CLASSIFICATION
POLICY

Developed in consultation with
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Deaf Sports Australia | State & Territory Cycling Associations
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OVERVIEW

Cycling Australia’s Classification Policy is designed to ensure all athletes with a disability are provided with a fair and equal environment for competition at all levels, from club racing through to National Championships. The purpose of classification is to minimise the impact of impairment on the outcome of competition to ensure athletes who succeed in competition are those with the best athletic performance. Classification is an ongoing process whereby all athletes are under regular observation by classifiers to ensure consistency and fairness for all athletes.

CA together with its National Classification Partners will promote and support the implementation of this policy through the sport of cycling, ensuring opportunities, development of resources and eligibility requirements are available to the cycling community.
CYCLING AUSTRALIA (CA)

CA as the national governing body responsible for the sport of cycling in Australia. CA promotes opportunities for athletes with an impairment to participate in cycling and supports the cycling pathway.

CA supports access to classification for athletes to compete in the Para-sport cycling pathway and manages the classification process for athletes with a physical impairment in Australia.

CA recognises the following National Classification Partners with a responsibility for the management of classification in Australia:

AUSTRALIAN PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (APC)

The APC is the peak body representing Paralympic Sport in Australia. As signatory to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the APC is responsible for supporting classification activities in Paralympic sports and ensuring national classification activities comply to the IPC Classification Code "The Code" and International Standards. Paralympic classification includes athletes with a physical, visual and intellectual impairment where it applies to Paralympic sports. The APC manages the classification process for athletes with a vision impairment in Australia.

AUSTRALIA SPORT AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION FOR PEOPLE WITH INTEGRATION DIFFICULTIES (AUSRAPID)

AUSRAPID is the peak body in Australia representing the needs of athletes with intellectual impairment. AUSRAPID is responsible for managing the national eligibility process for athletes wishing to compete within the intellectual disability classification. AUSRAPID is the Australian Member organisation of International Federation for sport for para-athletes with an intellectual disability (Inas). Inas manages overseas international eligibility for athletes with intellectual impairment and is a member of the IPC.

DEAF SPORTS AUSTRALIA (DSA)

DSA is the peak body in Australia representing sport for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. DSA is responsible for the conduct of the Australian Deaf Games and manages teams to represent Australia at Deaflympic Games. DSA is ultimately responsible for determining eligibility for athletes who are deaf or hard of hearing in Australia. DSA is the Australian Member Organisation for the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD). ICSD manages and oversees international eligibility for athletes who are deaf or hard of hearing.

STATE AND TERRITORY CYCLING ASSOCIATIONS

State and Territory Cycling Associations play a key role in the development and implementation of the Classification Policy at a State and Territory level. Providing information and facilitating access to classification opportunities through State and Territory competition pathways.
WHO THIS POLICY APPLIES TO

This policy applies to all cyclists internationally and within Australia with physical, vision, intellectual impairment or who are deaf or hard of hearing and who intend to compete in racing events sanctioned by CA.

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

The purpose of the classification policy is to clearly define the procedures of classification adopted by CA and recognise the role of classification partners. It will ensure the ongoing provision of consistent and sustainable classification within cycling nationally.

This Policy may be amended from time to time by the decision and endorsement of the CA Board of Directors.
1. All Australian cyclists with physical, visual, intellectual or hearing impairments should have access to classification opportunities appropriate to their level of competition. Refer to the classification pathway (appendix 1).

2. CA accepts its role in ensuring cycling classification is enforced in accordance with national and international standards, as determined by the rules and regulations of the relevant International Federations and national classification partners.

2.1. Paralympic Classification

2.1.1. CA adopts and adheres to **UCI Para-cycling Classification Guide** for eligibility in Para Cycling Sport Classes.

2.1.2. CA acknowledges and agrees to ensure its Classifications conform with the **IPC Classification Code**.

2.1.3. CA acknowledges the APC Classification Policy and APC standards for Athlete Evaluation, Protests and Appeals, Classifier Training and Certification.

