

2010 GTAC Disability Open

May 14-16, 2010
University of Cincinnati / Cincinnati, OH

Classification...

What are the Classifications?

Swimming is the only sport that combines the conditions of limb loss, cerebral palsy (coordination and movement restrictions), spinal cord injury (weakness or paralysis involving any combination of the limbs) and other disabilities (such as Dwarfism (little people); major joint restriction conditions) across classes.

Classes 1-10 – are allocated to swimmers with a physical disability

Classes 11-13 – are allocated to swimmers with a visual disability

The Prefix S to the Class denotes the class for Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly

The Prefix SB to the class denotes the class for Breaststroke

The Prefix SM to the class denotes the class for Individual Medley.

The range is from the swimmers with severe disability (S1, SB1, SM1) to those with the minimal disability (S10, SB9, SM10)

Who must be Classified?

The international classification database for swimming is listed on the IPC website at www.paralympic.org.

The national U.S. Paralympics classification database for swimming is available at www.usparalympics.org.

If the swimmer has never been classified (i.e. are NOT listed in either the international or domestic databases), a classification appointment must be requested at this competition. Submit the enclosed *Request for Classification* form. Athletes will be notified by email about the classification appointment schedule.

All classification appointments will be scheduled on Friday, May 14, 2010. **There is a \$100 fine payable to Paralympic Division/USOC for missed appointments.**

If you are listed in the USA domestic and/or the IPC international classification databases, you do **NOT** need to be classified at this competition.

The classification process consists of a bench / water test that will be conducted during your classification appointment on Friday, May 14th, and observation during competition. ***All athletes being classified must be entered into and compete in the competition.***

Swimmers who are blind or visually impaired who have not been previously classified should download a copy of the *U.S. Paralympics Swimming Consent & Classification Form for VI athletes* from the U.S. Paralympics website at www.usparalympics.org. This form should be completed by the swimmer's ophthalmologist/optometrist. Completed forms must be submitted to U.S. Paralympics by May 1, 2010.

Submitting Your Request for Classification

Requests for classification must be received by **April 15, 2010**. Submit the enclosed *Request for Classification* form and any pertinent medical documentation to:

Paralympic Division / USOC
Attn: 2010 GTAC Disability Open Meet Classification Request
E-mail: jamie.martin@usoc.org
Or by fax: +1 719 866 4288

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Request for Classification Appointment Form

Please type or print clearly. All correspondence about classification will be conducted via e-mail.

Name _____ Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Sport(s) for which classification is being requested: _____

Current **NATIONAL** sport class(es): (please leave BLANK if not yet classified)

SPORT _____ CLASS(ES) _____ STATUS (circle): NN NR NC

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Why is the athlete requesting to be classified?

☐ Has never been classified

☐ Has an "NN" or "NR" classification status

Describe your disability and related medical conditions (attach additional pages/medical documentation if necessary):

Preferred appointment time (rank in order of preference, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.):

____ Friday, May 14, 9:00 – 11:00am

____ Friday, May 14, 11:00am – 1:00pm

____ Friday, May 14, 2:00 – 4:00pm

____ Friday, May 14, 4:00 – 6:00pm

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