

Challenging the interests of para-sport is the threat of one sided and predictable competition, in which the least impaired athlete always wins. To prevent this, para-athletes are placed in categories for competition based on their impairment, these are called sport classes.

The explanation and clarification of the examples in the classification and set out below can only be done by the ITTF-PTT Classification Committee. The below is simply guidelines; this is done on the basis that no two athletes are exactly the same.

Official classification for the British Para Table Tennis squad are done only when an athlete reaches international level. Prior to this official classification is not necessary.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN



PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT - SITTING CLASSES 1 - 5

- CLASS 1** Players have no sitting balance and a severely affected playing arm.
- CLASS 2** Players have no sitting balance, but their playing arm is less affected than described in Class 1.
- CLASS 3** Players have no trunk control, yet their arms are minimally affected by the impairment
- CLASS 4** Players have fair sitting balance, and fully functional arms and hands.
- CLASS 5** Players have normal sitting balance, arm and hand function.



PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT - STANDING CLASSES 6 - 10

- CLASS 6** Players have severe impairments in both their arms and legs.
- CLASS 7** Players have a severe impairment of the legs or the playing arm, but less severe than those described in Class 6.
- CLASS 8** Players have a moderate impairment of the legs or a moderately affected playing arm compete in this class.
- CLASS 9** Players have a mild impairment that affects the legs or playing arm.
- CLASS 10** Players have minimal or mild impairments in legs or playing arm.



INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT

- CLASS 11** Players have a intellectual impairment with an IQ below 75.

To view the full International Table Tennis Federation Paralympic classification code please visit:

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