



About International Classification

World Para Swimming (WPS) Classification (International Classification) is a National Strategic Priority and, as such, there is a Team Selection Process in place for swimmers to determine classification priority. The teams taken to WPS International Classification events are managed and staffed by Swimming Canada staff and other authorized personnel.

The Process:

Swimmers are nominated by their National Body (Swimming Canada) for International Classification. This nomination process—from identification to being awarded an opportunity for a WPS Classification Appointment—can take up to three years.

Prior to being awarded a WPS international classification slot, swimmers need to first have a history of racing in the International Paralympic Committee’s Sport Data Management System (SDMS). Swimmers must have a WPS license for their performances in order to be eligible for the SDMS.

For more information about this process (WPS licensing, SDMS history, and classification slot allocation), please refer to SELECTION FOR INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION POLICY. This document is found on the “Team Selection Criteria” page:

<https://www.swimming.ca/en/resources/teams-selection-policies/para-teams-selection-criteria/>