



# Key Goal of Inclusion for all Achieved

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Our key goal is to develop a programme that will include all skaters with an impairment and will allow them to participate in all competitions and events on an equal basis.

This has now been achieved!

Margarita Sweeney-Baird has shared this information with the IPC.

At the 2017 IPC VISTA Conference Toronto, Canada Margarita Sweeney-Baird gave a presentation on Inclusive Skating. This tells the story of the development of Inclusive Skating from the early work by Margarita Sweeney-Baird in the 1990s and in 2010.

The key Inclusive Skating policies of accreditation, facilitation and event rule development when combined with the 4th edition of the Classification Handbook have resulted in the inclusion of all skaters, including those with mental disorders or ADHD etc. The range of impairments is now from 0% to 95%

Here are the slides of the IPC Presentation.

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The IPC Classification Committee and the IPC scientific community joined in the fun. They wore their jeans on Jeans for Genes Day. (see photo below!) Inclusive Skating received a Jeans for genes grant for their 2017 event. This was the first sporting event for children with genetic disorders.



Inclusive Skating and Margarita Sweeney-Baird would like to thank the IPC and in particular Ann Hart and Viola Altman. In 2010 Margarita contacted Ann and explained the whole system that she was creating. At that time Margarita was the Technical Director of the ISAI. The Inclusive Skating system was piloted in Ireland long before the Inclusive Skating Charity was set up. The Inclusive Skating Charity was known in the early days as the Global project for Impaired Skating or Impaired Skating and these remain the alternative Inclusive Skating's registered charity names.

Ann even took time in April 2011 to read the 1st Edition of the Code of Classification and Classification Handbook that was drafted entirely by Margarita Sweeney-Baird.

These documents were then widely circulated and because no-one suggested any amendments they were used unchanged at the first Inclusive Skating event in Dumfries in April 2012.

The [Classification Handbook 4th edition](#) has returned to the policies of the 1st Edition and has developed to accommodate the wide range of events that are now offered by Inclusive Skating. The most recent version of the rules is the [Technical Handbook IS 2017](#).

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