

Winter 2015-16 MIAA Swimming & Diving Sectional and State Championships Adaptive Events Information

The Winter 2015-16 MIAA Swimming Sectional and All-State Championships will include expanded opportunities for student-athletes with disabilities.

From the 2015-2016 MIAA Winter Swimming and Diving Tournament Format:

1. *Adaptive Events being offered at the Winter 2015-16 tournaments are:*
 - a. *50 yard Freestyle (boys); 50 yard Freestyle (girls)*
 - b. *100 yard Freestyle (boys); 100 yard Freestyle (girls)*
 - c. *100 yard Breaststroke (boys); 100 yard Breaststroke (girls)*
2. *Adaptive events at MIAA tournaments are recognized for MIAA Individual Championships but not scored for team rankings. Minimum qualification standards are established for adaptive events (see page 4). Student-athletes eligible for adaptive events shall be those who have an enduring visual or orthopedic impairment of the type and severity that they would be eligible for a Paralympic Sport Class in the relevant sport (see page 3). MIAA and Adaptive Sports New England will collaborate to provide at least one opportunity during the regular season for student athletes to be assessed for eligibility (Jan 31; see below). Adaptive Sports New England can consult with U.S. Paralympics to provide students, coaches and athletic directors an estimate on eligibility upon request.*
3. *MIAA encourages schools, leagues and affiliates conducting regular season competitions to offer the adaptive events being offered at the MIAA Tournaments.*
4. *MIAA will connect member schools with Paralympics Sport Club Boston (a program of Adaptive Sports New England) and other Paralympic Sport Clubs in Massachusetts to support student-athletes, coaches, and athletic directors with the technical assistance necessary for successful educational athletics experiences.*
5. *Point of contact at Adaptive Sports New England: Joe Walsh, 617-690-9103.*

Eligibility, Entry, Seeding and Scoring

Swimmers in adaptive events are subject to all MIAA and school eligibility requirements and rules. Entry of swimmers in adaptive events is subject to all deadlines and procedures detailed in the tournament format. Swimmers eligible for adaptive events will be seeded among the main field of competitors in the respective event according to their actual qualification time. Consequently, adaptive event swimmers will not necessarily be seeded in the slowest heat. Adaptive event swimmers will appear on the master results and on an additional result sheet scored using the Paralympic Points Scoring System.

Swimmers in adaptive events will be grouped into Sport Classes (see page 2). The HyTek results system is equipped with the internationally accepted Paralympic Points Scoring System which will rank swimmers in all Sport Classes to create a single set of results for each event, and thus a single winner/champion. Swimmers can be evaluated for Paralympic Sport Class eligibility at the Paralympic Sport Club Boston Swimming Open at UMass/Boston Sunday, January 31 (12:00 check-in; 2:00 competition). Information and pre-registration (required) are available at <http://adaptivesportsne.org/event/psc-boston-swim-meet/>. Questions about the sport class system may be directed to joe.walsh@adaptivesportsne.org.

Winter 2015-16 MIAA Swimming Sectional and All-State Championships Classification for Adaptive Event Swimmers

To ensure competition is fair, all Paralympic sports have a system in place which ensures that winning is determined by skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability and mental focus, the same factors that account for success in all sports competition.

In each Paralympic sport, athletes are grouped into 'sport classes' by the degree of impairment resulting from the athletes' disabilities. In each sport, the process of classification determines which athletes are eligible to compete in that sport and how athletes are grouped together. This, to a certain extent, is similar to grouping athletes by age, gender or weight. Classification is sport-specific because certain impairments may affect an athlete's ability to perform in different sports to a different extent. Therefore, an athlete may be eligible for a sport class in one sport, though his/her disability does not render him/her eligible in another sport.

Swimmers with physical or visual impairments who are seeking to compete in adaptive events at the MIAA sectional and all-state tournaments must be assigned a Sport Class before entering. Assessment for a provisional Sport Class will take place at the 2016 Paralympic Sport Club Boston Swimming Open on January 31 at UMass/Boston. Swimmers who already have an IPC Swimming or U.S. Paralympics Swimming Sport Class assigned will use that Sport Class. Adaptive Sports New England will make reasonable efforts to assess swimmers who do not compete at the PSC Boston Open. Coaches should contact joe.walsh@adaptivesportsne.org.

Provisional sport classes assigned by Adaptive Sports New England are valid only for PSC Boston and MIAA competition. Swimmers interested in additional Paralympic swimming competition can learn more at www.teamusa.org/USparalympics/sports/swimming or from Adaptive Sports New England.

