

ATHLETE REGISTRATION AND PRIMARY ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION GUIDANCE NOTES

LEVEL 1 – PROVISIONAL ELIGIBILITY

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which time a full (Level 2) eligibility application should be submitted

Introduction

Inas is the International Federation for sport for para-athletes with an intellectual disability.

Inas is responsible for managing and overseeing the eligibility process for athletes wishing to compete within the intellectual disability classification.

Eligibility and classification

The eligibility criteria define the minimum impairment necessary to compete as an athlete with an intellectual disability.

Classification ensures that an athlete's impairment is relevant to sport performance on a sport by sport basis.

Inas conforms to the IPC Classification Code - the code which governs classification in all Paralympic sport.

There are 3 levels of classification for athletes with an intellectual disability:

- Level 1: Provisional Eligibility - which permits entry to Inas Developmental Events and some sanctioned National competitions.
- Level 2: Full Eligibility - which permits entry to Inas Regional and World Championships.
- Level 3: Sport-Specific Classification - which is necessary in Paralympic sports.

Inas governs the first two levels, but level 3 is governed by the Federation for the specific sport.

Level 1: Provisional Eligibility

Provisional Eligibility has been introduced to promote the growth of Inas' developing sports at an international and national level.

Provisional Eligibility will not permit athletes to enter Inas World and Regional Championships. You should check competition entry information carefully to determine which level of eligibility is required.

Athletes may only hold provisional eligibility status for a maximum period of 2 years by

Defining intellectual disability

The Primary Eligibility Criteria used by Inas is based upon the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disability (AAIDD, 2010) definition of intellectual disability which is consistent with that of the World Health Organisation (WHO, ICD-10 and ICF, 2001), and states:

"Intellectual Disability is a disability characterised by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social and practical adaptive skills. This disability originates before the age of 18"

The primary eligibility criteria

Based upon the AAIDD definition (above), the Inas Primary Eligibility Criteria to compete in intellectual disability sport is:

1. Significant impairment in intellectual functioning. This is defined as 2 standard deviations below the mean, that is, a Full Scale score of 75 or lower.
2. Significant limitations in adaptive behaviour as expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills. This is defined as performance that is at least 2 standard deviations below the mean of, either:
 - a. One of the following 3 types of adaptive behaviour: conceptual, social, or practical skills
 - b. An overall score on a standardised measure of conceptual, social and practical skills.
3. Intellectual disability must be evident during the developmental period, which is from conception to 18 years of age

Athletes must meet all 3 elements of the criteria to be eligible for consideration for intellectual disability sport.

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Completing the application

Page 1 and 2 should be completed by the athlete's representative. The form, together with relevant reports should then be sent to your Inas Member Organisation together with supporting evidence.

Page 3 should be completed by the National Eligibility Officer appointed by the Inas Member Organisation.

Page 4 should be completed by the Inas Member Organisation.

All sections should be completed in full as incomplete applications will be returned causing delays.

Applications will only be accepted from Inas Member Nations.

The form and all accompanying documentation must be completed in English OR AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

Athlete identification

The application should include a photocopy of the athlete's passport. If this is not available then an alternative photographic identification document (for example a national ID card or student card) clearly showing the athlete's photo, name and date of birth should be included.

Evidence

Evidence should be submitted which supports a diagnosis of intellectual disability.

Where possible this will be the results of a formal psychological assessment resulting in a diagnosis of intellectual disability, however if this is not available, then the following will be accepted:

- A signed statement by a psychologist or doctor which confirms a diagnosis of intellectual disability
- Proof of attendance at a special school/college for students with an intellectual disability
- Diagnosis by state or government for receipt of support, clearly identifying the support required as resulting from intellectual disability, e.g. ICD-10 diagnosis

Submitting the application

Applications should be received by email or by post to the Secretariat within the timescales set out in the Inas Classification Policy and Procedures.

We strongly recommend that applications for provisional eligibility are received by the Secretariat at **least 4 weeks** before a deadline to appear on the Provisional Master List.

Applications may be submitted by email or post.

i) Submitting the application by email:

1. The application form should be used as normal, and all necessary evidence collected in accordance with these guidelines.
2. When complete, all pages should be scanned and submitted as a single email attachment in pdf format only. If you do not have pdf software, a number of freeware versions are available on the internet. Word, jpeg and other file formats will not be accepted.
3. Pages should be scanned in the following order:
 - i. Page 1-4 of the application form
 - ii. Psychological reports
 - iii. Summary sheets from IQ and Adaptive Behaviour reports
 - iv. Photographic ID – e.g. passport copy
4. The file should no larger than 1MB. Please do not use compression software such as zip.
5. The filename should be in the structure: 'country_athlete_lastname_athleteinitial', eg. 'Australia_Smith_A.pdf'.
6. Please use only one (1) email attachment per athlete.
7. Email applications should be sent to eligibility@inas.org. Please do not send or copy to other Inas email addresses as this will cause delays.

When submitting the application by email, do not send paper copies unless requested by the Secretariat.

ii) If submitting the application by post:

Please ensure that all pages are single-sided and do not staple or bind pages in any way. Keep a copy of your form and send the original, by post, to the Secretariat.

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Storing and using information

Inas will use the information submitted within the application for the purpose of registering the athlete into the Inas athlete database and determining eligibility to compete as an athlete with an intellectual disability or for conducting related procedures such as protests, appeals and research. It may share information with relevant partners for these purposes.

Research is governed by the policy set out in section 6.2 of the Inas Handbook. All data will be anonymised and follow the Data Protection and Information Handling policy.

For full details of the Inas Data Protection and Information Handling policy, please visit www.inas.org

Further help and assistance

If you have any questions or need help completing the form, then please contact your Inas member organisation (details can be found on the Inas website).

Athletes, parents/carers and psychologists should not contact Inas directly.

Member organisations needing further support should contact the Head of Eligibility at eligibility@inas.org. Please do not send eligibility questions/applications to other Inas email addresses as will cause delays.

References

For more information about the definition and assessment of intellectual disability, visit:

- American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – www.aidd.org
- Inas Eligibility Policy – www.inas.org
- Classification Code – www.paralympic.org