SWIMMING CANADA NATATION

SPORT CLASSIFICATION PROCESS - LEVEL 2

Level 2 is a swimmer's first introduction to sport classification when the athlete is starting to compete in sanctioned competitions and meets the requirements listed below for Physical, Visual and Intellectual Impairments.

Who can obtain a Level 2 Sport Classification?

- Swimmers must be a member of Swimming Canada.
- Swimmers must be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant. Consideration can be given for special circumstances, by request to the Head of Classification.
- Swimmers must be aged 11 or older.
- Swimmers must have an eligible impairment as identified in the Para-swimming Eligible Impairments document.
- Swimmers should be in the Learn-to-Train or Train-to-Train stage of athlete development and will be attending sanctioned swimming competitions.
- Swimmers with a physical, visual or intellectual impairment need to be able to swim at least 75m of backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle, and 50m of butterfly. Swimmers also need to be able to perform a race start and a backstroke race start. For athletes who are sport class 1-4 need to be able to swim a 150m individual medley and must be approved by the Head of Classification before a Level 2 sport classification can take place. Each of the Swimmer's strokes must be recognizable.

Process

When the above Athlete Identification requirements have been achieved, follow the appropriate impairment process below:

Swimmers with a Physical Impairment

- Swimmer/parent/guardian completes a Request For Sport Class Evaluation
- Swimmer/parent/guardian completes the Medical Diagnosis Form (MDF). *Form not yet available insert link when finished
- Within 10 business days the swimmer/parent/guardian will be contacted to determine the next available classification opportunity.
- Following the classification evaluation (which includes a physical and technical assessment), a Level 2 sport class will be allocated. *Form not yet available insert link when finished
- Swimmers who are deemed not to have enough technical swimming skill to be assigned a sport class will be given a letter outlining their rule exceptions and may reapply using the Request For Sport Class Evaluation when they have the required skills.
- Swimmers who do not meet the minimal impairment requirements and are deemed to be Not Eligible (NE) will be given a review date or they can make a new Sport Class Evaluation Request providing that they have new documentation that supports an eligible sport class status.

Following the review of documentation and determination of eligibility, a Level 2 sport class will be allocated. Sport class data will be posted on the Swimming Canada Para-Swimming Classification Database and the swimmer/parent/guardian as well as the club and provincial swimming organization will be notified.

Swimmers with a Visual Impairment

- Swimmer/parent/guardian completes a Request For Sport Class Evaluation
- Swimmer/parent/guardian completes the Level 2 Visual Impairment Classification Form, the Visual Impairment Sport Class Consent Form and the Classification Information Form for Athletes with a Visual Impairment. *None of these forms are available yet. Insert link when finished
- Once the Visual Impairment Sport Class Consent Form, Level 2 Visual Impairment Classification Form and the Classification Information Form for Athletes with a Visual Impairment are completed, they are to be emailed to headofclassification@swimming.ca.
- Swimmers who do not meet the minimal impairment requirements and are deemed to be Not Eligible (NE) may be allocated a review date or they can make a new Sport Class Evaluation Request, providing that they have new medical documentation that supports an eligible sport class status.

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Swimmers with an Intellectual Impairment

- Swimmer/parent/guardian completes a Request For Sport Class Evaluation
- Swimmer/parent/guardian completes the Level 2 Intellectual Impairment Classification Sheet form, the Intellectual Impairment Sport Class Consent Form and the Classification Information Form for Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment. *None of these forms are available yet. Insert link(s) when finished
- Once the “Level 2 Intellectual Impairment Classification Sheet form, the Intellectual Impairment Sport Class Consent Form and the Classification Information Form For Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment are completed, they are to be emailed to headofclassification@swimming.ca. Swimmers who do not meet the minimal impairment requirements and are deemed to be Not Eligible (NE) would be able to make a new Sport Class Evaluation Request providing that they have new documentation that supports an eligible status.

Following the review of documentation and determination of eligibility, a Level 2 sport class will be allocated. Sport class data will be posted on the Swimming Canada Para-Swimming Classification Database and the swimmer/parent/guardian as well as the club and provincial swimming organization will be notified.