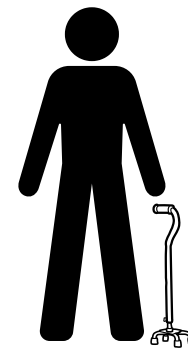
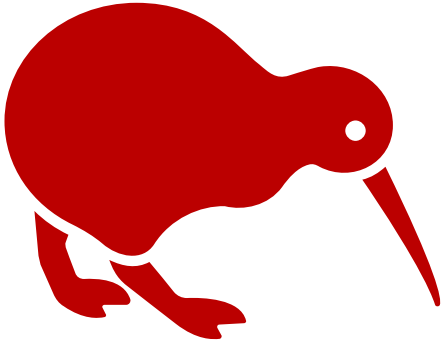


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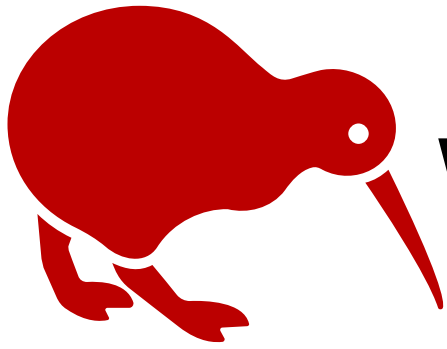
The purpose of this guide
is to help those involved in
boccia to understand the
classification system
within New Zealand





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What is Classification?

The purpose of classification is to define who is eligible to compete in Para sport. Athletes with an eligible impairment are grouped into sports classes, according to how much their impairment affects their ability to carry out the fundamental activities in a specific sport.

The aim of classification is to achieve fair competition by minimising the impact that the impairment has on the outcome of competition, so that sporting ability, skill level and training alone are the determinants of success and the result.



Neurological



Function

All four limbs and trunk affected



Wheelchair

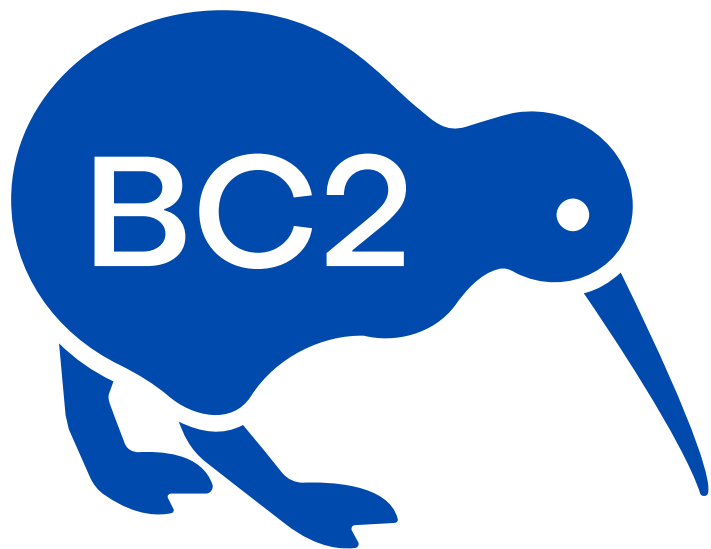
Power wheelchair user in most cases



Key Fact

Difficulty grasping and releasing the ball.

- *Restricted and / or involuntary movement in arms*
- *Range, control and grip severely affected*
- *May be able to kick the ball instead of throwing*
- *Significant impairment in trunk control*
- *Requires an assistant to pass balls and / or manoeuvre wheelchair*



Neurological



Function

All four limbs and trunk affected



Wheelchair

Power or manual wheelchair user for everyday mobility

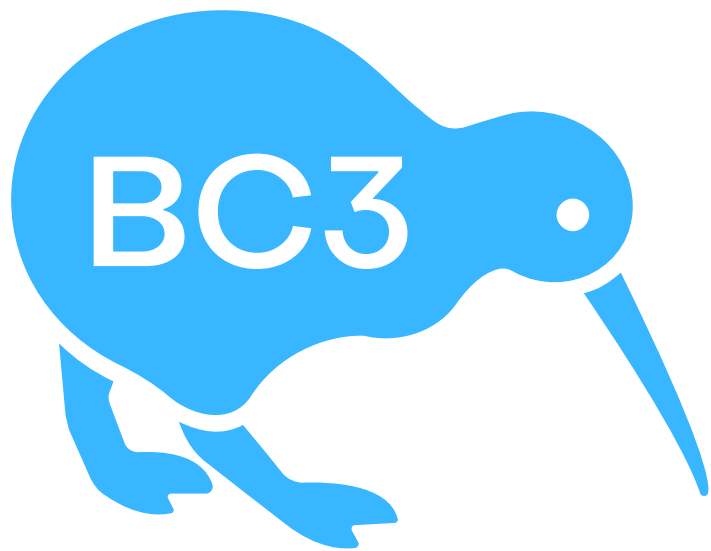


Key Fact

May use a variety of throwing styles / techniques



- *May be able to walk short distances unassisted*
- *May propel a manual wheelchair*
- *Arm range, control and grip impacts throw and follow through*
- *May struggle to release the ball*
- *Generally unable to play wheelchair basketball*



