

Para-Badminton Information Sheet

About the sport

Debuting at the Tokyo 2020 Games, Para-Badminton is open to male and female athletes to compete in singles, doubles and mixed doubles events.

Players who compete in wheelchairs and those with the most significant impairments compete on a half court, all remaining classes and doubles events use the full court. A match consists of the best of three games. A game is won by the side who is the first to score 21 points. The player who wins each point shall serve first in the next.

Who can compete?

Para-Badminton is open to athletes with a physical impairment. Athletes are required to submit medical reports and meet the minimum impairment criteria in order to compete.

Eligible impairments	Description	Minimum Impairment Criteria
Loss of limbs	Partial or complete absence of bones or joints due to amputation or deficiency from birth.	Arm: loss of a full hand OR shortened arm of similar length. Leg: More than ½ loss of one foot or shortened leg of similar length
Muscle weakness/Impaired muscle power	Muscle weakness or paralysis from conditions such as muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, nerve damage, spinal cord injury or other spinal condition.	Loss of strength in a hip, knee, ankle, shoulder or elbow.
Co-ordination impairments - Hypertonia, Ataxia, Athetosis	Impairments from neurological conditions such as acquired brain injury, cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis that affect co-ordination and smoothness of movement and balance.	Co-ordination or movement difficulties in at least one arm or leg.

Eligible impairments	Description	Minimum Impairment Criteria
Restricted joint movement/Impaired passive range	Restricted movement or tightness in a joint/s from conditions such as joint fusions and other restricting conditions.	Joint movement restriction in at least one hip, knee, ankle, shoulder or elbow
Short Stature	Reduced standing height and limb length from conditions such as achondroplasia or other conditions that affect growth.	Adult standing height less than or equal to 145cm (males)/137 (females); AND arm length less than or equal to 66cm (males)/63cm (females); AND a standing height plus arm length less than or equal to 200cm (males)/190cm (females).
Leg length difference	Significant difference in leg length due to a deficiency at birth or trauma.	The difference must be at least 7cm between both legs

Para-Badminton Sport Classes

Sport Class	Description (Guide Only)
Athletes with Physical Impairment	
WH1	Players who use a wheelchair to compete. WH1 players usually have impairment in their torso and both legs. They play on a half width court and will hold on to their playing chair with their non playing hand when playing a shot for balance.
WH2	Players who use a wheelchair to compete. WH2 players can lean out of their chair to play shots. They play on a half width court.
SL3	Standing players with an impairment in one or both legs whose balance and movement on the court is affected. Players play on a half width court and have reduced court movement.
SL4	Standing players with an impairment in one or both legs who play on a full-width court. Players have good court movement and full range of shots

Sport Class	Description (Guide Only)
SU5	Players with an impairment in one or both arms. The impairment might be in the playing or non playing hand. Players play on a full width court and have good court movement.
SS6	Players with short stature.
Not Eligible	
Not Eligible (NE)	Does not meet the minimum criteria for the Para-sport classes, but may still be able to compete. Contact Badminton Australia for more information.

Find out more

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Note: The classification information provided is intended as a guide only. Only authorised classifiers are able to provide a formal classification in accordance with the rules of the sport. Not all classes may have events at the Paralympic Games