



TTI Classification Criteria & Process for Class 11 Players

1. There are two phases to the process (see link below for the Paralympics Ireland (PI) infographic on the process).

<https://paralympics.ie/wp-content/uploads/II-classification-process-Infographic-1.pdf>

A player must be nominated by the TTI Para Committee to PI. Once the nomination has been accepted by PI the player's designated representative will be requested by PI for information to allow the process to begin.

- a. Primary Eligibility Check. This phase will involve PI requesting the completion of the Virtus application form. Virtus is the international governing body for a number of elite sports – including table tennis – for athletes with an intellectual impairment. The application form must be accompanied by a psychological assessment report, dated within the last five years. As part of the psychological report all eligibility criteria must be met (Please refer to classification for Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment guidance document below). Other requirements include a copy of player ID and passport photo by the player's representative. The player's coach will need to complete the Virtus TSAL – Training History & Sport Activity Limitation - form on line. PI's Eligibility Officer will review the information provided and forward same, if satisfied, to Virtus. Virtus will invoice TTI for €281.00 (current fee), which in turn will be passed on to the player's representative for re-payment to TTI. (See link below for guidance notes on the Primary Eligibility Check).

<https://paralympics.ie/wp-content/uploads/Guidance-for-II-athletes-classification-.pdf>

- b. Table Tennis Specific Skills Assessment. Once Virtus has placed a player on its master thus signing off on the first phase, a player will have to be selected by the TTI Para Selection Committee for an ITTF (International

Table Tennis Federation) competition where classification for class 11 is available, this is not the case for every competition. The ITTF Para Calendar in any year will provide details on which competitions will be offering classification. (See link below for the ITTF Para Table Tennis Classification Rules 2018 – look for appendix 2, section 3 for Assessment Methodology to see specific skills tests and performance criteria).

<https://www.ipttc.org/classification/Rules/ITTF-PTT%20Classification%20Rules%202018.pdf>

2. Players and/or their representatives are encouraged to contact the Para Manager through the TTI office for further clarification and guidance in respect of the classification process.