

# Secondary Schools Athletics Classification Process

To enable athletes with disability to compete against other athletes with disability fairly, and to give them the opportunity to be included into the Paralympic Talent ID and development programme, we would ask that each of your athletes who have entered the regional athletics champs, please complete the appropriate attached form.

Completion and return of these forms will also enable the sport to track these athletes and provide them with a pathway to compete in other competitions outside Secondary Schools.

Please note it will be mandatory to complete this form to be able to compete in South Island, North Island and NZ Secondary Schools Championships.

Information pertaining to the provisional classification system of Paralympics New Zealand is as below:

## **Provisional Classification**

Provisional classifications are temporary classifications allocated to an athlete and are valid until such time the athlete can be classified by a classification panel.

Provisional classifications may be allocated to an athlete for a specific sport in one of, but not limited to, the following situations:

- At an international event where a classification panel is not available
- At a national event where a classification panel is not available
- As a national entry level for athletes new to the sport.

Provisional classifications may be allocated by:

- A classifier in a face to face consultation in conjunction with a medical certificate of diagnosis.
- A classifier on receipt of a medical diagnosis form and provisional classification form.

A provisional classification is valid for a limited period of time, as dictated by the International Federations (IF) or National Federations (NF) and may be subject to change upon classification assessment by the sports specific classification panel.

Athletes may be eligible for placings and medals, as dictated by the IF and/or NF but the athlete will not be eligible for records.

You can be assessed and a provisional classification can be allocated to you simply by completing the attached forms relevant to your primary disability.

Forms can be downloaded at [www.paralympics.org.nz](http://www.paralympics.org.nz) or as attached. Please ensure that these forms are submitted to **Paralympics New Zealand**. Should you require further information regarding classification, please do not hesitate to contact:

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