

## NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION & ELIGIBILITY

### Get Classified

The purpose of the classification system is to minimize the impact eligible impairment types have on the outcome of competition. The Paddle Australia system of classification aims to place athletes into classes according to how much their impairment impacts on the core determinants of success in canoeing.

Classification is not required for general participation in sport and recreation.

Paddle Australia recognizes six (6) sports classes for paracanoe in the International pathway, with these being KL1, KL2, KL3, VL1, VL2 and VL3.

## KAYAK

### ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENTS

There are three (3) eligible impairment groups for Paddle Australia Paracanoe-KAYAK (They only apply to the Lower Limbs and the Trunk):

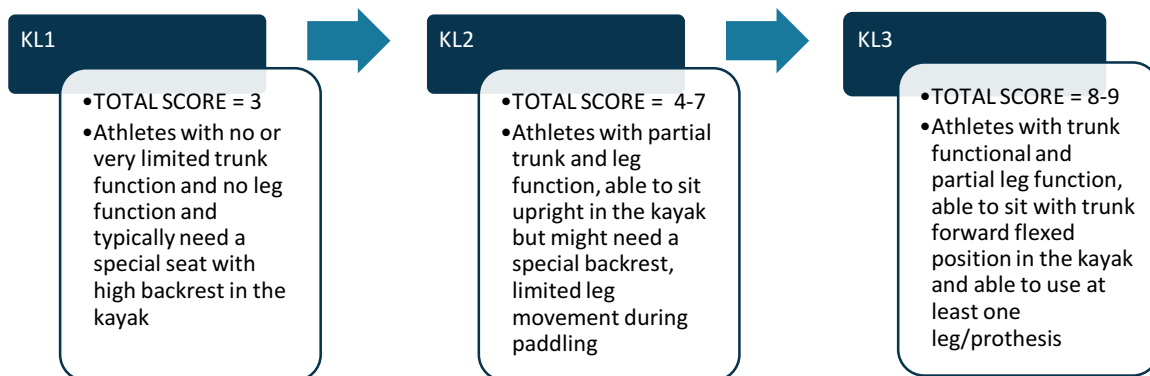
- Impaired Muscle Power,
- Impaired Range of Motion,
- Limb Deficiency.

The following impairment groups are not eligible for ICF Paracanoe but permissible in Paddle Australia Paracanoe Open –KAYAK:

- Leg Length difference
- Short Stature
- Hypertonia
- Ataxia
- Athetosis
- Vision Impairment
- Intellectual Impairment

### MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must lose a minimum of four (4) points on one lower limb to be eligible.



## VA'A

### ELIGIBLE IMPAIRMENTS

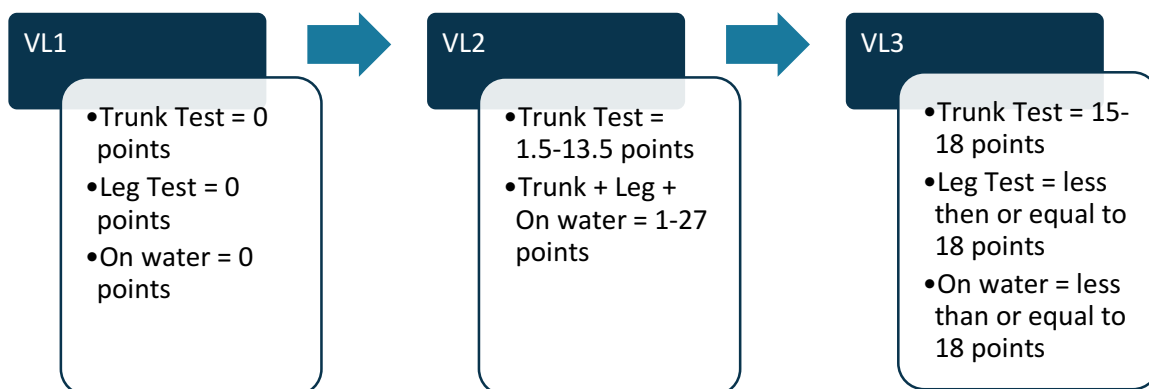
There are four (4) eligible impairment groups for ICF Paracanoe-VA'A (They only apply to the Lower Limbs and the Trunk):

- Impaired Muscle Power,
- Impaired Range of Motion,
- Limb Deficiency.

The following impairment groups are not eligible for ICF Paracanoe – VA'A:

- Leg Length difference
- Short Stature
- Hypertonia (non-CPISRA Class 4)
- Ataxia (non-CPISRA Class 4)
- Athetosis (non-CPISRA Class 4)
- Vision Impairment
- Intellectual Impairment

## MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY



### Where do I go for further information?

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