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## **Qualification Criteria and Deadlines for the Manchester 2023 Para Swimming World Championships.**

Dear NPC President / Secretary General,

World Para Swimming is pleased to share the qualification criteria and deadlines for the Manchester 2023 Para Swimming World Championships from 31st July to 6th August 2023 (the “Championships”).

The information below, provides details related to the list of events, qualification criteria and deadlines for the Championships.

### **1. Championships Dates**

**27th & 28th July 2023**  
**28th – 30th July 2023**

Team Arrival dates  
Classification dates (all athletes undergoing classification must be available for classification on the morning of 28th July 2023 - travel plans should be made accordingly)

**28th – 30th July 2023**  
**31st July – 6th August 2023**  
**6th & 7th August 2023**

Training dates  
Championships dates  
Team Departure date

### **2. Athlete Eligibility**

To be eligible to compete in the Championships, all athletes (regardless of the route of qualification) must meet all the eligibility requirements set out in Regulation 4.2 of the World Para Swimming Rules & Regulations.

### **3. Qualification Requirements**

In accordance with Regulation 4.4 of the World Para Swimming Rules & Regulations, in addition to the eligibility requirements referred to above, to be eligible for selection by an NPC for the Championships, all athletes must meet the following qualification requirements:

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1. hold an active World Para Swimming Athlete License for the 2023 season;
2. be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Status of (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2024 or later\*;
3. have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (“MQS”) at a 50m World Para Swimming Recognised Competition (as defined in the World Para Swimming Rules & Regulations) for the respective event (including relay events) between 1st January 2022 and 28th May 2023 (inclusive);\*\* and
4. have achieved a MQS in accordance with the World Para Swimming Athlete Registration and Licensing Regulations valid for the 2022 or 2023 seasons.\*\*

\*In relation to criterion 2 above, NPCs are permitted to provisionally select athletes with a Sport Class Status of (i) Review; (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2023 or earlier; and (iii) New, subject to such athletes fulfilling the other qualification requirements above and attending an Evaluation Session prior to or during the Championships (including any required in-competition Observation Assessment).

\*\*Exceptions may be granted to criteria 3 and 4 above through the Wild Card entry method (see details in section 6 below) and for Direct Invitations (see section 7 below).

For MQS and Minimum Entry Time (“MET”) details please see the list at the end of this document. The MQS was set based on the average of 15th -17th placed athletes on the official World ranking list 1st January 2021 - 31st July 2022. The MET was set based on the average of the 19th - 22nd placed athletes on the official World ranking list 1st January 2021 - 31st July 2022. If there were not enough athletes on the rankings to meet the above criteria, the average times of the last two athletes included on the rankings were used as an MQS and MET. The exception to this may be the S1 and S2 MQS standards which are set to increase the number of qualifying athletes for these events. For MQS and MET details please see the list at the end of this document.

For relay events there are no MQS times; teams can be entered even without previous achievement (they will be seeded with ‘no time’). NPCs that have a time for their relay team from the qualification period can enter this result in the final entries.

#### 4. Qualification and Entry Timeline

1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	Start of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Opening of Online <b>Preliminary NPC Delegation Calculation</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Deadline to submit <b>Preliminary NPC Delegation Calculation</b>  Accurate numbers are appreciated so that Preliminary Event Programme can be published at the earliest opportunity.
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Start date to apply for Wild Cards
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Number per Event
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Opening of online NPC delegation Accreditation System
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Deadline for Entry by Number per Event.  NPCs will be invoiced based on the number provided in this entry. <b>No</b> withdrawal is possible after this entry deadline, with the exceptions referred to in section 12 below.  The accurate Entry by Number data is very important to allow accurate planning for the Championships services and programme. Therefore, please enter accurate numbers of qualified athletes for both male and female events.
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Deadline to apply for Wild Cards (including for relay-only athletes).
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Name per Event (final entry).  NPCs are permitted a maximum 15% increase in athlete numbers compared to Entry by Number.  A second invoice for added NPC team members will be sent to the NPC.

28 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	End of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2023	Deadline for Online Entry by Name per Event (final entry deadline). No changes in the entries will be accepted after this date.
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Deadline for Competition Fee Payment
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Deadline to accredit NPC delegations via online Accreditation System and to enter arrival and departure information.

