



THE UK SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITY

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE NOTES FOR CHARTERED PSYCHOLOGISTS INVOLVED IN IQ & ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOUR ASSESSMENTS FOR INAS-FID ATHLETE REGISTRATION

The International Sports Federation for Persons with Intellectual Disability published revised eligibility criteria in April 2005. There are three general eligibility criteria: a minimum age requirement as set by the individual international sports governing bodies; a diagnosis of intellectual disability; evidence of the effects of an athlete's intellectual disability in sport.

Under Criterion 2 - Intellectual Disability - there are three requirements, all of which must be met:

1. significant impairment in intellectual functioning as indicated by a Full Scale I.Q. of 75 or below on a recognised scale - such as the Wechsler Intelligence Scales;
2. significant limitations in adaptive behaviour as expressed in communication, self-care, self-direction, and social/interpersonal skills - established through norm-referenced and standardised measures such as the Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales and the AAMR Adaptive Behaviour Scales;
3. and proof that the intellectual disability is/was evident at or before 18 years of age.

A professionally qualified expert - a Chartered psychologist - is required to provide direct evidence in the form of a summary letter or report that includes details of how and by whom the assessment was done and what methods were used. Details of how adaptive behaviour was assessed and by whom are to form part of this letter or report and results of tests must be included. If appropriate, a clear statement that age of onset was evident pre-18 should also be included and on what proof this statement is based. Finally a statement of the expert's diagnosis must be included. Indirect evidence such as the individual having attended a special school is not considered to be direct evidence of intellectual disability but could form background evidence in terms of the developmental background to the impairment.

The Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales (pub.1984, Sparrow S.S. et al) are available from American Guidance Service, Circle Pines, Minnesota, U.S.A. or can be accessed through www.nfer-nelson.co.uk a British supplier. (see below)



Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales

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International Availability:

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The Vineland Adaptive Behaviour
Scales assess a client's personal
and social sufficiency in the
important areas of communication -
daily living skills, socialisation,
motor skills and maladaptive
behaviour.

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