



Classification opportunity for bowlers with a physical disability



Bowls SA is offering an opportunity for bowlers who believe they have a physical disability to be classified. International Bowls for the Disabled (IBD), is the International Federation for Para-Bowls. IBD complies with the International Paralympic Committee's (IPC), Classification Code. This provides guidelines as to which conditions are eligible, and which are not.

<https://www.paralympic.org/classification-code>

Bowlers initially must ask their GP or Specialist to fill in a Certificate of Diagnosis form, available to print from <https://www.bowlssa.com.au/events-2/para-classification-day/> which is returned to the Medical Classifier who will then determine if the condition is eligible. If not, the bowler will be contacted to explain why. If it is, the bowler will be placed on the list for classification.

Bowlers must have a classification to enter events as a Para Bowler. This includes the Australian Open, the Australian Para-Bowls Nationals, and for elite bowlers, subsequently the IBD World Championships, World Bowls Championships and the Commonwealth Games.

The purpose of classification is twofold:

- To ensure bowlers have an eligible condition and have lost enough points to be eligible (10 points).
- To sort bowlers into similar groups according to bowling function, to provide a fair and level playing field.

More information can be found on the IBD website/classification/physical disability:

<http://www.interdisabledbowls.org/>

The two-step process to become classified

1.

Have your Doctor complete the Certificate of Diagnosis form
<https://www.bowlssa.com.au/events-2/para-classification-day/>
and email:
To: Sheelagh Donohoe
sheelaghd@bigpond.com

(You must also bring this to the classification day, details below).

2.

A classifier will assess your physical impairment as relevant to the requirements for playing Bowls. This includes playing an end or two of bowls. (you must bring your bowls and any equipment you use to assist you during a game e.g. walking stick, wheelchair etc).

Currently, there is a classification day set for 13 May 2023 at Lockleys Bowling Club, 46 Rutland Ave, Lockleys SA 5032.

9.00am for a 9.30am start