

# Para Badminton

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Badminton is a sport played with a racket and a shuttlecock (a feathered target in replacement of a ball). Badminton applies knockout with 21 as victory number. The rally point will also be applied if the players who competed reached the same points in match point. It can be played in singles (2 people) or doubles (4 people).

The Sport is governed by Badminton World Federation (BWF). BWF acts as the International Federation (IF) for the equivalent Olympic Sport.

## Eligibility:

Impaired Muscle Power	Athetosis	Hypertonia	Ataxia
Impaired Passive Range of Movement	Leg Length Difference	Limb Deficiency	Short Stature

## Classification:

There are six sport classes in Para badminton. Two wheelchair classes (WH), two standing classes for lower limb impairment (SL), one standing class for upper limb impairment (SU) and one class for short stature athletes (SS). Athletes in sport class WH 1 have the greatest activity limitation. WH 1, WH 2 and SL 3 play half-court (lengthwise) in singles and full-court in doubles. SL 4, SU 5 and SS 6 play full-court in all five events, which are men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Wheelchair Classes	
<b>WH 1</b>	Athletes in this sport class generally have impairment in both lower limbs and trunk. They may also have impaired hand function, impacting their ability to maneuver the wheelchair. You will often see athletes hold their wheelchair with one hand while swinging their racquet with the other.
<b>WH 2</b>	Athletes in this sport class generally have impairment in one or both lower limbs and minimal or no impairment of the trunk. You will often see WH 2 athletes move their wheelchair much quicker than the WH 1 athletes and have less reliance on holding their wheels to maintain balance.

Standing Classes	
<b>SL 3</b>	Athletes in this sport class generally have impairment in one or both lower limbs and poor walking/running balance. To minimize the impact of their impairment, they compete half-court (lengthwise).
<b>SL 4</b>	Athletes in this sport class have a lesser impairment compared to SL 3; they generally run faster and have better balance. These athletes play full-court.
<b>SU 5</b>	Athletes in this sport class have impairment in their upper limbs only. It may be a very mild impairment in the playing hand such as a missing thumb, affecting grip and therefore the power of the stroke. In the same sport class, athletes may have a more severe impairment to the non-playing arm, impacting counter balance movements, trunk rotation and the ability to serve.
<b>SS 6</b>	Athletes in this sport class have short stature.