

A photograph of a rainy street scene. In the center, a cyclist wearing a helmet and dark clothing is riding away from the viewer on a paved road. To the left, a group of people stands on the sidewalk; one person is holding a large, colorful umbrella. In the background, another person is sitting on a chair under a blue and white striped umbrella. The scene is overcast and wet, with a street lamp visible on the right side.

# Classification

## Enabling High Performance

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# PNZ High Performance Objectives



# Classification Programme Objectives



# Classification

- Determines eligibility for competition
- Groups athletes with similar functional limitations to allow for meaningful competition
- Enables fair and equitable competition



# PNZ Classification Programme



# PNZ Classifiers



# Medical Classifier

- Medical doctor or physiotherapist
- Diagnosis and interpretation of physical testing procedures
- Confirms eligibility
- Observation of posture and movement



# Medical Classifier

- Bench testing
  - Muscle strength
  - Joint ROM
  - Amputation level
  - Limb length
- Neurological
  - Spasticity/athetosis/ataxia
  - Primitive reflexes
  - Muscle atrophy



# Technical Classifier

Sport specific testing  
(dynamic)

Knowledge of sport skills &  
demands of sport being  
tested.



# Demonstration of Technique



# Classification Panel



# Paralympic Categories

- Vision impaired
- Cerebral palsy
- Amputees
- Wheelchair
- Other impairments (Les Autres)
- Intellectual Disability (new)



















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