



Para Archery classification

Archer information guide

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Para archery is the discipline for athletes classified with a physical or visual impairment.

There is comprehensive Para Archery information on the World Archery Website [Para archery | World Archery](https://www.worldarchery.org/para-archery)

Para Archers and their support team can find out additional information on the minimum impairment criteria via <https://www.paralympic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/PA - Para-Archery-Information-sheet-New-Branding-2023.pdf>

Classification outcomes:

Confirmed – Where an Archers impairment is assessed as meeting the minimum impairment criteria and is permanent and non-changing.

Review – Where an Archers impairment is assessed at that point in time as meeting the minimum criteria but may be subject to change in the future requiring reclassification. (generally reviewed/reclassified every 2 years with the Archer having the ability to request reclassification at any time during that 2-year period if there has been a change to their impairment)

Not eligible – Where an Archers impairment is assessed as not meeting the minimum impairment criteria with the evidence and information provided. (not eligible decisions are able to be appealed and further information provided for further classification)

Types of classification:

- **Provisional classification** – Where upon receipt of a Para Archery classification intake form a decision is made by an AA authorised classifier that the Archers impairment meets the minimum criteria for Para Archery and a provisional classification is granted (this will allow an Archer to compete in Club and State level Para Archery competitions)

- **National classification** – Where a Para Archery classification intake form has been assessed a decision is made by an AA authorised classifier that your impact of disability meets the minimum criteria, and you have attended a face-to-face classification with AA authorised Classifiers.

How to get classified:

To commence the classification and reclassification process, Archers are required to complete the Para Archery Classification intake form. This form can be obtained by email request to info@archery.org.au

Once obtained Archers will be required to complete the form with their doctor (GP, Specialist) and the completed form is then sent to anthony.maxworthy@archery.org.au for provisional classification.

The provisional classification process can take approximately 1 – 2 weeks from when the completed classification intake form is received by AA.

Provisional classification and reclassification allow an Archer once obtained to compete at a state and club Para level – National classification is required for an Archer to be able to compete at Para National level.



How often are classification opportunities available:

In Australia there are six (6) national classifiers which allow for several classification opportunities each year, in various locations. This is for Archers wanting to compete at a national level. These opportunities are being held at national championships and in different states during the year.

For additional information in relation to National classification dates and opportunities please contact info@archery.org.au

AA currently has 6 accredited national classifiers that can complete in person national classifications.

How much does it cost to complete classification

Classifications are free of charge; it is the responsibility of the athlete to make their own arrangements to attend a classification.

What assistance can I have during classification

During a face-to-face National Classification, the athlete can have a one support person in the room during the assessment process.

Other than the assessment what else is involved.

Once you have been assessed face-to-face, you then must be viewed by the classifiers shooting your bow with any adaptive devices that assist you in this process.

On completion of the athletes classification he/she will be issued with a classification card that must be signed and a copy returned to the AA office. This card MUST be presented at any tournaments where the athlete wishes to shoot as a Para Archer

For any additional information on Para Archery and Para classification, please review the links [Para archery | World Archery](#) and <https://www.paralympic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/PA -Para-Archery-Information-sheet-New-Branding-2023.pdf> or contact Archery Australia on info@archery.org.au