

Classification Overview

Classification provides a structure for Paralympic competition. The International Paralympic Committee has adopted a universal classification code in order to facilitate the implementation of accurate, reliable, and credible sport-specific classification systems. The classification process determines who is eligible to compete in a Paralympic sport and it groups the eligible athletes in sport classes according to their activity limitation in a certain sport. For more information about Paralympic classification and the IPC's Athlete Classification Code, please visit the [IPC's Classification Webpage](#).

Badminton World Federation is the international federation for badminton. BWF is responsible for creating and implementing the rules and regulations that govern the Paralympic badminton classification system. For more information about the badminton classification system, rules and regulations, please visit the [BWF Classification webpage](#).

All national classifications conducted in the United States fall under the governance of U.S. Paralympics as the National Paralympic Committee for the United States. For more information about the national classification policies and procedures, please visit the [U.S. Paralympic Classification Information Page](#).

Classification Information

The BWF Para badminton Classification system has the following Sport Classes:

- Wheelchair Sport Classes – **WH 1** and **WH 2**
- Standing Sport Classes – **SL 3**, **SL 4** and **SU 5**
- Short Stature Sport Class – **SH 6**

Eligible Disabilities

The five impairment types eligible for Para Badminton are:

1. Coordination Impairments: Underlying health conditions that may lead to this include ataxia, cerebral palsy, dyskinesia (athetosis, dystonia, chorea), Hypertonia, Multiple sclerosis, Stroke, Traumatic brain injury.

2. Limb Deficiency and/ or Limb Length Difference: Underlying health conditions that may lead to this include amputees, amniotic band syndrome, congenital limb differences, dysmelia.
3. Impaired range of movement: Underlying health conditions that may lead to to this include arthrogryposis and contracture resulting from chronic joint immobilization or trauma affecting a joint.
4. Impaired muscle power: Underlying health conditions that may lead to this include spinal cord injury (complete or incomplete, tetra-or paraplegia or paraparesis), muscular dystrophy, post-polio syndrome and spina bifida.
5. Short stature: Underlying health conditions that may lead to this include achondroplasia, growth hormone dysfunction, and osteogenesis imperfecta.

Classification Database

USOPC IMS – Badminton does not maintain a national classification database. Please refer to the International Classification Master List which can be found on the BWF Classification webpage.

- [BWF Classification webpage](#)

National Classification Opportunities

At this time, there are no national classification opportunities. As opportunities become available for national classification, they will be posted here.

International Classification Opportunities

For a full list of International Classification Opportunities, please visit the [BWF Classification webpage](#).

Additional Resources

- [National Classification Resources](#)

- [USOPC Paralympic Classification Information](#)

Questions/Support

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