Neurological or Non-Neurological



Function

All four limbs and
trunk affected



Wheelchair

Power wheelchair
user in most cases

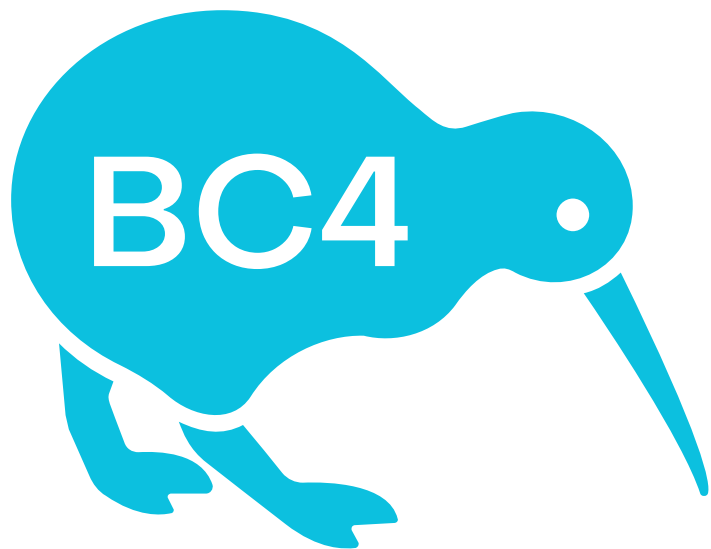


Key Fact

Unable to throw or
kick a ball 3 - 5
metres consistently



- *Unable to walk unassisted*
- *Unable to propel a manual wheelchair*
- *No consistent grip or release of the ball*
- *Use a boccia ramp and are assisted by a ramp operator*



Non-Neurological



Function

All four limbs affected



Wheelchair

Manual or Power wheelchair user



Key Fact

Minimal grip strength

- *May propel a manual wheelchair short distances*
- *Lacks strength in all limbs*
- *Fatigues quickly*
- *May be able to kick the ball as opposed to throw it*





