

10 STEPS TO PARA SNOW SPORTS CLASSIFICATION

The following steps outline the process of International Classification if you are aiming to compete in FIS Para Snow Sports.



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Familiarise yourself with the applicable Para Snow Sports Classification Rules and Regulations. The rules not only detail the Eligible Impairments and the Minimum Impairment Criteria (MIC) to compete in Para Snow Sports, but also the rights and responsibilities of athletes and anyone supporting athletes throughout the classification process.

LINKS: [Para Nordic](#) [Para Alpine](#) [Para Snowboard](#)



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Contact your National Ski Association (NSA) to find out about your options. If your NSA agree to support you to attend International Classification, they must apply for an International License for you.

LINKS: [NSA Contact List](#)



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As part of the licensing process, you will need to provide evidence of your impairment.

Ask your medical doctor (if you have a physical impairment) or ophthalmologist (if you have a vision impairment) to complete the Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) for you, and gather all supporting medical documents. All documents must be provided in English.

MDFs available via the links in step 1.

TIMELINE:

3-6 months before International Classification.



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Your NSA will upload the completed MDF to the FIS Para Snow Sport Data Management System (FPDMS) when they apply for your license.

NOTE: Additional medical documents may be requested before International Classification.

TIMELINE:

From the start of the season (01 July) up to 6 weeks before International Classification.



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Your NSA registers you for International Classification as per FIS communication, and for the competition where classification takes place.

IMPORTANT: If an athlete requires Observation Assessment, an important step of Athlete Evaluation, the athlete must compete in the competition where classification takes place.

TIMELINE:

In line with the entry timeframes.



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FIS will publish the classification schedule in the competition calendar on the website. Check the day and time of your appointment for Athlete Evaluation

TIMELINE:

Approx. 10 days before International Classification.



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Present yourself at classification with:

- Valid ID
- All adaptive equipment you intend to use in competition (e.g., prosthesis, orthosis, sit-ski, strapping, glasses)
- One support person (especially if you're under 18)
- Translator, if needed; (the Evaluation Session will be conducted in English).

TIMELINE:

Arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment.



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A panel of international classifiers will conduct the Evaluation Session, first by asking some questions about your medical diagnosis and training history, then they will carry out a physical assessment and, if necessary, a technical assessment.

IMPORTANT:

You are required to consent to athlete evaluation prior to the start of the assessment and you must give your best effort throughout the process!

TIMELINE:

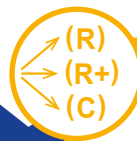
The assessment will take between 30–60 minutes



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Following the assessment(s), the panel will allocate a Sport Class and Sport Class Status. Some athletes will also be observed during competition (Observation Assessment) before a final Sport Class is allocated. If being observed during competition, your final Sport Class and Sport Class Status will be communicated after your first appearance.

NOTE: Your NSA has the right to protest the outcome in accordance with Part 6 of the Classification Rules.



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The Sport Class Status indicates if and when you will need to be classified again:

- Review (R) - must be classified again at the next opportunity
- Review with a Fixed Review Date (R+year) – must be classified again in the season after the review date*
- Confirmed (C) - not required to undergo any further classification*

* Exceptions apply according to Article 15.4.1 of the classification rules.

Should there be any discrepancies between the 10 Steps to Classification and the Para Snow Sports Classification Rules and Regulations, the provisions of the Classification Rules will prevail.