



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. Factors include:
 - 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 itself 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 National 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.
 - The National Classification Lead may, in their sole discretion, nominate athletes for International Classification when there is (in their judgement) a preponderance of medical documentation indicating a change of sport class.
 - Athletes are “In Process” (ie: awaiting a second panel, have an R status due to a Board of Appeal for Classification decision, have been awarded by WPS a Medical Review status etc.) may possibly be nominated for International Classification regardless of Performance Standard but are still required to provide sufficient supporting documentation.

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 Classification opportunity (usually a 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 granted by World Para Swimming (WPS).
- If you are nominated to attend a WPS Classification Opportunity for the purpose of classification and wish to attend a different Classification Opportunity 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.
- WPS Classification is a National Strategic Priority and as such will be treated in a fashion similar to a selection team. Swimming Canada will staff the event. No arrangements will be made for persons not nominated to the event staff or team.
- Swimmers nominated to and attending an event for the purpose of WPS Classification will not be held accountable for their own travel and lodging expenses; rather in an effort to assist athletes undertaking classification (an event of great personal and program importance) Swimming Canada will levy a flat rate participation fee. Currently this fee is set at \$1000.00.

Please note that, should World Para Swimming change their allocation of international sport classification opportunities, we will update athletes and coaches. At this time International Classification appointments should be considered a valuable resource subject to constraints on availability. Having met the identified criteria to be considered for International Classification does not guarantee any individual athlete a nomination.



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*