

**Classification Eligibility Guidelines for Disability Swimming(S1-S15)**

Classification groups S1-S15 are for those swimmers with a functional, visual, learning or hearing impairment.

**S1 - S10** swimmers with a functional (physical) disability.

The following disabilities meet the eligibility requirements of the functional classification system\*:

Achondroplasia (dwarfism)  
Amputees (including dysmelia)  
Arthrogryposis  
Brittle bones  
Cerebral Palsy  
Legge-Perthes  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Muscular Dystrophy  
Polio  
Spina Bifida  
Spinal Cord injury

*\* Please note that this list is not exhaustive, however provides a guide to functional classification eligibility*

**S11 - S13** swimmers with a visual impairment

The range here is from blind to visually impaired (best eye with best correction)

**S14** swimmers with a Learning Disability

Swimmers must have an IQ of 75 or less to meet the criteria

**S15** swimmers with a hearing impairment

Any swimmer who wears a hearing aid in both ears will be considered

There are a number of conditions that do not meet the eligibility criteria as follows\*:

ADHD  
Aspergers  
Asthma  
Autistic spectrum  
Cystic Fibrosis  
Diabetes  
Dyspraxia  
Epilepsy  
Haemophilia  
Hydrocephalus  
Obesity  
Learning Difficulties  
Scoliosis  
Transplants

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***It must be noted that even those swimmers that have a condition eligible to be classified may still not be sufficiently impaired to gain a classification.***