## 5. Entry Forms

NPCs must submit all Online Entry forms through the IPC Online Entry System:

<https://db.ipc-services.org/sdms/app/login>

Once in SDMS navigate to the “IPC Online Entries System”. Please refer to the online manual.

## 6. Wild Card Entry

6.1 NPCs with either no qualified athletes or with only 1 qualified athlete may apply for Wild Card entry slots in accordance with the following terms. Please apply via the online entry system referred to in section 5 above.

- The Wild Card entry slot is allocated to the individual athlete(s), not to the respective NPC.
- A maximum of one (1) male slot and one (1) female slot may be granted if an NPC has not obtained any qualification slots.
- NPCs that have obtained only one (1) qualification slot may be given one (1) or two (2) extra slots depending on the sport gender category of the qualified athlete, as per the following table:

Qualified Athletes	Possible Wild Card slots
No athletes qualified	1 Female and 1 Male slot
1 Female only	1 Female and/or 1 Male slot
1 Male only	1 or 2 Female slot(s)



**6.2 Relay-only athletes:** In addition to the above, NPCs may apply for a Wild Card slot for one relay-specific athlete to be added to their team for each of the relay events. This athlete may not participate in any other events beyond the relay events. Such an application may only be made and accepted if the NPC does not have a sufficient number of qualified eligible athletes to make a team for that relay event.

**6.3** All Wild Card entry slots are at the sole discretion of World Para Swimming, and World Para Swimming has no obligation to award any Wild Card entry slots, regardless of whether or not NPCs/athletes meet the criteria above.

**6.4** At its sole discretion, World Para Swimming may waive qualification criteria 3 and 4 in section 3 above related to MQS times for athletes granted a Wild Card slot.

## **7. Direct Invitation**

**7.1** World Para Swimming reserves the right to directly invite a limited number of athletes under the following criteria:

- To enable the greater representation by a nation.
- To ensure events featured on the programme have sufficient representation for viability.
- To enable greater representation by gender.
- To ensure the further representation of athletes with high support needs.
- To ensure top athletes that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify due to extraordinary circumstances.
- To ensure new athletes that may have not had the opportunity to be formally classified due to extraordinary circumstances.

**7.2** All direct invitation slots are at the sole discretion of World Para Swimming, and World Para Swimming has no obligation to award any direct invitation slots, regardless of whether or not NPCs/athletes meet the criteria above.

**7.3** At its sole discretion, World Para Swimming may waive qualification criteria 3 and 4 in section 3 above related to MQS times for athletes granted a Direct Invitation slot.

**7.4** Direct Invitation slots will not be offered after the final entry list being published at the end of June 2023.



## **8. Competition Format**

8.1 The Championships will be conducted in the Single Class competition format. Events that do not meet the Event Viability Criteria set out in section 8 below after the Entry by Name deadline will be deemed non-viable events and will be removed from the schedule. Athletes in a non-viable event will be included in the nearest class event (example – athletes entered into a S1 50m Backstroke event which is deemed not viable will be entered into the S2 50m Backstroke event). Athletes in a non-viable event will also have the option to opt out of moving their entry to nearest class event. Only one set of medals will be award per event.

8.2 All heats will be swum in the morning session and finals in the evening session. Where an event has only one (1) heat of eight (8) athletes or fewer, it will be seeded as a direct final and swum only during the final session. The final list of direct finals will only be confirmed at Team Leaders meeting. Any withdrawals after the Team Leaders meeting will not impact on the heats and finals schedule.

8.3 In the case of an event containing athletes from more than one sport class (see section 8.1 above), the heats will be seeded as referred to in Rule 10.9.1.2 of the World Para Swimming Rules & Regulations. Please note a maximum of 3 athletes per NPC can progress to the final.

## **9. Event Viability Criteria**

9.1 Individual events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of six (6) eligible athletes from three (3) NPCs entered through the Entry by Name, with the exception of events for classes S1-2 and S11, which will be deemed viable if five (5) eligible athletes from two (2) NPCs are entered through Entry by Name.

9.2 Where an event is deemed non-viable, the event(s) will be combined with the equivalent event of the nearest class at close of entries.

9.3 Relay events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of four (4) NPCs entering a full relay team of eligible athletes for that event by the Entry by Name deadline.