2.1.4. CA agrees to cooperate with the APC in delivery of Classification services under the terms of the APC policy and associated standards.

2.1.5. CA will only recognise classifications for athletes with a vision or physical impairment that have been conducted by APC certified classifiers in line with the CA classification policy and APC classification policy.

2.2. Intellectual Impairment Classification

2.2.1. CA adopts and adheres to the **INAS eligibility policy link** where it relates to primary eligibility for international competition.

2.2.2. CA adheres to the **AUSRAPID Eligibility Policy** where it relates to national competition and agrees to cooperate with AUSRAPID in delivery of classification services under the terms of that policy.

2.3. Deaf or Hard of Hearing Classification

2.3.1. CA adopts and adheres to the **ICSD Eligibility Regulations** where it relates to Primary Eligibility for international competition.

2.3.2. CA acknowledges the **DSA Eligibility Policy** and agrees to cooperate with DSA in delivery of Classification services under the terms of that policy.
3. **Sport Class**

3.1. Sport Class is a category or class defined by the international governing body/federation in which athletes are grouped according to the activity limitation resulting from the impairment.

3.2. Athletes are allocated a sport class which indicates the athletes class for competition.

3.3. All athletes must meet the Minimum Disability Criteria (MDC) for their impairment group. The MDC is set to ensure that the athlete’s impairment causes him/her sufficient difficulty in cycling so that racing is fair. If an athlete has activity limitations that are not permanent and/or do not meet the MDC the athletes will not be eligible (NE) to compete in events against other athletes with an impairment.

3.4. Athletes who are ineligible will be allocated a sport class Not Eligible (NE).

3.5. The license code identifies the athletes sport class

### The classes are:

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<td><strong>BICYCLE</strong></td>
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<td>Deaf or Hard of Hearing ICSD – International</td>
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<td><strong>NOT ELIGIBLE</strong></td>
<td>Is applicable to all impairment divisions (Vision, Physical, Hearing and Intellectual and all types of cycles)</td>
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4. Sport Class Level

4.1. Athletes undergo classification at a level suitable for their competition, National or International.

4.2. In Para-cycling classifications a Provisional classification is also recognised in Australia.

4.3. The levels of classifications are detailed below.

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<th>VALIDITY FOR COMPETITION</th>
<th>EVALUATION PROCESS</th>
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| PROVISIONAL    | Club/ Regional/State           | Provisional athlete evaluation either remote or where a full classification panel is not present | • Indication of class only  
• Valid for 12 months only  
• Not eligible for records, rankings and team selection |
| NATIONAL       | National Club/ Regional/State  | Assessment with a recognised assessment panel or classifier recognised by CA or its systems partners | Supercedes a Provisional level classification |
| INTERNATIONAL  | International Competition     | Assessment with an international classification panel or process as recognised by the International governing body/federation | Supercedes a National level classification |
5. **Sport Class Status**

5.1. A sport class status is allocated to each athlete’s classification, which defines the status of their sport class.

5.2. The following sport class status will apply:

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<td>NEW</td>
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<td>REVIEW</td>
<td>Applies to athletes that have been previously classified by a classification panel but the classification panel requires further review of their class in the future. Athletes may be allocated a review year, which means that the athlete does not need to re-present for classification until the review year</td>
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<td>CONFIRMED</td>
<td>Athletes are not required to undergo Athlete Evaluation in the future, except in the case of 1) Change in Medical Condition of the Athlete, 2) Changes in the classification system, 3) Protest by Head of Classification</td>
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6. **Ineligibility Re-evaluation**

6.1. CA adopts and adheres to the APC Classification Standard [Athlete Evaluation] for athletes with a Physical or Vision Impairment where it relates to ineligibility re-evaluation.

