

## 2020 International Classification Opportunities for Athletes with Physical, Intellectual and Vision Impairment

Please find below the list of World Para Swimming competitions in the year 2020 which offer international classification. World Para Swimming will update the list should opportunities become available.

Details for the below listed competitions can be found on the [World Para Swimming Calendar](#). Any queries on classification can be directed to [jovana.zrnzevic@paralympic.org](mailto:jovana.zrnzevic@paralympic.org); all queries must come from the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) or approved National Federation (NF).

### Athlete Classification

At competitions where classification is offered, World Para Swimming will schedule athletes with a New or Review status pursuant with the below regulations. Preference will be given to NPCs that submitted their prioritised classification requests for the 2020 season by the announced deadline.

An athlete will only be permitted to undergo International Classification if he or she:

- Is licensed with World Para Swimming pursuant to the relevant provisions in the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations;
- Has been entered into the competition by the entry deadline;
- Has submitted Medical Diagnostics information (Medical Diagnostic Form and supporting documents) to the Sport Data Management System (SDMS) by the final entry deadline.

Where a classification schedule is full:

- World Para Swimming will prioritise athletes based on the priority lists submitted by the National Paralympic Committees;
- World Para Swimming will have a discretion to distribute the number of classification slots across National Paralympic Committees;
- World Para Swimming will prioritise licensed athletes over registered athletes, and athletes with Sport Class Status New may take priority over those with a Review Sport Class Status.

If an Athlete is required to attend Athlete Evaluation, they must arrive at the competition prior to the start of the classification period. World Para Swimming will schedule athletes in accordance

with the classification period and not arrival dates of athletes. World Para Swimming may not be able to accommodate requests to change any athlete's scheduled classification times.

World Para Swimming will publish the classification schedules on the [World Para Swimming website](#) and notify National Paralympic Committees. It is the responsibility of the National Paralympic Committee to inform athletes of their scheduled time for athlete evaluation.

### **Medical Diagnostic Form for Athletes with Physical and Vision Impairment**

The Medical Diagnostic Form (MDF) must be submitted to the [IPC Sport Data Management System](#) (SDMS) for all athletes with a New or Review// Review with a Fixed Review date of 2020 sport class status at the time of licensing. The Medical Diagnostic Form must be accompanied with supportive medical diagnostic information.

Depending on the athlete's health condition and impairment, additional medical diagnostic information may be requested at any time (as per article 7.6 of the [World Para Swimming Classification Rules and Regulations](#), January 2018). If an athlete fails to produce sufficient medical documentation and the classification panel considers that the absence of such medical documentation will affect its ability to conduct Athlete Evaluation in a fair manner, classification will be suspended as per article 30 of the [World Para Swimming Classification Rules and Regulations](#) (January 2018).

The Medical Diagnostic Form is published on the World Para Swimming website under Classification:

- Medical Diagnostic Form for Athletes with Physical Impairment: [link](#)
- Medical Diagnostic Form for Athletes with Vision Impairment: [link](#)

### **Note on Athletes with an Intellectual Impairment (II)**

Athletes with Intellectual impairment are not required to submit a Medical Diagnostic Form to SDMS. However, prior to Athlete Evaluation, an Athlete must comply with the following criteria:

- Inclusion on the INAS Classification Master list: [link](#)
- Completion of the Training History and Sport Limitation Questionnaire (TSAL-Q) no older than 12 months: [link](#).

Competition Name	Country	Classification Dates	Competition Dates	PI	VI	II
Melbourne 2020 World Para Swimming World Series	Australia	11-13 February	14-16 February	yes	yes	no
<del>Lignano Sabbiadoro 2020 World Para Swimming World Series - CANCELLED</del>	Italy	24-26 February	<del>27 February – 1 March</del>	yes	yes	yes
<del>Sao Paulo 2020 World Para Swimming World Series - CANCELLED</del>	Brazil	23-25 March	26-28 March	yes	yes	yes
<del>Sheffield 2020 World Para Swimming World Series - CANCELLED</del>	United Kingdom	<del>6-8 April</del>	9-12 April	yes	no	yes
Indianapolis 2020 World Para Swimming World Series – POSTPONED until further notice	USA	13-15 April	16-18 April	yes	no	no
<del>Singapore 2020 World Para Swimming World Series - CANCELLED</del>	Singapore	28-30 April	1-3 May	yes	no	yes
Berlin 2020 World Para Swimming World Series - POSTPONED until further notice	Germany	<del>15-17 June - NEW-UPDATES</del>	18-21 June	yes	no	yes
2020 World Para Swimming European Open Championships - POSTPONED until further notice	Portugal	<del>13-16 May</del>	17-23 May	yes	yes	yes

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