

## **DIVISIONING IN DISABILITY SPORT**

1. Blind or partially sighted athletes and players.
2. Deaf or hearing impaired athletes and players.
3. Athletes and players who are ambulant and have a physical disability
4. Athletes and players who use a wheelchair for sports
5. Athletes and players with a learning disability

### **Notes:**

- An ambulant athlete or player with a physical disability may have a partial or full limb amputation, cerebral palsy, arthritis, short stature (dwarf), spina bifida etc.
- An athlete or player who uses a manual or power chair may have cerebral palsy, spinal paralysis, muscular dystrophy, brittle bones etc.
- Sports for athletes and players with a learning disability should include participants who have an intellectual impairment only e.g. Down's syndrome. Not all pupils on the autistic spectrum have a learning disability. Pupils with dyslexia alone would not qualify.
- Athletes and players with unseen conditions such as epilepsy, asthma or diabetes should not be included unless they have a physical, sensory or learning disability as their primary impairment.
- Athletes and players with emotional or behavioural difficulties who do not have a physical, sensory or learning disability are not eligible for disability sport.
- Some athletes and players who are ambulant and have a physical disability or use a wheelchair may also have a learning disability.
- Some ambulant athletes or players with a physical disability may prefer to participate in wheelchair sports.