Classification Request Form for Equestrian Australia Para-equestrian Competition



Who can apply for EA National Classification?

Any athlete, in their 12th year or older, with a permanent physical or vision impairment can apply to undergo a Classification Evaluation for the purpose of the competing in EA Para Equestrian (Dressage or Para driving) competition.

Eligibility Requirements

All Athletes with an impairment who intend to be classified must produce a Certificate of Diagnosis stating their full medical diagnosis and provide supporting medical documents. Each Athlete must have an eligible impairment that leads to permanent and verifiable activity limitation which can be measured objectively.

Those Athletes with a minimal impairment must meet the FEI Para-Equestrian **Minimal Impairment Criteria** in order to compete in EA Para-Equestrian Events. Eligible impairments include:

Hypertonia, ataxia, athetosis; impaired passive range of movement; impaired muscle power; limb deficiency; leg length difference; short stature, vision impairment.

Please note - Classification for Vision Impairment is managed by the Australian Paralympic Committee. Athletes are advised to refer to the requirements for VI classification available at http://www.paralympic.org.au/vision-classification

The Classification Process

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| Step 1. | Athlete applies to Equestrian Australia requesting a Classification evaluation for PE Competition. The application <u>must</u> include: • Equestrian Australia Classification Request Form • Completed and signed EA Consent for Classification • EA Certificate of Diagnosis Form and any additional supporting medical documentation |
| Step 2. | Equestrian Australia will determine if the athlete meets the Eligibility Criteria described above. |
| Step 3. | Equestrian Australia will make a decision a, b, or c. a. Request further information from the athlete in regards to the diagnosis and impairment. This request may include additional medical documentation such as reports or copies of medical investigations. A decision (b or c) is then made. b. Approve the request c. Not approve the request |
| Step 4. | Equestrian Australia will inform the athlete of the decision in writing and if the Request for Classification has not been approved, the reason. |
| Step 5. | Equestrian Australia will inform the athlete of the next opportunity for athlete evaluation in their State where available. If no opportunity is upcoming in the near future, the Athlete's request will be held until an opportunity is organised and the athlete then notified. |
| Step 6. | Athlete attends and undergoes evaluation by the appointed EA Classification Panel |
| Step 7. | The Athlete's evaluation documents and result is sent to Equestrian Australia. Once approved the Athlete's details are added to Equestrian Australia Classification Master List and published on the EA website. |

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The Classification request should be received by Equestrian Australia at least <u>6 weeks</u> where possible prior to the athlete attending for athlete evaluation for Classification.

Athlete Details

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| First name: | | | | | | | |
| Address: | | | | | | | |
| Town: | | State | | P/Code | | | |
| Date of Birth: | | Gende | r: | ☐ Male ☐ Female | | | |
| Equestrian Austra | alia (State) Membership Number | | | | | | |
| Contact phone | | | | | | | |
| E-Mail: | | | | | | | |
| Signature: | | | | | | | |
| Date: | | | | | | | |
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| Number of years riding: | | | | | | | |
| Details of riding history: | | | | | | | |
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| Involvement in any other sports (please detail): | | | | | | | |
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