

Information for Athletes:

This section explains the information an athlete should prepare before their MNA administrator submits a Classification application through the Para Sailing Classification Hub.

Applications are submitted on behalf of the athlete by an authorised MNA administrator. However, the athlete is responsible for ensuring that the information and documentation provided is accurate, complete, and up to date.

How the application process works

The Para Sailing Classification application process follows these steps:

- **Step 1: Gather the required information**
 - The athlete gathers the required personal details, identification documents, medical documentation, training history and completed forms.
- **Step 2: Provide the information to the MNA administrator**
 - The athlete provides the completed information and documentation to their authorised MNA administrator.
- **Step 3: The administrator submits the application**
 - The MNA administrator enters the information into the Para Sailing Classification Hub and uploads the required documents.
- **Step 4: World Sailing reviews the application**
 - World Sailing reviews the application to ensure the required information has been provided. If information is missing or unclear, further information may be requested.
- **Step 5: Underlying Health Condition review**
 - The application is referred to the Underlying Health Condition Assessor to review whether an underlying health condition is present that may lead to an eligible impairment.
- **Step 6: Further information may be requested**
 - If the assessor requires more information, World Sailing will contact the MNA administrator. The athlete may then be asked to provide additional medical documentation or clarification.
- **Step 7: Selection of an Evaluation Session**
 - If the athlete is validated to progress, the administrator will be invited to select an event where the athlete wishes to attend an Evaluation Session.
- **Step 8: In-person Evaluation Session**
 - The athlete attends an Evaluation Session at the selected event. The Evaluation Session is conducted by an international Classification Panel.

Before you start

Before your MNA administrator can submit your application, please ensure you have gathered the following information and documentation:

- Personal details, including family name, given name, gender and date of birth.
- SailorID. If you do not already have a SailorID, you will need to create one through the World Sailing website: <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>
- MNA and NPC information.
- Proof of nationality or eligibility to represent the MNA, such as a passport identification page or other suitable official identification document.
- Recent identification photographs, including:
 - A clear photograph of your face;
 - A full-body photograph;
 - Where appropriate, a photograph of your impairment if it is visible and helpful to the application.
- Completed Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF).
- Relevant supporting medical documentation relating to your impairment.
- Training history and sporting background, including sailing and other sports where relevant.
- Completed Consent Form.
- Parent or guardian details and signature, if the athlete is under 18 years of age.

Medical Diagnostic Form

The Medical Diagnostic Form must be completed in English by a registered medical doctor or other relevant medical professional.

The form is used to provide information about the athlete's health condition, eligible impairment and relevant medical background. It should be completed as accurately as possible and returned to the MNA administrator so that it can be uploaded to the Para Sailing Classification Hub.

If the athlete's doctor requires assistance understanding the form, the athlete may seek help from their MNA administrator. Where a translation is used to assist the doctor or athlete, the version uploaded to the portal must be in English.

This form can be found on the World Sailing website via its Classification page.

Supporting medical documentation

Athletes should provide relevant medical documentation that supports their diagnosis and impairment. This may include, where relevant, medical reports, clinical letters, imaging reports, X-rays, patient history or other documents that help explain the athlete's impairment.

Athletes do not need to provide unrelated medical information. The documentation should be relevant to the impairment for which Classification is being requested.

If the Underlying Health Condition Assessor Panel requires further information, World Sailing may request additional documentation through the MNA administrator. An application being marked as incomplete does not automatically mean the athlete is ineligible; it may simply mean that more information is required before the application can progress.

Training history

Athletes should provide information about their sailing and sporting background. This helps Classifiers understand the athlete's sporting experience and previous participation.

The information may include:

- sports previously or currently undertaken;
- the year the athlete started each sport;
- training frequency;
- whether the sport was undertaken with the impairment;
- level of participation;
- any relevant results or comments.

This information is not used to decide whether an athlete is "good enough" or "too experienced" to be Classified. It is used to support understanding of the athlete's sporting background during the Classification process.

Consent Form

The Consent Form must be completed and signed before the application can be submitted.

The Consent Form confirms that the athlete agrees to undergo the Classification process for Para Sailing. If the athlete is under 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian section must also be completed.

New or Review Classification status

An athlete should be entered as New if they have not previously been Classified for Para Sailing.

An athlete should be entered as Review if they have previously been Classified and are required to undergo review.

Data protection and sensitive information

Classification applications may include sensitive medical information. Athletes should only provide information that is relevant to the Classification application.

MNA administrators are required to handle athlete information securely and in accordance with applicable local data protection requirements. If an athlete has concerns about how their information will be handled, they should speak with their MNA before submitting their documentation.

World Sailing can be contacted for guidance where an athlete or administrator is unsure how best to proceed. World Sailing can be contacted at para.classification@sailing.org.

Important notes for athletes

- The application must be submitted through the MNA.
- The Medical Diagnostic Form must be completed in English.
- The athlete may be asked for additional documentation if the information provided is incomplete.
- Confirmation that an underlying health condition is present does not complete the Classification process. The athlete must still attend an Evaluation Session before a Sport class and Sport class status can be allocated.
- Classification opportunities are linked to selected events. The available events may vary depending on the Classification calendar.
- Classification rules may change over time. World Sailing will provide further guidance where changes affect athletes or applications.