**PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT CLASSIFICATION GROUP DESCRIPTIONS**

**\*\*Athlete needs to meet at least ONE (1) of the qualifications for the respective groups to qualify\*\***

**P1:**

* Nationally/Internationally classified as a S1-S4
* Non-ambulatory (wheelchair bound) **and** unable to push their own chair
* Limited use of 3+ extremities

**P2:**

* Nationally/Internally classified as a S5-S7
* Non-ambulatory (wheelchair bound) but has the strength/coordination to push their own chair
* Ambulatory but unable to use **both** arms (can kick, but not pull)
* Ambulatory with assistance (crutches/walker), but can also primarily use a wheelchair for safety/ease of mobility
* Dwarfism
* Moderate ataxia (lack of coordination) that affects either 1 side of the body or 2 or more limbs

**P3:**

* Nationally/Internationally classified as a S8-S13
* Blind or Visually Impaired (minimum 20/200 vision with correction)
* Single-amputee
* Double-amputee
* Malformed hands and/or feet (minimum of 3 fingers or toes missing on one extremity)
* Loss of a hand or foot either by amputation or inability to use—may still have the hand or foot but fixed in a position where it is not able to be used for swimming
* Ambulatory but able to still pull with 1 arm
* Ambulatory without significant assistance (e.g. mild ataxia due to cerebral palsy, stroke, muscular dystrophy, Erb’s palsy, or traumatic brain injury)
* Have a leg-length difference greater than 200mm

If you are unsure as to which class your athlete belongs, please feel free to contact:

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—Deafness is not a qualification for Para-Swimming. There is, however, a separate sport class/division for deaf athletes: <https://www.teamunify.com/TabGeneric.jsp?_tabid_=161379&team=usds>