



WDBS Group 6A Eligibility Criteria

This document is intended to give you some further information about our Group 6A eligibility criteria.

Some indicators that suggest someone may have an intellectual (learning) disability:

- Went to specialist school for special needs related to intellectual disabilities
- Went to mainstream school but required classroom assistance
- School achievements significantly delayed compared to chronological age
- Ability to manage everyday tasks (adaptive behaviour) e.g. dressing, travel, using money, preparing food, managing risk etc. is significantly delayed
- Needs significant assistance to carry out their daily lives
- Has a medical condition or syndrome commonly associated with intellectual disabilities e.g. Down's syndrome

Conditions that are independent of an intellectual (learning) disability and subsequently do not meet the WDBS Eligibility Criteria include:

- Dyslexia
- Dyspraxia
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Challenging behaviour

Any costs associated with obtaining the required proof of eligibility are the responsibility of the player concerned. Where possible we ask that you do not go to the expense of having new tests or assessments done but send copies (ONLY) of any previous assessment you may have. Those who cannot get hold of the required documentation may instead be able to complete an Endorsement Form – see below.

Please note, that should you wish to compete internationally in any [Virtus](#) – World Intellectual Impairment Sport – events then you would need to apply for these assessments.

Reviewing Eligibility

After a player has been originally deemed eligible, if new information comes to light WDBS reserves the right to:

- ask for further proof of eligibility
- specify the nature of the proof required
- refuse or withdraw the eligibility of any player who, in our opinion, does not meet the WDBS Eligibility Criteria

Mencap can provide key information and support on all aspects of intellectual (learning) disabilities, so for additional guidance please visit:

<http://www.mencap.org.uk/all-about-learning-disability>

Endorsement Form

If a WDBS Group 6A player is not able to provide the necessary evidence required – for example, a full-scale IQ Test – then an alternative is to gain an endorsement from a professional associated with the individual personally, in an appropriate position to understand what the definition of intellectual (learning) disability means. For example:

- Educational or Clinical Psychologist
- Medical Doctor or Geneticist
- Head Teacher
- Local intellectual (learning) disability team advisor (local authority)
- Manager of a care home
- CEO of an intellectual (learning) disability specific organisation
- Social Worker
- WPBSA Snooker Coach managing a snooker group for learning disability sector referrals

Eligibility endorsement material can take many forms, including a letter or copy information from a professional (a clinical or educational psychology report, SEN report or letter from your GP), which contains sufficient evidence supporting the conclusion that the player has an intellectual (learning) disability in line with the WDBS Eligibility Criteria.

An Eligibility Endorsement Form can be used if required, to acquire the relevant sign off from a professional, which may be submitted instead of letters or copy information.

If required, eligibility endorsement material can be provided for a group of individuals, only if the professional providing the material is associated with all individuals concerned. For example, this could be a letter that lists all names of the individuals applying for eligibility into an event.

Where possible, the above information should be sent to bob.hill@wpbsa.com

If you have any questions or concerns in relation to eligibility please [contact the WDBS](#)