



## **Paratriathlete Competition Classes**

For more information on competition classes, please visit the British Triathlon website:

<http://www.britishtriathlon.org/para-tri/index.php>

Paratriathletes will abide, in most part, by the same rules of competition as non-disabled triathletes, detailed by the British Triathlon Federation. Modifications to these rules have been made for disabled participants to ensure that they can experience the same fair competition within the sport of triathlon as non-disabled triathletes.

The classification system for Paratriathlon has recently changed and all major documents are being updated.

To understand the profile classifications please download the Profile Manual for Paratriathletes from the BTF website using the link above.

The main changes to the system are as follows:

- The previous 9 classifications has been condensed to 6
- Old classifications 8 and 9 have been removed from the current Paratriathlon classification system\*

\*Classifications 8 and 9 (Learning difficulty and hearing impaired) have been removed due to a need to strengthen our International Paralympic Committee (IPC) bid to become a full Paralympic Programme Sport, and athletes within these two classifications can take part within the sport with the least physical impairment to overall performance.

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The six Paratriathlon categories are as follows:

- TRI 1 - Handcycle: Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, Polio, Double Leg Amputee. Must use Handcycle on bike course and racing wheelchair on run.  
Profiles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17a, 18a
- TRI 2 - Severe leg impairment including above knee amputees. Athlete must ride bike and run with above knee prosthesis (or similar prosthesis) or run using crutches.  
Profiles 11, 19a
- TRI 3 - Les Autres: This category includes athletes with Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, double leg amputee runners or paralysis in multiple limbs. These athletes will ride a bike and run. They may use braces or prosthesis if required.  
Profiles 12, 13, 14, 15, 17b, 18b, 19b, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32
- TRI 4 - Arm impairment including paralysis, above elbow amputees and below elbow amputees, or impairment in both upper limbs. Athletes may use prosthesis, brace or sling on the bike and/or run.  
Profiles 16, 21, 22, 24, 29
- TRI 5 - Moderate leg impairment including below knee amputees. Athlete rides bike and runs with prosthesis.  
Profile 23
- TRI 6 - Visual Impairment, legally Blind (20/200 vision with best corrective vision). A handler of the same sex is mandatory throughout the race. Athlete is tethered during the swim. Athlete uses a tandem bike and may be tethered during the run.  
Profiles 36, 37a, 37b