

## **Disability Swimming Classification Eligibility Guidelines (S1 - S14)**

Classification groups S1-S14 are for those swimmers with a physical, visual or intellectual impairment.

- **Classification Groups S1 - S10** Swimmers with a physical disability

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

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

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

- **Classification Groups S11 - S13** Swimmers with a visual impairment

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

- **Classification Group S14** Swimmers with an intellectual impairment

There are three eligibility criteria which must be met:

1. An full scale IQ score of 75 or below
2. Evidence of significant limitations in adaptive behaviour
3. Evidence of age of onset before the age of 18

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

ADHD	Ehlers' Danlos Syndrome
Arthritis	Epilepsy
Aspergers	Haemophilia
Asthma	Hydrocephalus
Autistic spectrum	Obesity
Cystic Fibrosis	Learning Difficulties
Diabetes	Scoliosis
Dyspraxia	Transplants

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***It must be noted that even swimmers that have a diagnosis that meets the eligibility criteria for classification may still not be sufficiently impaired to gain a classification.***