligibility criteria.

1. **Significant impairment in intellectual functioning** as indicated by a full scale score of 75 or lower on an internationally recognized and professionally administered IQ test (eg a WISC-R or WAIS-III)

2. **Significant limitations in adaptive behaviour** as expressed in communication, conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills

3. **Developmental Evidence** of intellectual impairment prior to 18 years age.
Classification Information Sheet

What is the classification process for athletes in Australia?

International level
For eligibility to gain selection to a National team to compete internationally, the classification of athletes with an intellectual impairment is a two stage process.

1. **Primary Eligibility Check (INAS-FID)** determines that an athlete meets the eligibility criteria above. This process is co-ordinated through AUSRAPID.

2. **Sports-Specific Classification** – This testing will be used to determine whether a person’s intellectual disability results in sufficient limitation in their ability to perform the core elements of table tennis. Only authorised classifiers are able to complete this process. These classifiers are appointed by the International Table Tennis Federation.

National level
For athletes competing at State and National level championships within Australia, an AUSRAPID Eligibility process needs to be completed. This process confirms that athlete meets the primary eligibility criteria. The application form can be found at the AUSRAPID links at the bottom of the page.

Sports-specific classification is not required at a national level.

Local, regional or club level competition
The classification required for this level of competition is determined by the organising committee. Generally, this requires athletes to provide sufficient evidence verifying a diagnosis of intellectual impairment disability. This generally applies to all school sport events, up to but not including National championships.

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Related Links
Australian Paralympic Committee Website:

AUSRAPID
http://ausrapid.org.au/eligibility

International Federation for sport for athletes with an intellectual disability (INAS-FID).
http://www.inas.org/member-services/eligibility-and-classification/

International Paralympic Committee (IPC)
http://www.paralympic.org/

Table Tennis Australia
http://www.tabletennis.org.au