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY AND NOT DEFINITIVE.
THEY ARE INTENDED TO AID SWIMMERS, COACHES AND PARENTS IN
ESTIMATING A SWIMMERS SPORT CLASS. THESE ARE NOT OFFICIAL, AND
IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY REPRESENTATIONS HERE, THE SPORT CLASS
ASSESSMENT AT THE PSC BOSTON OPEN OR OTHERWISE MADE BY ADAPTIVE
SPORTS NEW ENGLAND WILL PREVAIL OVER THESE DESCRIPTIONS. SIMILARLY,
NOTHING REPRESENTED HERE AND NO COMMENTS OR DECISIONS MADE BY
ADAPTIVE SPORTS NEW ENGLAND REGARDING SPORT CLASS WILL HAVE ANY
EFFECT ON U.S. PARALYMPICS SWIMMING SPORT CLASS EVALUATION.

[Get Information on the PSC Boston Swimming Open](#)

Sport Classes for Swimmers with Physical Impairments - UNOFFICIAL

Sport Class 10

Includes swimmers with minimum eligible impairments such as the loss of one hand, loss of both feet, or the significantly limited function of one hip joint.

Sport Class 9

Includes swimmers with joint restrictions in one leg, with single below-knee amputation, double below-knee amputation, or single above-knee amputation.

Sport Class 8

Includes swimmers with amputation of both hands or one arm, or with severe restrictions in the joints of the lower limbs.

Sport Class 7

Includes swimmers with amputation of one leg and one arm on opposite sides, with double above-knee amputation or dwarfism, with spastic hemiplegia, or with full control of arms and trunk and some leg function (many swimmers with Spina Bifida are in this sport class).

Sport Class 6

Includes some swimmers with dwarfism, those with amputations of both arms, and swimmers who have full arm control and little use of the lower body.

Sport Class 5

Includes swimmers with short stature and an additional impairment, and swimmers with complete hemiplegia or with complete paraplegia.

Sport Class 4

Includes swimmers with triple or quadruple amputations at elbow/knee joints and swimmers with paralysis of trunk and legs.

Sport Class 3

Includes swimmers with amputations of all four limbs, swimmers with moderately impaired arm stroke and no use of trunk and legs, and swimmers with severe coordination problems in all limbs.

Sport Class 2

Includes swimmers unable to use their arms and with no use of their hands, legs or trunk. Also includes swimmers who have severe coordination problems in four limbs. These swimmers mostly compete only in backstroke.

Sport Class 1

Includes swimmers with significant loss of muscle power and/or control in legs, arms and hands. Some athletes also have limited trunk control, as may occur with tetraplegia.

Sport Classes for Swimmers with Visual Impairments

Sport Class 13

Includes swimmers who are legally blind with best-corrected vision of 20/200 or less in the better eye or a field of vision of less than 20 degrees.

Sport Class 12

Includes swimmers who are legally blind with best-corrected vision of 20/600 or less in the better eye or a field of vision of less than 5 degrees.

Sport Class 11

Includes swimmers who are totally blind or nearly so such that they are unable to recognize the shape of a hand at any distance. Swimmers in sport class 11 compete with completely opaque blackened goggles.

MIAA Swimming Adaptive Class Standards Winter 2016

Sectionals and All-State Meets

	Boys			Girls		
Class-Age group	50 Free	100 Free	100 Breast	50 Free	100 Free	100 Breast
S12/13	:37.39	1:20.11	1:46.82	:47.10	1:44.69	2:26.56
S11	:42.72	1:25.46	2:08.19	:48.07	1:46.82	2:29.56
S10	:33.11	1:13.38	1:35.61	:37.39	1:20.11	1:57.50
S9	:34.19	1:17.83	1:35.61	:38.46	1:25.46	1:57.50
S8	:37.39	1:28.95	1:51.19	:43.79	1:36.14	2:08.19
S7	:38.46	1:34.50	2:13.42	:48.07	1:41.49	2:29.56
S6	:49.05	1:43.55	2:21.70	:59.95	1:59.90	2:54.41
S5	:59.95	2:10.80	2:27.16	1:16.30	2:43.50	3:05.31
S4	1:17.83	2:46.78	2:35.66	1:28.95	3:09.01	3:20.13
S3	1:28.95			2:02.30		
S2	1:51.19			2:23.53		
S1	1:51.19			2:23.53		

* 50 free standards are guidelines. Entries at coach's discretion based on swimmer's previous performance in team meets. 100 free and 100 breast times are firm cuts.