Neurological or Non-Neurological



Function

All four limbs
affected



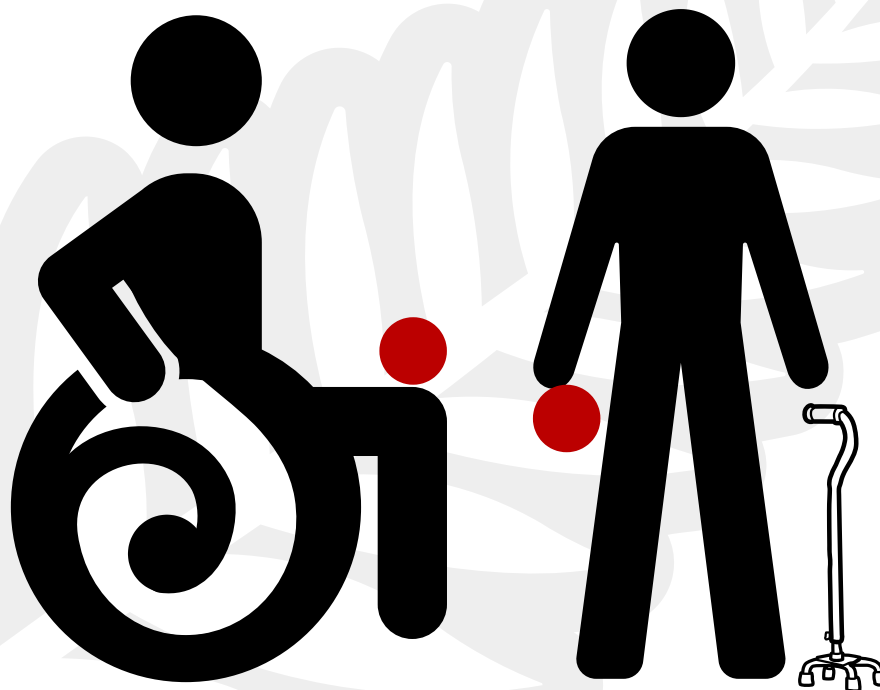
Wheelchair

Manual or Power
wheelchair user in
most cases

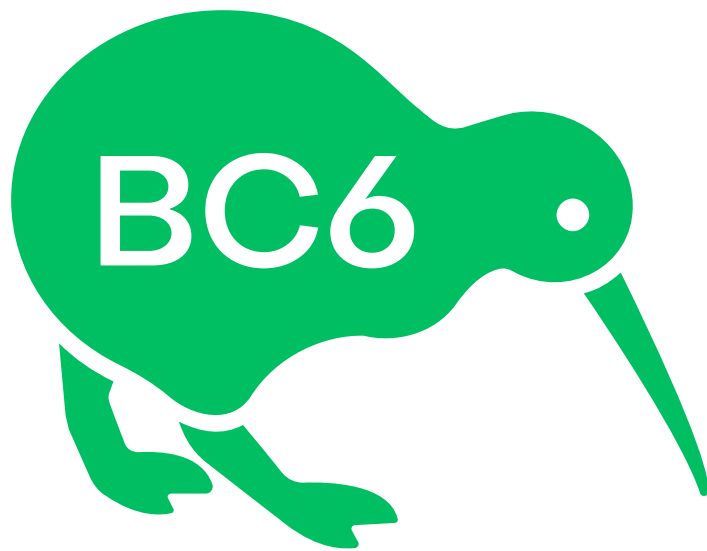


Key Fact

Lack of muscle
coordination or
strength



- *May walk assisted*
- *Impairment clearly impacts the throwing arm*
- *Impairment is obvious during the throwing action*



Neurological or Non-Neurological



Function

All four limbs
affected



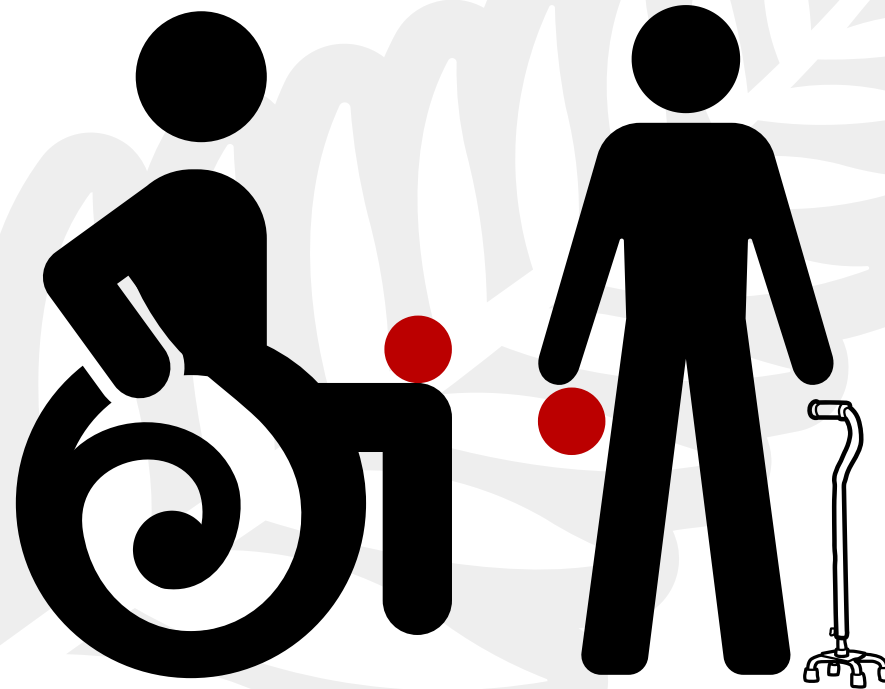
Meets

Eligible
impairment for
Para sport



Does Not Meet

Minimum
Impairment
Criteria for boccia



- *May walk assisted or unassisted*
- *May use a manual or power wheelchair*
- *Athlete meets the criteria for a rating of 1,2,3,4 or 5 using the Functional Mobility Scale (FMS)*
- *Athlete meets the criteria for a rating of 2,3,4 or 5 using the Manual Ability Classification System (MACS)*

