

SWIMMING



BEIJING 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES

EVENTS (140)	MEN (81)	WOMEN (59)
Please see the attached list		

ATHLETE QUOTA	Male	330
	Female	230
	Total	560

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION	<p>The qualification is allocated to the NPC, not the individual athlete.</p> <p>In the case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the qualification slot is allocated to the individual athlete not to the NPC.</p>
MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC	<p>An NPC may be allocated a maximum of thirty-five (35) male athlete and twenty-five (25) female athlete qualification slots for a maximum quota allocation of sixty (60) qualification slots per NPC.</p> <p>Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.</p>
ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	<p>To be eligible for selection by an NPC must have achieved either the Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) for each event being entered during the qualifying period from 1 January 2006 to 1 July 2008.</p> <p>To be considered for qualification, IPC Swimming must receive from the respective NPC the official results for the respective event from the IPC Swimming approved competition at which the athlete's MQS was attained. All results are subject to review and approval.</p>



MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

NPCs may enter a maximum of three (3) qualified athletes per event provided that the athletes have met the MQS or have received a Bipartite Commission Invitation.

NPCs may enter a maximum of one (1) relay team per event comprised of qualified athletes within the NPC's overall quota.

NPCs may enter an athlete who has met the MQS in an unlimited number of events as long as the athlete has met the MQS in all those events for which the athlete is to be entered.



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLE

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2006 IPC SWIMMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ALLOCATION	<p>The top three (3) ranked athletes at 2006 IPC Swimming World Championships in one (1) or more individual event(s) of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Programme who are also ranked top three (3) on the IPC Swimming World Ranking list starting 1 January 2005 closing 31 December 2006 (excluding those athletes that the NPC has already notified IPC Swimming of their retirement from international competition) and that have achieved a recognized MQS performance in this time period, qualify the NPC for one (1) qualification slot.</p> <p>NPCs with athletes meeting these criteria will only qualify for one (1) slot per athlete regardless of the number of events that the respective athlete(s) has achieved the criteria in. The maximum qualification slot quota allocation per gender for this method is as follows:</p>	<p>120 male athletes</p> <p>90 female athletes</p>

Gender	Quota
Male	120
Female	90

In the case that there are more athletes meeting the above criteria in a specific gender than available in the quota, IPC Swimming will allocate qualification slots to NPCs with athletes that have achieved the above criteria and have the highest performances nearest in percentage to the world record as of 31 December 2006 in any one of the individual event(s) on the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Programme.

In the case that there are less athletes meeting the above criteria than available in the quota, IPC Swimming will redistribute the qualification slots through the IPC Swimming World Ranking List Allocation Method.

IPC Swimming will publish the qualification slot quota allocation by NPC from the 2006 IPC Swimming World Championships distribution no later than 01 October 2007.



IPC SWIMMING WORLD RANKING LIST ALLOCATION	Only NPCs that submit applications for IPC Swimming World Ranking List performances between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2007 (excluding those athletes that the NPC has already notified IPC Swimming of their retirement from international competition) will be eligible to be allocated qualification slots through this method.	195 male athletes
	<p>For those NPCs whose athletes achieved a recognized MQS performance between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2007 and that have not otherwise received a qualification slot allocation through the 2006 IPC Swimming World Championships Allocation method and that are ranked in the top ten (10), on the IPC Swimming World Ranking List closing 31 December 2007 will have the respective athlete's performance used to determine the NPCs final allocation of qualification slots according to the following (a maximum of three athletes per NPC per event will be considered in the above calculation):</p> <p><i>STEP I - The total number of athletes on the IPC Swimming World Ranking List closing 31 December 2007 that meet the criteria above will determine each NPC's "qualification base" by gender.</i></p> <p>STEP II - Each NPC's qualification base divided by the total number of athletes (all NPCs) on the IPC Swimming Ranking List closing 31 December 2007 that meet the criteria above will determine the NPC's "qualification factor" by gender.</p> <p>STEP III - The NPC's qualification factor multiplied by the following maximum qualification slot quota allocation per gender for this method will determine the NPC's "qualification slot quota" for this method by gender (rounded to the nearest whole number):</p>	125 female athletes



Gender	Quota
Male	195
Female	125

In the case that the total number of athletes (all NPCs) on the IPC Swimming World Ranking List closing 31 December 2007 that meet the above criteria is less than the maximum qualification slot quota allocation per gender for this method, IPC Swimming will redistribute the qualification slots through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

IPC Swimming will publish the qualification slot quota from the IPC Swimming World Ranking List allocation method no later than 28 February 2008.



METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
BIPARTITE COMMISSION INVITATION ALLOCATION	Fifteen (15) eligible male athletes and fifteen (15) eligible female athletes will be considered by the IPC and IPC Swimming for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation, IPC Swimming must receive an official application in writing from the relevant NPC.	15 male athletes 15 female athletes
TOTAL	Male	330
	Female	230
	Total	560

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

- 1 January 2006 Start of period for athletes to achieve MQS performances
- Start of the period for NPCs to submit MQS applications for consideration by IPC Swimming in determining qualification slots quotas allocated through the IPC Swimming World Ranking List allocation method
- 1 September 2007 IPC Swimming distributes to the NPCs the complete medal events list for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games
- IPC Swimming distributes to the NPCs the Minimum Qualification Standards by event
- 1 October 2007 IPC Swimming distributes to the NPCs the qualification slot quota allocation per gender from the 2006 IPC Swimming World Championships allocation method
- 31 December 2007 End of the period for NPCs to submit MQS applications for consideration by IPC Swimming in determining qualification slots quotas allocated through the IPC Swimming World Ranking List allocation method.
- 28 February 2008
(no later than) IPC Swimming distributes to the NPCs the qualification slot quota allocation per gender from the IPC Swimming World Ranking List allocation method



21 March 2008 (no later than)	IPC Swimming confirms in writing to the NPCs the number of allocated qualification slots
	IPC Swimming confirms in writing to the NPCs the Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots
4 April 2008 (no later than)	NPCs confirm in writing to IPC Swimming the use of qualification slots
	NPCs confirm in writing to IPC Swimming the use of Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots
25 April 2008 (no later than)	IPC Swimming confirms in writing the reallocation of unused qualification slots
2 May 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organizing Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs
1 July 2008	End of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances
7 July 2008	Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organizing Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NPCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

By 4 April 2008, each NPC must confirm in writing (fax and e-mails are accepted) to IPC Swimming the number of qualification slots they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and the IPC Swimming may reallocate these slots.

By 4 April 2008, relevant NPCs must confirm in writing (fax and e-mails are accepted) to IPC Swimming use of the qualification slots allocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation method they will use. NPCs that have not replied by this date will have lost their qualification slots, and IPC Swimming may reallocate these slots.

By 25 April 2008, IPC Swimming will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 26 April 2008, it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated quota granted for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use some or all of the qualification slots allocated may be subject to sanctions by the IPC.



REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots that are not used by an NPC will be reallocated through the Bipartite Commission Invitation allocation method.

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BEIJING 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES SWIMMING MEDAL EVENTS LIST

The medal event list will be published in two (2) stages:

STAGE	ACTIVITY
Stage 1	During the first stage, IPC Swimming will publish a list of 140 medal events together with the release of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide - Swimming Qualification System.
Stage 2	During the second stage, IPC Swimming will use the IPC Swimming World Ranking List (Long Course) to determine the viability of the medal events released with the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide - Swimming Qualification System and delete any nonviable medal events. Only those events with the requisite ranking of ten (10) athletes from four (4) nations meeting the MQS or better. The final event list will be published 15 February 2008.



**BEIJING 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES
SWIMMING MEDAL EVENTS LIST**

EVENTS (140)	MEN (81)	WOMEN (59)
50m Freestyle	S2 S8 S3 S9 S4 S10 S5 S11 S6 S12 S7 S13	50m Freestyle S3 S10 S4 S11 S5 S12 S6 S13 S7 S8 S9
100m Freestyle	S2 S9 S3 S10 S4 S11 S5 S12 S6 S13 S7 S8	100m Freestyle S4 S10 S5 S11 S6 S12 S7 S13 S8 S9
200m Freestyle	S2 S3 S4 S5	200m Freestyle S5
400m Freestyle	S6 S7 S8 S9 S10 S11 S12 S13	400m Freestyle S6 S7 S8 S9 S10 S13
50m Backstroke	S1 S2 S3 S4 S5	50m Backstroke S2 S3 S5



100m Backstroke S6 S11 S7 S12 S8 S13 S9 S10	100m Backstroke S6 S13 S7 S8 S9 S10
50m Breaststroke SB3	50m Breaststroke
100m Breaststroke SB4 SB11 SB5 SB12 SB6 SB13 SB7 SB8 SB9	100m Breaststroke SB4 SB12 SB5 SB6 SB7 SB8 SB9
50m Butterfly S5 S6 S7	50m Butterfly S6 S7
100m Butterfly S8 S12 S9 S13 S10 S11	100m Butterfly S8 S9 S10 S12 S13
150m Individual Medley SM4	150m Individual Medley SM4
200m Individual Medley SM5 SM12 SM6 SM13 SM7 SM8 SM9 SM10	200m Individual Medley SM6 SM12 SM7 SM13 SM8 SM9 SM10
4x50m Freestyle Relay 20 Points 4 x 50m Medley Relay 20 points	
4x100m Freestyle Relay 34 Points	
4x100m Medley Relay 34 Points	



