



Supplementary Information about Classifications

TPB1, TPB2 and TPB3 are Visually Impaired Athletes.

B1 is blind or nearly blind.

B2 is serious visually impaired.

B3 is the least serious visually impaired.

There will be Classifiers from IBSA present at the championships to do the classification if the athletes have not been classified. But they must produce a certificate from an Ophthalmologist (eye doctor) to prove that they are blind.

For Classification TPB1

1. Athletes have to bring and use their own guide rails for practice and competitions.
2. The guide rails should not be longer than 15 feet.
3. The guide rails should not have any structure that would spoil/deface the approach of the lanes.
4. All athletes must wear eye patches and there will inspection.

TPB4 are Intellectually Disabled Bowling Athletes.

We do not classify them as long as they are athletes from federations or association of Intellectually Disabled. Special Olympics for the Intellectually Disabled have bowling as one of the sports.

TPB8 are Wheelchair Bowling Athletes.

They should have medical certificate to prove that they must play the sport in wheelchair and are not allowed to stand up while throwing the balls.

1. Electric/Motor wheelchairs are not allowed in the competition.
2. Wheelchairs should have non marking wheels which would deface the approach
3. Athletes must be seated on the wheelchair when delivering the ball during play.
4. There shall be no items on the wheelchair except, if necessary, for 2 bowling balls for stability purposes.

TPB9 are Bowling Athletes Without a Lower Limb and may have prosthetic leg but cannot be motorized.

TPB10 are Bowling Athletes Without an Upper Limb and may have prosthetic arm but cannot be motorized.

***Prosthetic limb and arm**

It must be a passive prosthetic device that does not move on its own. It is neither body powered nor is it myoelectrically powered. In simple term non-powered prosthetic device.



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Events for both Men and Women Division for each Classification are Singles, Doubles and Trios except for TPB4 is Team of 4-players.

For Visually Impaired

Doubles can be made up of either **TPB1 + TPB3** or **TPB2 + TPB2**. The combined number cannot exceed 4.

Trios can be made up of **TPB1 + TPB1/TPB2 + TPB2/TPB3**. The combined number cannot exceed 6.

For TPB4, Doubles and Team of 4 can be any combination. That is why they can come with a maximum of 4 women and 4 men. Their team event is Team of 4 players.

For TPB8, TPB9, TPB10 the Trios can be made up of **TPB8+ TPB8/9 + TPB9/10**.

***Federation can enter all 7 Classifications or any Classification in which their federation have bowling athletes.**

We have separate **Men and Women Division** for all Classifications.

We need to know at least an estimation of how many athletes for each classification are coming before we can come up with the Schedule of Event/Play. That is the reason why the Form A - Intention to Participate deadline is August 31, 2025.

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