7. **Medical Review of Classification**

7.1. CA adopts and adheres to the APC Classification Standard [Athlete Evaluation] for Para-cycling athletes (with a Physical or Vision Impairment) where it relates to medical review requests.

7.2. Any application for medical review must be in writing to CA and accompanied by medical evidence. Contact the CA classification coordinator via email [pc.classification@cycling.org.au](mailto:pc.classification@cycling.org.au)

7.3. It is the athlete’s responsibility for informing CA of any change in impairment. Failure to correctly notify CA may be considered a case of intentional misrepresentation (IPC Classification Code, section 11)
8. National Cycling Classification Master List and confidentiality of classification data

8.1. CA manages the official master list of cycling classifications that have been documented in accordance with this policy. CA is responsible for making public and providing certain classification information to relevant parties such as state cycling bodies and national classification partners as appropriate for the effective conduct of competition.

8.2. Classification data will be stored confidentially, with paper copies kept in locked cupboard and electronic copies stored with a password protection. Classification data may be released to the athlete upon their request in writing. Classification data may not be released to any other party.

9. International Classification

9.1. International classification is a process carried out by authorised international classifiers in accordance with the rules of the respective International Federation

9.2. CA in cooperation with the APC will manage all aspects of the UCI International Licensing requirements for identified athletes in the Para-cycling sport classes (athletes with physical or vision impairment).

9.3. CA in cooperation with the APC will support the preparation of international classification for identified athletes in the Para-cycling sport classes (athletes with a physical or vision impairments)

10. Dispute Resolution Process

10.1. CA will facilitate resolution of disputes relating to classification outcome and/or the evaluation process in consultation with classification partners and in accordance with the relevant classification policy, rules and regulations described in this policy for UCI sport classes.

10.2. A protest is a formal objection to an athlete’s sport class and/or sport class status. Protests can only be considered when formally lodged in writing in accordance with the appropriate eligibility guidelines or regulations.

10.3. An appeal refers to a procedure by which a formal objection to the manner or process in which classification procedures have been conducted. Appeals will only be considered where this is formally lodged in writing to CA and the classification partner.

10.4. CA adopts and adheres to the APC Classification Standard (Protests and Appeals) for athletes with a Physical or Vision Impairment.

10.5. All disputes directed to CA will be treated as confidential; parties to the dispute will not disclose information relating to the dispute or the proceedings to any person or entity outside those directly required to assist in the resolution which may include but is not limited to:

- Athlete and their appointed representative
- Certified Classifiers
- CA employees
- Classification Partner representatives
- Sport, medical or scientific consultants engaged for the purpose of the dispute resolution
- Legal counsel
Physically impaired riders are connected with state classifier to determine the most feasible way to provide provisional classification either remotely at first or through a coordinated face to face schedule. Classification at state championships should be the day before competition or the morning of competition (only if competition is in the evening.)

State classifier will notify CA classification coordinator of the outcome of classification. If classification is scheduled around a competition the State Classifier will notify Chief Commissaries at the relevant competition.

Athletes compete with a provisional classification until they attend a National Championship. Athletes with classification will be available on a master list on the CA website for competition purposes.

Athlete shows interest in participating in club, regional competition.
Athlete contacts State Cycling Body to organise Provisional Classification.

**PROVISIONAL**

**Vision impaired** – athletes directed to APC
**Hearing Impaired** – Athletes directed to Deaf Sports Australia
**Intellectual Disability** – Athletes who are not eligible for para cycling sport classes directed to AUSRAPID.

Partners notify CA of relevant athlete classification eligibility.

State classifier notifies CA classification coordinator for information to be added to the master list and IMG database.

**NATIONAL**
Athletes competing at nationals are classified by a panel of classifiers and receive national classification.

Athletes will receive a membership card listing their sport class. Access to online classification details will be updated regularly for competition purposes. Athlete classifications will be added to the Australian Cycling Classification Masterlist.

**INTERNATIONAL**
Athletes competing at nationals are classified by a panel of classifiers and receive national classification.