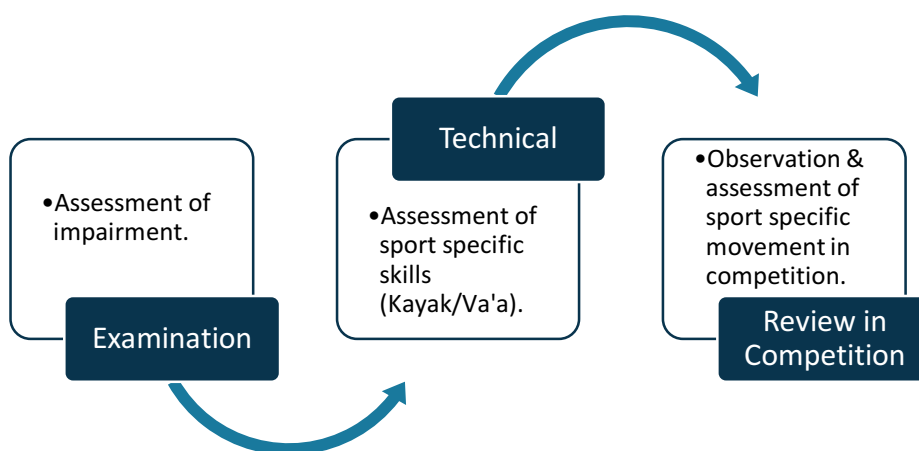


## CLASSIFICATION – Information for Athletes

### What happens during the classification evaluation?

Prior to the commencement of any classification process, you will be required to read and sign an Athlete Consent Form.

Classification generally includes the following steps:



### What do I need to bring? All athletes:

- Must present themselves to Classification **at least 15minutes before** the allocated time on the classification schedule
- Can be accompanied by one **athlete representative (parent, coach, or other)**
- Must be appropriately **dressed in clothing for training**
- Must bring **Assistive devices** needed for competition. This includes sport prostheses, splints, strapping and performance equipment
- Must bring any **medical documentation** relevant to the classification

### What does it cost?

There is no cost for classification.

### What is expected of athletes?

Athletes must cooperate at all times to the best of their ability with the classification process. You are expected to behave in an honest, courteous and sportsman-like manner at all times. If you fail to do so, you will not be allowed to compete.

Athletes should be well informed about all elements related to classification procedure, as well as the **Codes of Conduct**.

**What is expected of the parent/coach/supporter?**

Parents or sport staff who attend classification with an athlete:

- Are expected to behave in a courteous manner at all times and to respect the decision of the classifiers
- Are able to observe, but not participate in the classification evaluation
- Are welcome to ask appropriate questions

**What should be expected of classifiers?**

Classifiers should treat you in a manner that is professional, courteous and safe at all times. Classifiers must treat athletes and coaches with respect at all times, to support a cooperative and courteous classification process. They should provide you with sufficient information to understand the process, the decision, and the opportunities for protest or clarification. All information obtained during classification will be kept confidential.

**What if I do not agree with my classification?**

If you disagree with a National Classification, the usual process would be to contact Australian Canoeing Head of Classification. Any classification reviews would usually be done at the next classification event.

If you disagree with a Provisional Classification, the usual process would be to present to a face-to-face classification assessment. Provisional classification, while endeavouring to be an accurate indication of class, is a general guide only and may change upon face-to-face assessment by a full classification panel.

**Where do I go for further information?**

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