

HOW TO APPLY FOR VIRTUS SPORT ELIGIBILITY

For US Athletes with Intellectual Impairments

Who should apply?

US Athletes with intellectual impairments can apply for three groups offered at Virtus International Events through Athletes Without Limits:

- ▶ **Intellectual Disability** (Virtus II1)
- ▶ **Down Syndrome with ID** (Virtus II2)
- ▶ **Autism** (Virtus II1 or Virtus II3)

Virtus eligibility confirming Intellectual Disability (II1/II2) needed for U.S. Paralympic Classification.

Supporting Documentation:

Athletes can apply with your School IEP to get started, and we'll let you know what's needed!

To understand full International requirements download our [Supporting Documentation for Virtus Sport Eligibility \(PDF\)](#) –you can share it with your psychologist if you need new testing.

Application Fee:

There's a **one-time application fee of \$150** for lifetime Virtus eligibility – including US National review by Athletes Without Limits and full International confirmation by Virtus.

Review Timelines:

We'll post eligible athletes to our Eligibility Lists (and will let U.S. Paralympics know when athletes are also eligible for Paralympic Classification.)

National reviews typically take @ 4-6 weeks but can take longer when there are big events with lots of applications, a complex application, or when your event is not time-sensitive.

Those in events requiring International Virtus confirmation should allow 4-12 weeks (once all information needed has been provided).

Be sure to [contact us](#) to keep us posted on the time-sensitivity of your upcoming event!

1-Get Ready!

Gather the following to upload:



A. Headshot

B. US Passport (or State ID)

C. School IEP & Diagnosis Reports

To get started, include your **School IEP** and any other reports with your Autism, Intellectual Disability, or Down Syndrome **testing & diagnosis**.

Athletes with Down Syndrome should include their **genetic report** (usually done at birth) and any past neck X-ray reports for AAI screening you've had.

We'll let you know what more may be needed!

2-Get Set!

Athletes should have a Parent or Legal

Guardian with you when you complete the online application so you can both electronically sign Privacy and Release forms. (If that's not possible or a helper is assisting we'll email a pre-filled *PDF Release* to gather signatures after you apply.)

3-Go!

Apply using our HIPAA-friendly form at:

www.athleteswithoutlimits.org/eligibility

To *submit additional information* after you've applied you can use the same form above.



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