ATHLETE REGISTRATION AND PRIMARY ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION GUIDANCE NOTES

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

FOR ATHLETES WITH AN INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT

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Introduction

Sport Inclusion Australia is the national sporting organisation established in 1986 to represents the needs of athletes with an intellectual impairment.

Sport Inclusion Australia is responsible for managing the national eligibility process for athletes wishing to compete within the intellectual impairment classification.

Inas is the International Federation for athletes with intellectual impairment, which manages and oversees international classification for intellectual impairment.

Sport Inclusion Australia is the Australian Member organisation of Inas.

Eligibility and classification

The eligibility criteria define the minimum impairment necessary to compete as an athlete with an intellectual impairment.

National Eligibility

Eligibility has been introduced to promote the growth of eligibility classification within Australia.

National Eligibility with Sport Inclusion Australia does not guarantee that athletes will meet Inas International classification and will not permit athletes to enter Inas World Championships and International Paralympic Committee, IPC, sanctioned events.

International Eligibility and Classification

There are three (3) levels of Inas International classification for athletes with an intellectual impairment.

- Level 1 Provisional International Eligibility – which permits entry to Inas Developmental Events.
- Level 2 Full Primary Eligibility – which permits entry to INAS Regional, World Championships and Global Games.
- Level 3 Sport Specific Classification – which is necessary for Paralympic Sports.

Inas governs the first two levels, but Level three is governed by the Federation for the specific sport.

For further information about International Classification for intellectual impairment – contact Sport Inclusion Australia or refer to www.inas.org.

Defining intellectual disability

The Primary Eligibility Criteria used by Inas/Sport Inclusion Australia is based upon the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disability (AAIDD, 2010) definition of intellectual impairment which is consistent with that of the World Health Organisation (WHO, ICD-10 and ICF, 2001), and states:

> *"Intellectual Impairment is an impairment characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social and practical adaptive skills. This disability originates before the age of 18"*

The primary eligibility criteria

Based upon the AAIDD definition (above), the Inas/Sport Inclusion Australia Primary Eligibility Criteria to compete in sport for athletes with intellectual impairment is:

1. Significant impairment in intellectual functioning. This is defined as 2 standard deviations below the mean, that is, a Full Scale score of 75 or lower.

2. Significant limitations in adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills. This is defined as performance that is at least 2 standard deviations below the mean of, either:
   a. One of the following 3 types of adaptive behaviour: conceptual, social, or practical skills
   b. An overall score on a standardised measure of conceptual, social and practical skills.

3. Intellectual impairment must be evident during the developmental period, which is from conception to 18 years of age.

Athletes must meet all 3 elements of the criteria to be eligible for consideration for having an intellectual impairment.

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Completing the application

Page 1 and 2 should be completed by the athlete's representative. The form, together with relevant reports should then be sent to Sport Inclusion Australia together with supporting evidence.

Page 3 should be completed by a qualified professional with expertise in the area of intellectual impairment.

Page 4 should be completed by Sport Inclusion Australia.

All sections should be completed in full as incomplete applications will be returned causing delays.

Athlete identification

The application should include a photocopy of photographic identification. (For example a national ID card or student card) clearly showing the athlete's photo, name and date of birth should be included.

Registration Fee

A registration fee required for registrations to be endorsed and a registration card to be sent.
$35 – Adult
$20 - Students

Evidence

Evidence should be submitted which supports a diagnosis of intellectual impairment.

Where possible this will be the results of a formal psychological assessment resulting in a diagnosis of intellectual disability test, however if this is not available, then the following will be accepted:

- A signed statement by a psychologist or professional working in the area of intellectual impairment which confirms a diagnosis of intellectual impairment.
- Diagnosis by state or government receipt of support, clearly identifying the support required as resulting from intellectual impairment.
- Proof of attendance at a special school/college for students with an intellectual impairment.

Submitting the application

Applications should be received by email or by post to:-
Sport Inclusion Australia
4 Lowry Place
BENALLA Victoria 3672
mail@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au

Storing and using information

Sport Inclusion Australia will use the information submitted within the application for the purpose of determining the athlete's eligibility and will only share the information with the relevant partners providing events for these athletes.

Further help and assistance

If you have any questions or need help completing the form, then please contact Sport Inclusion Australia on 03 5762 7494 or mail@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au

References

For more information about the definition and assessment of intellectual impairment, visit:

- American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - www.aaidd.org
- Sport Inclusion Australia eligibility policy – www.sportinclusionaustralia.org.au
- Inas Eligibility Policy - www.inas.org
- Classification Code - www.paralympic.org

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PART 1: ATHLETE

This page to be completed by the athlete's representative

passport-size photo here

(Please write the athletes name on the back)

Athlete Surname	
Athlete First Name	
State	
Sport(s) in which the athlete will compete	**1** **2** **3**

Date of Birth	(dd/mm/yyyy)	**Male/Female**	

Address	
Other Contact Details (Tel/Fax/Email)	
Parent/Guardian	
Address	
Other Contact Details (Tel/Fax/Email)	
Relationship	

Office Use only

Registration Number:	
Received:	
Registration Fee:	

ATHLETE'S NAME:

This page to be completed by the athlete's representative

DECLARATIONS AND PERMISSION TO USE INFORMATION

All athletes must sign or place their mark. If the athlete is under 18, or if the athlete is without legal competency to sign, the second part should also be signed by the athlete's parent or legal guardian.

