



## **Class 11 Classification Process**

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British Para Table Tennis (BPTT) is working closely with all its partners to become compliant with the British Paralympic Association (BPA) classification code. As a result, BPTT is currently developing an official national classification system with the plan to start delivering this later in 2019. The past 6 months has seen 4 volunteers trained up as International level 1 medical, and technical classifiers, able to deliver classification nationally. This process is going to take time and we will appreciate patience as the system is developed over the next few years.

We have compiled a short Q&A (below) to help players and parents to understand the process:

### **Will there be Class 11a and Class 11b at the Michael Hawksworth Championships (BPTT Nationals) 2019?**

Yes, as in previous years players will be able to enter Class 11a or Class 11b. The new process comes into effect following this year's BPTT Nationals.

### **How does this new policy affect current BPTT members?**

Current members will have until the BPTT Nationals April 2020 to provide a confirmed UKSA classification. They will be able to enter all BPTT Grand Prix competitions between the 2019 and 2020 Nationals.

Any player unable to provide this information by the Nationals 2020 will be unable to compete in the 2020 BPTT Nationals and any further Grand Prix's until their classification is confirmed.

### **How does this new policy affect new members (post 2019 Nationals)?**

New BPTT members (post 2019 Nationals) will have 12 months to provide a confirmed UKSA classification. They will be able to enter their first BPTT Nationals, but any subsequent national championships will be subject to a successful UKSA classification.

They will be able to enter all BPTT Grand Prix's as soon as they become a member.

Shaun Marples, BPTT Pathway Manager will provide athletes with the appropriate information.

### **How does this new policy affect players selected for BPTT squads?**

**BPTT Futures Athletes:** As above with regards to entering competitions. If an athlete is selected to be part of the Futures programme, they will need to have a UKSA application confirmed.

**BPTT Development Athletes:** The same as Futures athletes. However, if the BPTT Selection Panel would like to move that athlete to the Pathway squad, then the athlete will need to apply for an INAS application, and have this confirmed.

**BPTT Pathway Athletes:** For an athlete to be part of the Pathway Squad, they will need to have the INAS application confirmed within the first 6 months. A review of this will be undertaken to confirm this has taken place.

**BPTT Performance Athletes:** Must have INAS fully secured.

## **What does a player selected for Para Table Tennis International Competitions require?**

Any athlete that the BPTT selection panel approves for competition (regardless of which squad they are in) must be on the INAS master list. During an athlete's first international tournament, they will undergo international classification where they will achieve an official classification status.