## **10. Maximum Entries per NPC**

10.1 NPCs may enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per medal event per class.



10.2 NPCs may enter their athletes who have met at least one (1) MQS in an unlimited number of events, providing they meet the Minimum Entry Time (MET) for the additional events. The MET must have been achieved at a 50m World Para Swimming Recognised Competition (as defined in the World Para Swimming Rules & Regulations) for the respective event (including relay events) between 1st January 2022 and 28th May 2023 (inclusive).

10.3 A maximum of 3 athletes per NPC may progress to the final.

10.4 NPCs may enter two (2) relay teams per relay event. In case an NPC has more than 1 relay team competing in a relay event, only 1 team can proceed to the finals. The relay team which proceeds to the final is the one with the fastest time. If an NPC wishes to enter more than one relay team for an event please contact the World Para Swimming office.

10.5 If a relay event is a direct final and a NPC has entered more than one team, only one team will be eligible to compete in the final.

## **11. Competition Fee**

11.1 The Competition Fee covers Championships services for 28th July to 7th August 2023 (from official arrival to departure date).

11.2 The Competition Fee for the Championships is 500 EUR per Team Member.

11.3 For any logistical arrangements outside of the above period, please contact the LOC.

## **12. Financial Regulations**

12.1 The Competition Fee is to be paid to World Para Swimming by 16th June 2023 in accordance with the invoice that can be downloaded from the online entry system following the Entry by Number submission. However, payment as soon as possible after submitting the Entry by Number per Event is encouraged.

12.2 Following the deadline of Entry by Number (1st June 2023) there will be no reimbursement for withdrawals of any team members, with the exception of an athlete entered into only non-viable event(s) or due to a medical reason (in this case official medical documents are required to be presented to World Para Swimming).



### **13. Championships website and other Information**

Details of the Championships website will be published shortly.

The Team Leaders guide (version 1) will be available during January 2023, which will provide further information on the Championships.

We hope the above information clarifies the qualification criteria and deadlines to be applied for the Manchester 2023 Para Swimming World Championships.

We wish your team good luck!

Should you have any questions please contact the office ([info@worldparaswimming.org](mailto:info@worldparaswimming.org)) at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,  
World Para Swimming





## List of MQS and MET Times for the Manchester 2023 Para Swimming World Championships

Qualification Period - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50m Freestyle	S3	00:58.81	01:02.20	02:09.42	02:09.42
	S4	00:42.84	00:45.76	00:47.53	01:00.23
	S5	00:35.91	00:36.33	00:45.07	00:49.13
	S6	00:32.16	00:32.64	00:37.13	00:38.69
	S7	00:31.58	00:32.86	00:36.55	00:37.19
	S8	00:28.18	00:29.39	00:34.36	00:34.85
	S9	00:26.56	00:26.75	00:30.74	00:31.08
	S10	00:25.64	00:26.16	00:29.17	00:29.96
	S11	00:28.18	00:28.83	00:34.47	00:36.35
	S12	00:26.30	00:27.77	00:30.83	00:32.29
	S13	00:25.25	00:25.65	00:28.96	00:29.77
100m Freestyle	S3	02:17.14	02:37.31	04:05.26	04:30.36
	S4	01:38.03	01:41.52	01:54.90	02:12.97
	S5	01:20.09	01:25.74	01:36.84	01:49.03
	S6	01:11.21	01:13.12	01:23.34	01:25.14
	S7	01:08.16	01:10.01	01:18.11	01:19.88
	S8	01:01.47	01:02.34	01:13.03	01:15.25
	S9	00:57.81	00:58.41	01:05.61	01:06.41
	S10	00:56.23	00:56.93	01:04.27	01:04.83
	S11	01:03.43	01:04.93	01:15.05	01:20.26
	S12	00:57.89	00:59.63	01:07.74	01:10.43
	S13	00:56.35	00:57.01	01:05.87	01:09.12
200m Freestyle	S1	07:18.80	07:18.80	N/A	N/A
	S2	05:08.94	05:08.94	06:58.40	06:58.40
	S3	04:31.37	05:20.25	06:58.40	06:58.40
	S4	03:29.70	04:06.16	05:56.01	05:56.01
	S5	03:01.72	03:15.33	03:55.34	04:21.84
	S14	02:00.14	02:01.52	02:17.32	02:19.31