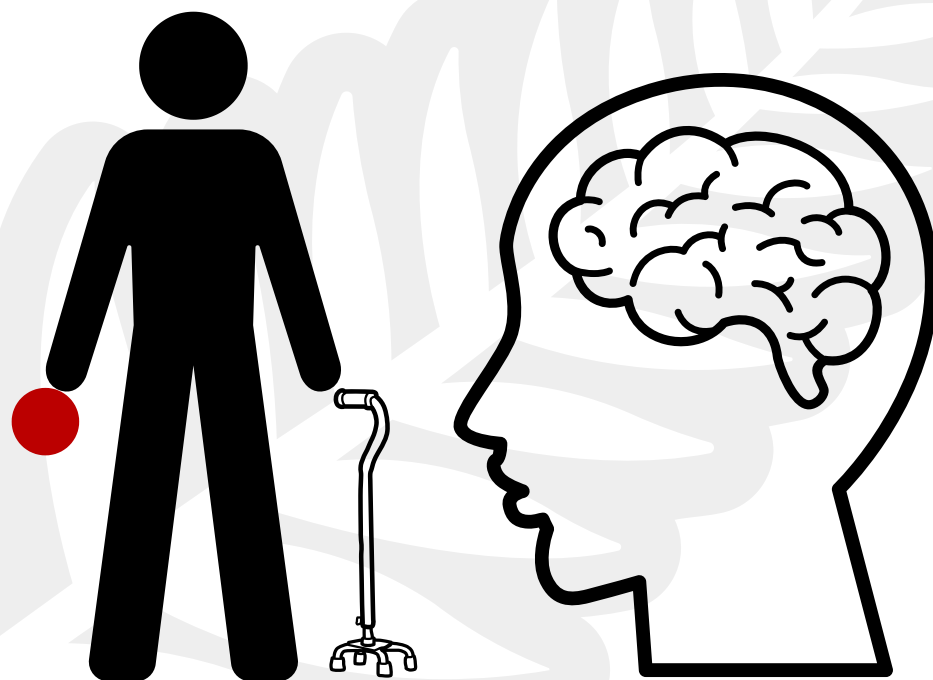


Physical Impairment or Intellectual impairment

Function



Physical or
intellectual
impairment that is
permanent in nature
impacting day to day
activities



- *Physical or intellectual impairment which is permanent in nature (longer than 12-months)*