ATHLETE DECLARATION (All Athletes must complete, by ✓ each box and signing below)
By signing this declaration I am saying that:

a) I understand the eligibility criteria to compete as an athlete with intellectual disability. ❒

b) I give Sport Inclusion Australia permission to use information in accordance with the Sport Inclusion Australia Data Protection and Information Handling Policy. ❒

c) I give Sport Inclusion Australia permission to use this information to decide whether I am a person with intellectual disability for eligibility and sports classification and to share this information with relevant organisations including, but not limited to, National Sport Organisations. ❒

d) As far as I know, all the information in my application is true and accurate. ❒

e) I understand what the information in this form is being used for, or I have had this explained to me. ❒

_____ _____
(Athlete's Signature or identifying mark) (Date)

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN (only if the athlete is under 18 or over 18 and without legal capacity to give consent)
By signing this declaration I am saying that the athlete named above is less than 18 years or without legal capacity to sign on their own behalf. I understand the above declarations and have the legal right to sign on behalf of this person.

_____ _____ _____
Signature + print name (Date) Relationship to Athlete

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Subscribe to the Sport Inclusion Australia newsletter?
No ❒ Yes ❒ Email address_____

ATHLETE'S NAME:

This page to be completed by the Professional/Expert in the area of intellectual disability

PART 2: PRIMARY ELIGIBILITY

In my capacity as a professional with expertise in assessment/diagnosis of intellectual disability, I certify that the above named athlete is a person with intellectual disability as defined by the World Health Organisation. My statement is based on assessment results that show the athlete has: (please ✓ all that apply)

	Yes	No
Significant impairment in intellectual functioning (see guidelines for eligibility criteria)		
Significant limitations in adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills (see guidelines for eligibility criteria)		
Intellectual disability evident during the developmental period, which is from conception to 18 years of age		

EVIDENCE ATTACHED:

IQ and Adaptive Behaviour Test (if available)	
Other evidence attached (please state details)	

PROFESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT

Name	_____ (Last Name or Family Name) (First Name or Given Name)
Signature	
Professional Qualifications	**Psychologist Registration Number** _____
Contact Details	
Date	

ATHLETE'S NAME:

This page to be completed by Sport Inclusion Australia personnel

PART 3: ORGANISATIONAL

I have read the preceding information. The information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I know of no reason why the athlete should not be considered for inclusion in the Sport Inclusion Australia Athlete Database.		
Name of INAS National Member Organisation **Sport Inclusion Australia**		
President or Secretary General **……..** **Signature** **Robyn J Smith** **……** **Printed Name**	**Chief Executive Officer** **…….** **Position** **…….** **Date**	**Seal**

PART 4: ATTACHMENTS/CHECKLIST

Form and all attachments		
Evidence	• Appropriate evidence of intellectual disability attached	
Additional Attachments	• 1 photo (with athletes name on the back)	
	• Photographic identification (student card) if possible	
	• Registration Fee Students $20 / Adults $35	
Endorsements	• Professional Statement	
	• Member Organisation	

In order to avoid delays, please check carefully to ensure that all parts of the form have been completed, and all necessary evidence has been attached.

Please send forms back to the Sport Inclusion Australia office either by mail 4 Lowry Place Benalla Victoria 3672 or by email mail@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au.

CHECKLIST & CONTACT LIST

Completed forms and attachments to be forwarded to Sport Inclusion Australia as indicated above. If there is some problem, please contact your State/Territory Member organisation listed below for further assistance.

Victorian Athletes:

C/- Sport Inclusion Australia
4 Lowry Place
BENALLA VIC 3672
03 5762 3419

South Australian Athletes:

Inclusive Sport SA
PO Box 63
TORRESVILLE SA 5031
08 8152 2474

Queensland Athletes:

Life Stream
PO Box 34
STONES CORNER QLD 4120
07 3394 4399

New South Wales Athletes:

Sports 4 All
PO BOX 692
KINGS LANGLEY NSW 2147
0478 182 471

Northern Territory Athletes:

Total Recreation
GPO Box 3217
DARWIN NT 0801
08 8981 3686

Tasmanian Athletes:

The New Horizons Club
PO Box 49
MOWBRAY TAS 7248
03 6326 3344

Australian Capital Territory Athletes:

C/- Sport Inclusion Australia
4 Lowry Place
BENALLA VIC 3672

Western Australian Athletes:

Inclusion Solutions
PO Box 1279
INNALOO WA 6918
08 9201 8900