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400m Freestyle	S6	05:30.60	05:38.71	05:59.45	06:26.86
	S7	05:16.80	05:21.50	05:57.04	06:09.02
	S8	04:49.44	04:55.33	05:40.06	05:57.69
	S9	04:27.91	04:33.39	05:03.59	05:10.93
	S10	04:27.45	04:35.15	05:01.69	05:08.62
	S11	05:20.48	05:41.91	06:55.54	09:09.42
	S13	04:35.99	04:41.71	05:33.56	05:48.56
50m Backstroke	S1	01:49.57	01:49.57	N/A	N/A
	S2	01:26.62	01:57.65	01:56.35	02:09.11
	S3	00:59.72	01:05.66	01:56.35	02:09.11
	S4	00:51.40	00:56.99	01:00.48	01:07.42
	S5	00:41.35	00:42.75	00:52.66	01:00.74
100m Backstroke	S1	03:49.23	03:49.23	N/A	N/A
	S2	02:25.44	02:25.44	03:54.95	03:54.95
	S6	01:23.11	01:24.99	01:34.75	01:37.24
	S7	01:19.59	01:21.63	01:33.91	01:37.64
	S8	01:13.45	01:15.70	01:26.45	01:28.75
	S9	01:07.24	01:08.73	01:19.31	01:20.24
	S10	01:05.65	01:06.99	01:15.68	01:17.25
	S11	01:14.98	01:17.89	01:28.26	01:40.81
	S12	01:12.78	01:18.62	01:25.56	01:33.49
	S13	01:05.78	01:08.19	01:15.88	01:21.62
50m Breaststroke	SB2	01:35.54	02:00.28	02:22.25	02:22.25
	SB3	00:57.74	01:02.06	01:09.06	01:17.87
100m Breaststroke	SB4	01:59.79	02:05.19	02:46.15	03:36.29
	SB5	01:44.82	01:49.19	02:09.52	02:16.30
	SB6	01:27.68	01:32.90	01:49.44	01:54.20
	SB7	01:32.85	01:39.67	01:46.14	01:54.42
	SB8	01:18.11	01:21.21	01:30.86	01:34.84
	SB9	01:13.48	01:15.33	01:24.97	01:26.12
	SB11	01:26.91	01:30.34	01:42.44	02:25.41
	SB12	01:22.49	01:30.76	01:35.20	01:40.56
	SB13	01:15.61	01:20.15	01:26.60	01:33.45
	SB14	01:09.63	01:11.09	01:24.90	01:26.51

50m Butterfly	S5	00:38.62	00:40.17	00:56.15	01:01.97
	S6	00:34.27	00:35.98	00:40.77	00:42.30
	S7	00:33.82	00:36.67	00:39.92	00:41.83
100m Butterfly	S8	01:06.52	01:09.59	01:30.63	01:46.39
	S9	01:03.14	01:04.06	01:14.48	01:16.65
	S10	01:01.33	01:03.22	01:19.42	01:21.54
	S11	01:15.21	01:22.73	N/A	N/A
	S12	01:03.14	01:09.78	01:22.58	01:22.58
	S13	01:01.53	01:03.69	01:16.08	01:31.07
	S14	00:58.59	00:59.60	01:11.46	01:12.21
150m Individual Medley	SM3	04:28.36	04:46.62	06:08.85	06:08.85
	SM4	02:56.84	03:20.55	03:37.23	04:08.57
200m Individual Medley	SM5	03:47.63	04:17.23	05:15.98	05:15.98
	SM6	03:04.31	03:11.07	03:25.86	03:38.43
	SM7	02:52.60	03:05.20	03:27.10	03:37.00
	SM8	02:37.82	02:43.94	03:10.39	03:18.92
	SM9	02:25.23	02:28.93	02:45.20	02:49.91
	SM10	02:24.98	02:27.65	02:44.86	02:49.52
	SM11	02:48.20	02:53.60	03:11.67	03:54.36
	SM13	02:21.98	02:26.94	02:42.80	02:51.96
	SM14	02:16.29	02:17.91	02:37.98	02:40.14
Relays*					
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	34 Points	\			
Mixed 4x100m Medley	34 Points	\			
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	S14	\			
Mixed 4 x 100m Medley	S14	\			



Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle	49 Points	\
Mixed 4x100m Medley	49 points (VI)	\
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle	20 points	\
Mixed 4x50m Medley	20 points	\

\*For relay events there are no MQS times, teams can be entered even without previous achievement (they will be seeded with 'no time'). NPCs that have times for their relay team(s) from the qualification period may enter this result in the final entries.