



Guidelines for “New” International Sport Classifications

Athlete Identification

- Candidate Swimmers for new International Classification are identified by Swimming Canada based on performance progression and sport class allocations for upcoming international events.
 - Achievement of the Minimal Performance Standard for Classification (MPSC).
 - Performances considered must be performed in sanctioned long course meters events in the athlete’s current sport class. In exceptional circumstances (eg: a medical review for an athlete with a progressive impairment) this requirement may be waived.
 - Achieving a MPSC, while a significant factor, is not by its self the only prerequisite for Swimming Canada to request International Classification.
 - Candidate Athletes must additionally have a Level 3 classification, be a member in good standing in a Swimming Canada Registered Club, be eligible to represent Canada internationally and have been nominated for Classification by the Swimming Canada Classification Lead.
 - A swimmer whose Level 3 classification is more than 18 months old will be required to undergo a Level 3 classification review and provide up-to-date relevant medical documentation before they can be presented for International Classification.

Process

- Coach and swimmer will be notified as to the recommendation for their swimmer to attend International Sport Classification. With this email, you will receive the instructions regarding required documentation and a deadline for submission.
- The recommended World Series event for an athlete will be identified and communicated to Athletes and Coaches. Athletes (and coaches) may request to be seen at an alternative event however Swimming Canada will not be able to make every WPS World Series Event a target for classification. Each season strategic events will be identified for each sport class category (VI, II, PI) as classification may not be offered for every category at every event. Additionally: Swimming Canada’s requests for classification may or may not be filled by World Para Swimming (WPS).
- If you are nominated to attend a WPS World Series Event for the purpose of classification and wish to attend a different World Series Event you may request a change of venue but such requests cannot be prioritized.
- Swimming Canada will cover the cost of the provided Classification Advocate at the event identified, and process and submit the request to World Para Swimming.
- Swimming Canada will assist with entry into the World Series competitions. Event selection must be subject to the needs of fulfilling classification requirements ahead of athlete performance.
- Swimmers and coaches are responsible for their own costs to get to the sport classification opportunities.

Please note that, should World Para Swimming change their allocation of international sport classification opportunities, we will update athletes and coaches.



Minimal Performance Standard for Classification (MPSC) - Men

SportClass	Backstroke		Breaststroke		Butterfly		Freestyle				Medley	
	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	200	400	150	200
1	2:10.25	4:29.81										
2	1:25.73	3:04.21	3:48.13				1:33.93	3:26.91	6:17.36			
3	1:07.92		1:04.86				1:02.70		5:26.26		5:25.42	
4	1:00.57			2:15.92			0:49.42	1:52.32	4:09.81		3:38.17	
5	0:48.39			2:05.12	0:46.70		0:41.62	1:32.80	3:29.56			
6		1:37.68		1:41.84	0:40.20		0:38.24	1:22.20		6:29.24		3:33.69
7		1:31.47		1:39.49	0:37.84		0:34.43	1:17.08		5:55.33		3:17.10
8		1:23.70		1:30.65		1:16.41	0:32.71	1:11.06		5:33.79		2:57.34
9		1:16.29		1:24.50		1:12.92	0:30.75	1:07.31		5:10.27		2:48.48
10		1:13.42				1:10.12	0:29.29	1:03.57		4:59.52		2:39.80
11		1:30.79		1:38.37		1:32.25	0:32.74	1:17.04		6:12.32		3:15.41
12		1:19.33		1:27.60		1:12.92	0:29.20	1:06.64		6:06.14		3:16.58
13		1:14.27		1:25.26		1:09.97	0:29.38	1:05.16		5:15.80		2:42.71
14		1:14.06		1:20.68		1:08.85			2:19.48			2:38.33



Minimal Performance Standard for Classification (MPSC) - Women												
SportClass	Backstroke		Breaststroke		Butterfly		Freestyle				Medley	
	50	100	50	100	50	100	50	100	200	400	150	200
2	2:10.62	4:09.47										
3	1:25.92		1:18.65				1:33.52	2:56.85				
4	1:12.61			2:46.16			0:55.02				4:17.08	
5	0:58.74			2:17.09	1:05.08		0:52.08	1:49.09	4:05.80			5:23.32
6		1:48.96		2:06.22	0:48.86		0:43.45	1:35.89		6:49.31		3:54.91
7		1:43.57		2:00.80	0:46.29		0:41.55	1:29.68		6:38.81		3:52.48
8		1:36.59		1:46.36		1:33.75	0:38.65	1:25.85		6:09.93		3:35.16
9		1:27.69		1:37.38		1:23.59	0:35.06	1:15.72		5:49.68		3:11.51
10		1:25.70				1:20.90	0:33.34	1:12.58		5:32.51		3:00.19
11		1:42.45		1:56.28			0:38.78	1:26.80		6:51.14		3:39.02
12		1:34.27		1:45.24		1:32.02	0:35.65	1:18.26		7:26.50		3:36.43
13		1:23.98		1:38.52		1:25.77	0:33.21	1:15.89		5:43.87		3:04.55
14		1:25.77		1:38.99		1:22.78			2:38.94			3:05.01

** For sportclasses S/SB/SM 1, 2 & 3 where there are no listed MPSC readiness for presentation at WPS classification will be determined by the sole discretion of the Swimming Canada Classification Lead*