

Background

Classification groups athletes who have similar impairments together into classes for competition in their particular sport. It involves an assessment to determine how the athlete's impairment influences the activities required in their sport. Classification for Shooting in Australia follows the World Shooting Para Sport classification rules.

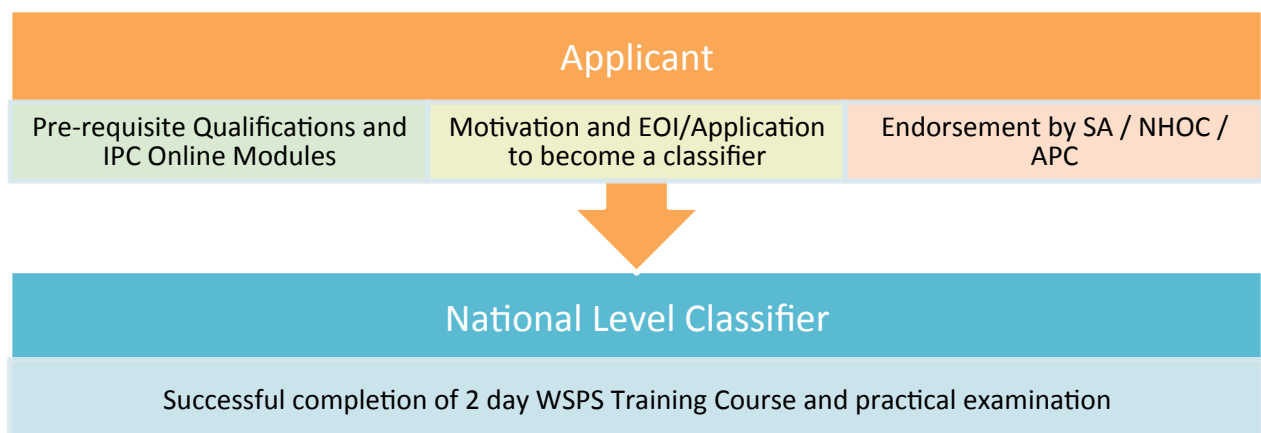
Shooting Classifiers

Shooting classifiers are officials who assess athletes to determine if they meet minimal eligibility and allocate a class for competition. In Shooting, individuals are trained as medical classifiers (as per World Shooting Para Sport classification rules). Classifiers work with the Shooting Australia (SA), the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC), and other Australian classifiers.

Classifier Training

Shooting Australia in conjunction with the National Head Classifier and the Australian Paralympic Committee, identifies the need for classifier development. The process involves identifying suitably qualified and interested individuals with appropriate qualifications to progress through the pathway. Training is based on the World Shooting Para Sport pathway and classification rules.

National Classifier Pathway



Applicant

To be eligible to complete the Australian Classifier pathway candidates must meet the following prerequisites:

a) Pre-requisite qualifications

- o Currently registered medical professional (physiotherapist or physician)
- o Minimum 5 years clinical experience with people with a physical impairment and activity limitation especially spinal cord injury, neuromuscular and orthopaedic conditions
- o Potential classifiers must provide a copy of their qualification and certificate of registration

Involvement in Shooting

All individuals are encouraged to have a knowledge of Shooting

b) Endorsement from Sport

To be eligible for training as a classifier, candidates must obtain the endorsement of the national federation for their sport. This may also include referee checks or an interview.

Completion of the IPC's "Introduction to Para-sport"

Candidates must successfully complete Modules 1 and 2 of the IPC online education program. <http://www.worldacademysport.com/?academy=1&course=47>

c) Working with Children Check

Candidates will be subject to Working with Children Checks and any other child protection requirements as required through legislation in the candidate's state.

d) Other sport requirements

Introduction to Shooting may be done through observation at training, state and/or national championships. Unless otherwise specified applicants must provide this information to Shooting Australia classification@shootingaustralia.org
Costs for Stage 1 are the responsibility of the applicant.

Successful completion of the above is required to progress to National Classifier step.

National Classifier

a) Face to face training course

Individual meeting the above criteria are eligible to attend the Level National Classifier course, run by approved IPC Shooting Classification Educators.

b) Certification

Individual successfully completes the training course and practical examination.

International Classifier Pathway



International Trainee Classifier

National classifiers may be identified to attend international classifier training and certification as experience and competencies develop.

International classifier trainees must be endorsed by SA, the APC, and supported by the Australian Head of Classification.

Further information

Shooting Australia
www.shootingaustralia.org

Australian Paralympic Committee
www.paralympic.org.au/classification