

Representative School Sport Pathway for Students with Disability

School Sport Unit

Did you know there is a representative school sport pathway for students with disability?

Students with disability can access representative school sport through multi-class events, from Zone carnivals through to national level championships. To compete in multi-class events, students must have a formal sporting classification. Eligibility requires meeting the criteria in one of the following categories:

- Autism
- Deaf or hard of hearing
- Intellectual impairment
- Physical impairment
- Transplant recipient
- Vision impairment

What is a sporting classification?

A sporting classification is an assessment process used in disability sport that groups athletes into classes based on how their disability affects sporting performance.

When is classification required?

A current formal sporting classification is required to compete in multi-class events within the representative school sport pathway, including Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming.

Who governs the classification process?

Each category is managed by a specific sporting organisation. These organisations determine athlete eligibility and classification status in accordance with nationally and internationally recognised classification standards.

What is multi-class?

Multi-class is a competition format that allows students with different classifications to compete in the same event. Times and distances are adjusted using a recognised percentage system, allowing fair and competitive competition across classification categories.



What is the classification application process?

- Download and complete the relevant classification eligibility application form.
- Attach the required medical documentation.
- Submit the application to the relevant governing body for assessment.
- Once classification is confirmed, inform the school of the student's classification.
- The student can then begin competing in multi-class events.

Where can I access application forms and more information?

Visit the School Sport Unit's Classification page to access eligibility information and application forms:

<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/disability-and-inclusion/CLASSIFICATION>

