



CLASSIFICATION

Classification assesses athletes based on their functional abilities and allows athletes to compete against athletes with similar abilities. For a more information on classification, visit <https://www.usopc.org/paralympic-classification-information>. All athletes that do not have an IPC license and have never been nationally classified, have a National Provisional (NP), National Review (NR) or NR 2025 status must go through national classification at the Great Lakes Games.

NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION PANELS WILL BE OFFERED IN TRACK, FIELD & SWIM.

To be eligible for classification, you must be registered to compete in at least one event in each sport you are seeking classification.

You must bring: **COPY OF MEDICAL FORMS & PASSPORT OR PHOTO ID**

Please be sure to come dressed/equipped and ready to run, push, throw, swim.

SWIM CLASSIFICATION

Thursday June 12, 2025
8:00am - 8:00pm*
Lake Forest High School
1285 MCKINLEY RD.,
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

TRACK AND FIELD CLASSIFICATION

Friday June 13, 2025
8:00am - 8:00pm*
Lake Forest High School
1285 MCKINLEY RD.,
LAKE FOREST, IL 60045

*Classification times will be assigned and communicated at least a week prior to the event.

Please arrive to your appointment at least 15 minutes early. If under the age of 18, come with a parent/guardian or coach.

Questions? Please contact Shannon Hellen, GLASA Office Manager, at shellen@glasa.org or (c) 224-477-8312.



National Classification Policies and Procedures for Track, Field and Swim

Athletes with Physical Impairments

All athletes that do not have a World Para Athletics license and have never been nationally classified or have a National Review (NR) status must go through national classification at the GLASA Great Lakes Games. National classification will be offered for track, field and swim. To review national classification status in the national classification database for track and field click [HERE](#). To review national classification information for swimming, click [HERE](#). All athletes that go through national classification must complete a national medical diagnostics form. The national forms DO NOT need to be filled out by a doctor. Please submit your completed form to NPCUSAcclassification@usopc.org no later than May 28, 2025. Please make sure to sign up for classification and at least one event when you register for the Games.

Medical Diagnostics forms can be downloaded [HERE](#).

Athletes with Visual Impairments

To obtain a National VI Classification, athletes must have the visual impairment medical diagnosis form completed by their ophthalmologist and return to NPCUSAcclassification@usopc.org along with supporting documentation related to the diagnosed eye condition as outlined on the medical diagnosis form at least four weeks prior to a competition they intend to compete.

VI medical form can be downloaded [HERE](#).

Athletes with Intellectual Impairments

Athletes with an intellectual impairment competing in swimming or track and field at the GLASA Great Lakes Games must contact [Athletes Without Limits](#) to apply for eligibility to obtain their national classification.

National Provisional Status

The National Provisional Status will allow an athlete the opportunity to compete in a class other than an open division and will take the responsibility off of the event directors and coaches to come up with a classification for the athlete for that specific competition. The national provisional classification status is meant to be temporary. The process includes an athlete submitting their national medical diagnostics form to and video clips of various required movements. This information will be evaluated by selected classifiers to give a classification status (when possible). The athlete will be listed on the national classification master list for that sport as NP. The athlete will not be able to set any national records with an NP status.

<http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics/Sports/Classification>



World Para Athletics Eligibility and World Para Athletics (formerly IPC) Licenses

For those athletes who wish to have their performances recognized by World Para Athletics: You must hold a current World Para Athletics (formerly IPC) license. Instructions on how to obtain or renew a World Para license can be found by visiting the U.S. Paralympics website [HERE](#). All License numbers are included in the IPC Athletics Classification Master List.

As a World Para Athletics approved event, athletes ages 14 and older who hold a World Para Athletics License will compete in the World Para Open Division.

Standards

U.S. Paralympic Track and Field Standards (if you have or are applying for a World Para Athletics (formerly IPC) license): <https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/athlete-and-sport-information> Then download the Athletes Sport & Program Plan.

For The Hartford National Standards:
<https://juniornationals.adaptivesportsusa.org/sport-information-rules-and-qualifying-standards/>

Questions

U.S. athletes with questions about classification can reach out to NPCUSAclassification@usopc.org.

International athletes must contact their [National Paralympic Committee \(NPC\)](#) to find the appropriate contact for submitting the Medical Diagnostic forms.