**BEIJING 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES
MINIMUM QUALIFICATION STANDARDS
SWIMMING**

MEN

EVENT		MQS
50m Freestyle	S2	01:27.00
	S3	01:05.00
	S4	00: 49.00
	S5	00: 43.00
	S6	00: 34.50
	S7	00:33.00
	S8	00:30.00
	S9	00:28.00
	S10	00:26.50
	S11	00: 30.50
	S12	00:28.00
	S13	00:27.00
	100m Freestyle	S2
S3		02:25.50
S4		01:49.00
S5		01:33.50
S6		01:16.00
S7		01:13.50
S8		01:07.50
S9		01:00.50
S10		00:58.00
S11		01:10.00
S12		01:02.50
S13		01:00.50
200m Freestyle		S2
	S3	05:20.00
	S4	04:11.00
	S5	03:27.50
400m Freestyle	S6	06:15.00
	S7	05:39.00
	S8	05:16.50
	S9	04:43.00
	S10	04:36.00
	S11	06:00.00
	S12	05:50.00
S13	05:07.50	



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MEN

EVENT		MQS
50m Backstroke	S1	02:44.00
	S2	01:30.00
	S3	01:12.50
	S4	00:56.50
	S5	00:49.00
100m Backstroke	S6	01:32.00
	S7	01:26.50
	S8	01:20.00
	S9	01:09.50
	S10	01:10.00
	S11	01:26.50
	S12	01:21.00
	S13	01:15.00
50m Breaststroke	SB3	01:03.00
100m Breaststroke	SB4	02:10.00
	SB5	01:54.50
	SB6	01:46.00
	SB7	01:42.50
	SB8	01:26.00
	SB9	01:18.00
	SB11	01:33.50
	SB12	01:25.50
	SB13	01:19.00
50m Butterfly	S5	00:56.50
	S6	00:38.50
	S7	00:36.50
100m Butterfly	S8	01:16.00
	S9	01:07.50
	S10	01:05.00
	S11	01:30.00
	S12	01:19.00
	S13	01:11.50
150m Individual Medley	SM4	03:30.00



**BEIJING 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES
MINIMUM QUALIFICATION STANDARDS
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MEN

EVENT		MQS
200m Individual Medley	SM5	04:45.00
	SM6	03:16.00
	SM7	03:12.00
	SM8	02:54.50
	SM9	02:34.00
	SM10	02:30.50
	SM12	02:44.00
	SM13	02:37.00



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WOMEN

EVENT		MQS
50m Freestyle	S3	01:28.00
	S4	01:07.00
	S5	00:49.00
	S6	00:42.00
	S7	00:39.00
	S8	00:36.50
	S9	00:32.00
	S10	00:32.50
	S11	00:42.00
	S12	00:32.50
	S13	00:32.50
100m Freestyle	S4	02:27.00
	S5	01:51.00
	S6	01:33.00
	S7	01:25.50
	S8	01:19.50
	S9	01:10.50
	S10	01:09.50
	S11	01:39.00
	S12	01:20.50
S13	01:12.50	
200m Freestyle	S5	04:04.00
400m Freestyle	S6	07:20.00
	S7	06:35.00
	S8	06:11.50
	S9	05:20.00
	S10	05:25.00
	S13	06:00.00



50m Backstroke	S2	02:05.00
	S3	01:32.00
	S5	01:04.50
100m Backstroke	S6	01:53.50
	S7	01:42.50
	S8	01:36.50
	S9	01:20.50
	S10	01:26.00
	S13	01:29.50
100m Breaststroke	SB4	02:52.00
	SB5	02:25.50
	SB6	02:16.50
	SB7	02:05.50
	SB8	01:38.50
	SB9	01:35.50
	SB12	01:50.00
50m Butterfly	S6	00:50.00
	S7	00:49.50
100m Butterfly	S8	01:32.00
	S9	01:22.00
	S10	01:26.00
	S12	01:34.00
	S13	01:28.50
150m Individual Medley	SM4	04:41.50
200m Individual Medley	SM6	04:08.00
	SM7	04:03.00
	SM8	03:27.50
	SM9	02:59.00
	SM10	03:03.00
	SM12	03:31.00
	SM13	03:14.00