

Shooting Australia Para Athlete Development FAQs

Q: Where can I learn more about classification and how to get classified?

A: Classification is an essential step in the journey towards joining Shooting Australia's high-performance para shooting pathways. Classification is a categorisation process that groups together athletes with disabilities that cause similar limitations, allowing all para-athletes to take part in fair and meaningful competition.

Certain levels of competition require an equivalent classification level to be allowed to compete. For example:

- A Provisional Classification is required to take part in local or regional competitions
- A National Classification is a required component to be selected for a national team.
- An International Classification is required to be selected to any high-performance squad or compete in any international level competition.

All information regarding Shooting Australia's Classification Rules and Regulations, as well as steps on how to progress the classification process, can be found on the [Classification FAQs](#) page on the Shooting Australia website.

For athletes who have received a provisional classification and are looking to obtain a National Classification, Shooting Australia will be hosting two National Classification Days in 2025. One in Melbourne on the 1st of May and another in Brisbane on the 3rd of October. For more information, please visit the [National Classification Day page on the Shooting Australia Website](#)

Q: Where can I learn more about the rules and regulations of Para Shooting?

A: All information regarding Para Shooting Rules and Regulations can be found on the [World Shooting Para Sports \(WSPS\) website](#).

The [WSPS Technical Rules and Regulations Guide](#) covers all essential information including;

- Competition regulations,
- Apparel and equipment rules,
- Rifle event rules,
- Pistol event rules,
- Shotgun event rules,
- Vision impaired event rules,
- Team event rules
- Medical rules.

Q: Where can I learn more about firearms licencing

A: All sport shooting athletes must obtain a valid firearms licence. The rules and regulations around acquiring these licences may differ based upon the state or territory in which you reside. It is recommended that you contact the firearms licencing branch in your state or territory. Contact details and information can be found by visiting the [State Firearms Licencing page](#) on the Shooting Australia website.

Q: What gear do I need to begin shooting?

A: All information regarding the general equipment that is acceptable for use in competition can be found in the [Rules page of the ISSF Website](#). Additional or differing equipment may be required depending upon the individual impairments of para shooting athletes. Information on equipment and gear specifically allowed for Para Shooting events can be found in the Apparel and Equipment section of the [WSPS Technical Rules & Regulations Guide](#) on the WSPS Website.

Q: Where can I find the content presented at the Talent Transfer Camp?

A: To access content shared with athletes at the Parent Talent Transfer Camp on the 1st and 2nd of March, please visit the [Para Talent Transfer Camp page](#) on the Shooting Australia website.

Q: Who can I contact if I have questions or require additional information?

For any questions or queries, please contact **Catherine Berry** (Para-Shooting Technical Lead) at catherine@shootingaustralia.org