

2009 GTAC Disability Open

May 15-17, 2009

Eastern Michigan University / Ypsilanti, MI

Classification...

What are the Classifications?

Swimming is the only sport that combines the conditions of limb loss, cerebral palsy (coordination and movement restrictions), spinal cord injury (weakness or paralysis involving any combination of the limbs) and other disabilities (such as Dwarfism (little people); major joint restriction conditions) across classes.

Classes 1-10 – are allocated to swimmers with a physical disability

Classes 11-13 – are allocated to swimmers with a visual disability

The Prefix S to the Class denotes the class for Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly

The Prefix SB to the class denotes the class for Breaststroke

The Prefix SM to the class denotes the class for Individual Medley.

The range is from the swimmers with severe disability (S1, SB1, SM1) to those with the minimal disability (S10, SB9, SM10)

Who must be Classified?

The international classification status of swimmers with physical disabilities is listed on the IPC website at www.paralympic.org. The domestic USA classification database for Paralympic eligible swimmers is available at www.usparalympics.org.

If you have never been classified (i.e. are NOT listed in either the international or domestic databases), you must request to be classified at this competition. Submit the enclosed *Request for Classification* form. You will be notified by email about your classification appointment, which will be scheduled on Friday, May 15, 2009.

If you are listed in the USA domestic and/or the IPC international classification databases, you do **NOT** need to be classified at this competition.

Swimmers who are blind or visually impaired who have not been previously classified should download a copy of the *IPC Swimming Classification for the Blind/Visually Impaired* form from the IPC website at www.paralympic.org. This form should be completed by the swimmer's ophthalmologist. Completed forms must be submitted to the swimmer's relevant National Paralympic Committee (NPC) and the NPC shall forward onto the IPC.

Classification Appointments

Functional classification for swimmers with physical disabilities will be scheduled on Friday, May 15, 2009. Swimmers will be notified by email of their appointment times per the conditions stated on the Request for Classification form. **There is a \$100 fine payable to Paralympic Division/USOC for missed appointments.**

Submitting Your Request For Classification

Requests for classification must be received by April 15, 2009. Submit the enclosed *Request for Classification* form and any required documentation to:

Paralympic Division / USOC
Attn: 2009 GTAC Disability Open Meet Classification Request
E-mail: jimi.flowers@usoc.org
Or by fax: +1 719 866 2029
Email: julie.o'neill@usoc.org

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Request For Classification Form

Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code/Country _____

Daytime phone _____ Evening phone _____ Time Zone _____

E-mail address _____

Please type or print clearly. All correspondence about classification will be conducted via e-mail.

Why is the swimmer requesting to be classified?

Has never been classified

Describe your disability and related medical conditions (attach additional pages/evidence if needed):

If the swimmer has a physical disability:

Preferred appointment time (rank in order of preference, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.):

_____ Friday, May 15, 10:00 – 12:00

_____ Friday, May 15, 12:00 – 2:00

_____ Friday, May 15, 3:00 – 5:00

_____ Friday, May 15, 5:00 – 7:00

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