



NEW ZEALAND PARA SPORT CLASSIFICATION INTEGRATION PLAN 2021-2024

PURPOSE: ENSURE ROBUST, SUSTAINABLE, AND CREDIBLE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES ARE INTEGRATED INTO MEMBER ORGANISATIONS TO GROW PARA SPORT IN NZ AND CONTRIBUTE TO PARA ATHLETE SUCCESS ON THE WORLD STAGE.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	PARALYMPICS NEW ZEALAND (PNZ) ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES	NATIONAL SPORT ORGANISATION (NSO) ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES	DISABILITY SPORT ORGANISATION (DSO) & PARAFED GUIDELINES
Leadership	Lead and support the integration of Classification into Para sport Programmes within the PNZ Member organisations, delivering the following strategic priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance • Investment • Para sport Pathways • Education and Training • Collaboration and Partnerships 	In partnership with PNZ, develop or strengthen and independently manage Classification systems and structures for Para athletes to develop from a community to high performance level.	In partnership with PNZ, involve disabled New Zealanders in NSO Para sport pathway programmes so they can develop from a community to a higher performance level.
System Compliance	Lead, monitor and align targeted NSOs Classification policies, procedures, rules, regulations, technical and operational requirements to the NZ Para athlete Classification Code to ensure they are Code compliant.	Be guided by the NZ Para athlete Classification Code to develop Code compliant classification systems and structures and participate in PNZ classification compliance audits. Be guided by PNZ to implement Classifier Engagement Agreements to ensure national classifiers work to the IPC Classifier Code of Conduct and Athlete Classification Agreements to mitigate the risk of intentional misrepresentation.	Align community Para sport programmes to that managed by NSOs so that all national classification activities comply to the NZ Para athlete Classification Code and Standards.



<p>Investment</p>	<p>Work with funders to direct investment to ensure classification systems and structures are integrated into the Para sport pathway programmes of our PNZ Members.</p> <p>Based on classification system and structure capability, this should include a four-year core Investment into targeted Member Para sport pathway programmes</p>	<p>Be supported by HPSNZ and other revenue investment for targeted Member NSO Classification outcomes.</p>	<p>Be supported by Sport NZ investment and other revenues to develop community-based Para sport opportunities.</p>
<p>Para sport Pathways</p>	<p>Support regional and national Member organisations to ensure Classification drives all Para sport pathway programmes enabling more disabled New Zealanders the opportunity to participate and develop in a Para sport.</p> <p>Guide Member NSOs to implement quality and Code compliant classification activities and support systems leading up to, during and after national and international classification opportunities.</p> <p>Partner with NSOs to ensure classification criteria is met for athletes seeking representation at the Paralympic Games.</p>	<p>Be led and supported by PNZ to manage and implement systematic and coordinated national Para sport classification activities within a quality environment. This should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early identification of athlete eligibility and allocation of provisional classifications • conduction of national classifications • management of classification reviews, protests and appeals. • the secure management and maintenance of athlete classification data and database. • identification, preparation, and support of targeted Para athletes for international classification. 	<p>Provide fundamental sport activities for athletes to explore and become engaged in Para sport.</p> <p>Manage Para sport eligibility classification activities, in a coordinated and systematic way, within a quality environment.</p> <p>In partnership with PNZ or the relevant NSO, facilitate classification opportunities for emerging Para sport athletes to support and optimise their development and preparation for competition.</p> <p>Facilitate the connection of emerging Para sport athletes to targeted NSOs for ongoing participation and or competition</p>



	Support NSOs to provide international classification opportunities at sanctioned events in New Zealand.		opportunities at local, regional, and National level.
Education and Training	<p>Lead the development and implementation of new and updated Classification awareness resources for all sport organisations and disabled New Zealanders via the PNZ website, media, and other educational platforms/avenues.</p> <p>Design and develop educational resources to support the capabilities of coaches, support personnel, staff, and other key Para sport leaders within member organisations.</p> <p>Lead and support member NSOs to enable sport specific classifiers to be nationally trained, retained, and supported to achieve international status. PNZ to provide a model classifier toolkit to support national classification activities.</p> <p>Organise a biennial national Para sport lead classifiers forum for opportunities to network, share resources, best practice models, and discuss national and international classification matters.</p>	<p>Implement and utilise PNZ and international federation classification resources for the development of the organisation's classifiers, coaches, programme directors, HPSNZ staff and support personnel, parents, schools, and event organisers.</p> <p>Make opportunities available for the training of national classifiers, foster and encourage classifiers to become international classifiers, course facilitators, classification advisory group members and other international classification portfolios.</p> <p>Para athletes to have athlete agreements to ensure Athlete Classification Code of Conduct is agreed upon.</p>	Facilitate the use of PNZ classification awareness resources by disabled New Zealanders, families, community coaches, and clubs to improve their understanding and knowledge of Para sport pathway programmes and Para sport classification .



<p>Collaboration and Partnerships</p>	<p>Lead and support Member NSOs to develop, strengthen and maintain robust relationships with the IPC, International Sport Federations, National and International Disability Sport Organisations, Oceania Paralympic Committee (OPC), World Intellectual Impairment Sport (Vitus), International Blind Sports Association (IBSA).</p> <p>Support the capability and development of Para sport in the Oceania Region through a Supra National Classification Strategy.</p>	<p>Partner with PNZ to establish, strengthen, and maintain key national and international stakeholder relationships to enable the sharing of expertise, resources, technology, and models of best practice to best support Para sport pathway programmes.</p>	<p>Establish, strengthen, and maintain key stakeholder relationships with PNZ, parents and caregivers, teachers, and community coaches for an effective, coordinated, and sustainable delivery of Community Para sport in NZ.</p>
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