

Queensland Representative School Sport

Classification Information

Pathways for excellence in representative school sport

Inspiring world-class opportunities for sporting success, engagement and wellbeing

Rationale

The department's Excellence and Equity strategy is providing the lens to consider our representative school sport program and ensure every student has equitable access through appropriate pathways into the program.

The Queensland Representative School Sport Implementation Plan 2021-23 identifies our areas of focus aligned to the Equity and Excellence strategy as:

- Equitable and inclusive participation opportunities
- Student-centric performance pathways
- Strengthened opportunities to prioritise student physical and emotional wellbeing
- Support for staff and community volunteers to deliver a quality representative school sport program across Queensland.

In line with the National and International guidelines the following processes and procedures have been established within Queensland Representative School Sport (QRSS);

- School sport is recognized as 'Entry level' competition and, therefore temporary or provisional forms of classification will continue.
- National championships should require 'National level' classifications. QRSS Athletes with a Disability can be nominated to participate in State level carnivals with approved temporary or provisional classifications. The Australian Paralympic Committee will endeavour to assist with the National classification process by providing classification panels at each of the School Sport State Championships.

The QRSS encourages all athletes in multi-class events to acquire a National level classification where possible.

Classification

Inclusive education means that students from all backgrounds, of all identities and all abilities are able to access and participate in education and achieve success.

Classification in Sport is the process of categorising athletes based on an impairment and the affect it has on performance.

Athletes are able to participate at District, Regional and State level with a provisional level classification.

In order to compete in National events, the Athlete must have National Level Classification

Physical Impairment

Students who have a physical impairment such as loss of limbs, short in stature, coordination and muscle weakness are able to gain classification through the national sporting organisation.

Intellectual Impairment

Intellectual impairment has three categories.

II1 - Athletes with intellectual impairment:

1. IQ score of 75 or lower;
2. limitation to behaviour

II2 – Down Syndrome

II3 – ASD (without an intellectual impairment)

Classification for II1, 2 and 3 are completed through Sport inclusion Australia.

Vision Impairment

Impairment of the eye structure, optic nerves or pathways, or vision area of the brain, resulting in a loss of vision in both eyes. This can be caused by conditions such as albinism, macular degeneration, macular or cone rod dystrophy and retinitis pigmentosa.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) is the national sports organisation that are responsible for Hearing Impaired classifications.

Transplant Australia

Transplant Australia review and process classification for students who have received a kidney, heart, heart and lung, liver or bone marrow transplant.

Contacts

Classification	Organisation	Information
Intellectual Impairment	Sport inclusion Australia	https://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/SIAEligibilityInfo.pdf
Visual Impairment	Paralympics	https://www.paralympic.org.au/classification/ https://www.paralympic.org.au/vi-request-for-classification/
Physical Impairment	National Sporting Organisation	https://www.athletics.com.au/multi-class-athletics/get-classified/ https://www.swimming.org.au/performance/elite/classification
Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Deaf Sport Australia	https://deafsports.org.au/ https://deafsports.org.au/classification/
Transplant	Transplant Australia	https://transplant.org.au/ https://transplant.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Swimming-and-Athletics-and-AusCycling-Classification-form.pdf

Resources

- <http://www.schoolsportaustralia.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Triathlon-13-19-Years-and-Aquathlon-11-12-Years-Championships-Rules-and-Guidelines-Final-as-of-16.12.22.pdf>
- <https://www.lifestream.org.au/>
- <https://www.virtus.sport/>

Classified Events

Swimming

- 50m and 100m (all strokes)
- 200m Freestyle
- 200m individual
- 4x 100m Freestyle relay

There are 19 classes in the swimming classification system which caters for a range of disabilities. Each class has minimum eligibility requirements and swimmers must undergo specific Athlete Evaluation or Eligibility process to obtain a classification. Swimmers receive a class for each stroke discipline, and a prefix indicates which stroke the class applies to;

- The prefix **S** to the class denotes the class for Freestyle, Backstroke & Butterfly
- The prefix **SB** to the class denotes the class for breaststroke.
- The prefix **SM** to the class denotes the class for Individual Medley

PHYSICAL – PROVISIONAL S/SB/SM1-10	PHYSICAL – NATIONAL S/SB/SM1-10	INTELLECTUAL S/SB/SM14, 18, 19	VISUAL S/SB/SM11-13	HEARING S/SB/SM15	TRANSPLANT S/SB/SM16	TRANSITIONAL S/SB/SM17
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Event	II 1&2	PI	VI	T	HI	II3
Track and Field						
100m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
200m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
400m (13-19 Years)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
800m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
1500m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Long Jump	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Shot put	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Javelin (13-19)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Cross Country						
2km (10-12 years)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
3km (13-19 years)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Aquathlon/Triathlon						
Triathlon 300 m swim, 10 km cycle, 2 km run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aquathlon (11-14) 100m swim; 1km run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aquathlon (15-19) 200m swim; 2km run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi class (11, 12) 100m swim, 1 km run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi class (11, 12) 500m run, 100m swim, 500m run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi class (13, 14) 100m swim, 1 km run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi class (13, 14) 500m run, 100m swim, 500m run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi class (15, 16) 200m swim, 2 km run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi class (15, 16) 1km run, 200m swim, 1km run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi class (17, 18, 19) 200m swim, 2 km run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multi class (17, 18, 19) 1km run, 200m swim, 1km run	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ Student can compete and is available for selection
✗ - Pathway concludes at State Championship – student is unavailable for selection in the State Team