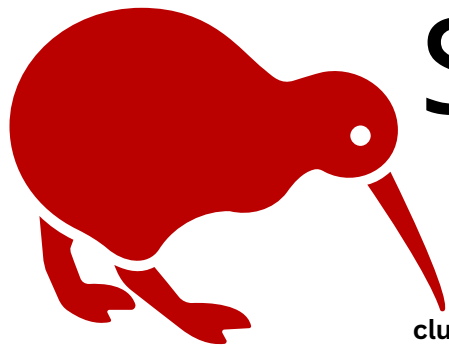
Meets



Physical and / or
intellectual
impairment



Does Not Meet
Criteria for BC6



Sport Class Pathway

Local

club, community, school,
inter-regional

Regional

Boccia NZ regional
championships

National

Boccia NZ national
championships

International

World Boccia events
Paralympic Games



BC1



BC2



BC3



BC4



BC5

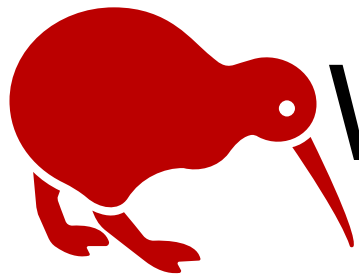


BC6

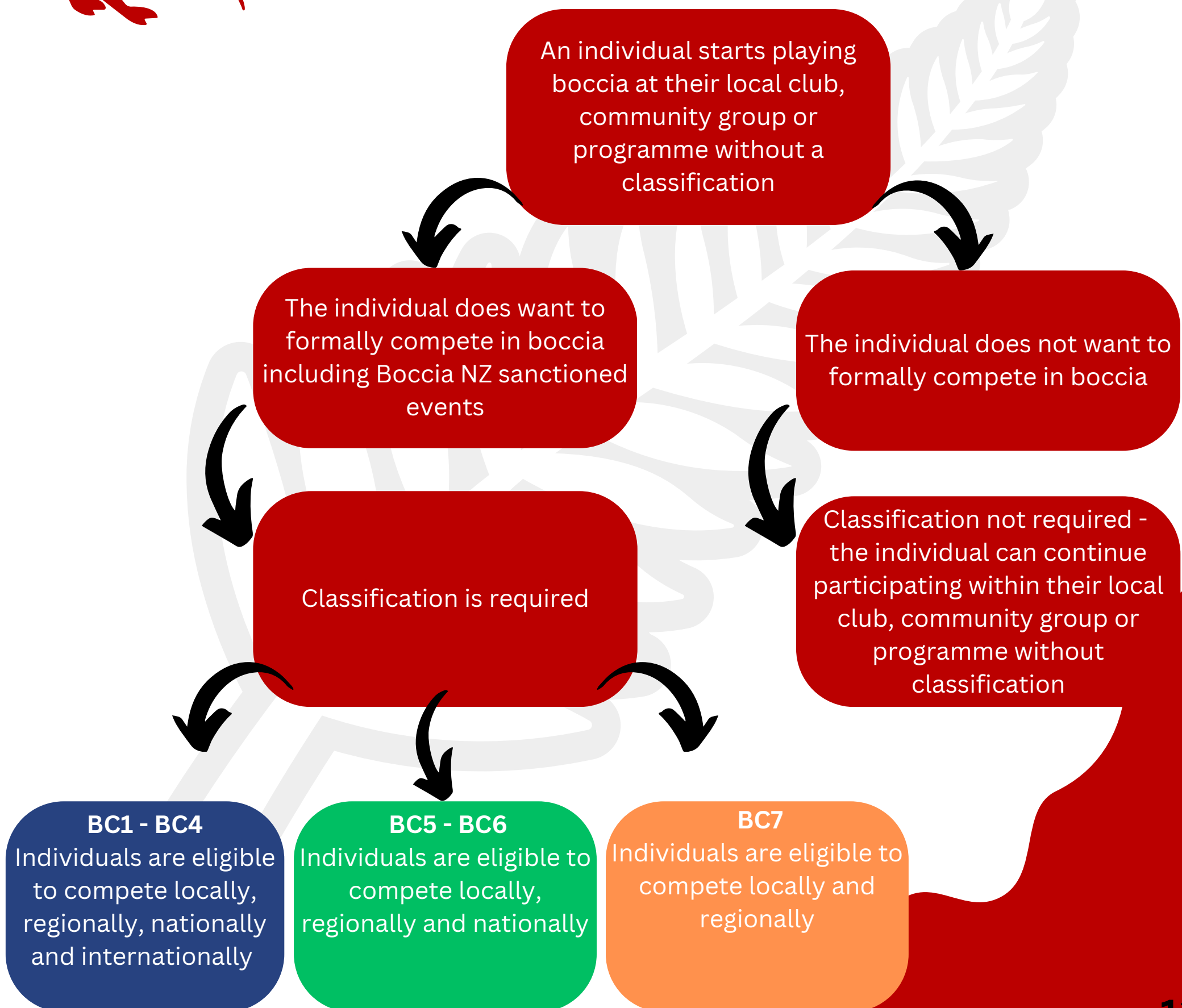


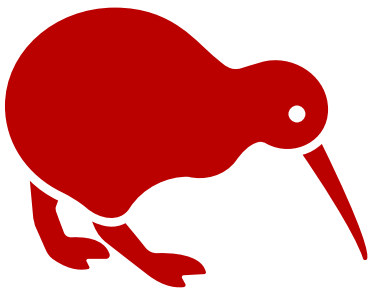
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Who Needs Classification?





Classification Levels

Provisional Classification

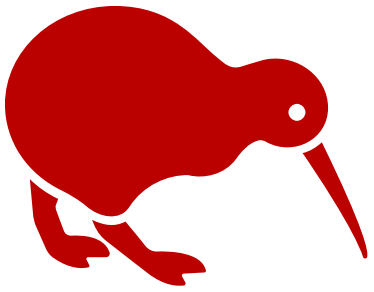
- Required prior to attending first Boccia NZ regional sanctioned event
- Athlete completes and submits a Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF)
- National classifiers evaluate MDF to determine eligibility and allocate a provisional sport class
- A provisional classification is valid for a 2-year period from when it is allocated

National Classification

- Completed at an athletes first Boccia NZ National Championships (prior to competing)
- Conducted by a national classification panel
 - Medical assessment (pre-competition)
 - Technical assessment (pre-competition)
 - Observation (during competition)
- National classification panel allocate a national sport class
- National classification does not change unless superseded by International Classification OR Classification Rule Changes

International Classification

- Completed at an athletes first World Boccia international competition (prior to competing)
- Conducted by an international classification panel
 - Medical assessment (pre-competition)
 - Technical assessment (pre-competition)
 - Observation (during competition)
- International classification panel allocate an international sport class
- International classification / sport class supersedes national classification and sport class.



Key Resources

Paralympics New Zealand

- <https://paralympics.org.nz/sport/classification/>

World Boccia

- <https://www.worldboccia.com/documents/#ClassificationDoc>

International Paralympic Committee

<https://www.paralympic.org/classification-education>