



Classification opportunity for Bowler's with a physical disability

International Bowls for the Disabled (IBD), is the International Federation for Para-Bowls. IBD complies with the International Paralympic Committee's (IPC), Classification Code. This provides guidelines as to which conditions are eligible, and which are not.

<https://www.paralympic.org/classification-code>



Bowlers initially must ask their GP or Specialist to fill in a Certificate of Diagnosis form, which is returned to the Medical Classifier.

He/she then determines if the condition is eligible. If not, the bowler is contacted to explain why. If it is, they are placed on the list for classification.

Bowlers must have a classification to enter events as a Para Bowler. This includes the Australian Open, the Australian Para-Bowls Nationals, and for elite bowlers, subsequently the IBD World Championships, World Bowls Championships and the Commonwealth Games.

The purpose of classification is twofold:

- To ensure bowlers have an eligible condition, and have lost enough points to be eligible (10 points).
- To sort bowlers into similar groups according to bowling function, to provide a fair and level playing field.

<https://www.interdisabledbowls.org>