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Qualification Criteria and Deadlines for the Madeira 2024 Para Swimming European Open Championships.

World Para Swimming is pleased to share the qualification criteria and deadlines for the **Madeira 2024 Para Swimming European Open Championships**, from 21 to 27 April 2024 (the “**Championships**”).

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

1. Championships Dates

17 – 18 April 2024

18 – 20 April 2024

Team Arrival dates

Classification dates (all athletes undergoing classification must be available for classification on the morning of 18 April 2024- travel plans should be made accordingly)

18 – 20 April 2024

21 – 27 April 2024

28 April 2024

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:

1. hold an active World Para Swimming Athlete License for the 2024 season;

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2. be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Status of (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2025 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 1 January 2023 and 26 February 2024 (inclusive);** and
4. have achieved a MQS in accordance with the World Para Swimming Athlete Registration and Licensing Regulations valid for the 2023 or 2024 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 2024 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 19 -21 placed athletes on the official World ranking list 1 January 2022 - 6th August 2023. The MET was set based on the average of the 23 - 26 placed athletes on the official World ranking list 1 January 2022 - 6th August 2023. 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 January 2023	Start of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances
29 November 2023	Opening of Online Preliminary Entry by Number
20 December 2023	Deadline to submit Preliminary Entry by Number Accurate numbers are appreciated so that Preliminary Event Programme can be published at the earliest opportunity.
15 January 2024	Start date to apply for Wild Cards
22 January 2024	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Number per Event
8 February 2024	Opening of online NPC delegation Accreditation System
8 th February 2024	Deadline for Entry by Number per Event. NPCs will be invoiced based on the number provided in this entry. No withdrawal is possible after this entry deadline, with the exceptions referred to in section 12 below. Please ensure Relay entries are included in this Phase. 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.
15 February 2024	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Name (final entry). Please ensure Relay entries are included. NPCs are permitted a maximum 15% increase in athlete numbers compared to Entry by Number by Event. A second invoice for added NPC team members will be sent to the NPC.
26 February 2024	End of period for athletes to achieve MQS performances.
28 February 2024	Deadline to apply for Wild Cards (including for relay-only athletes).

8 March 2024	Deadline for Online Entry by Name (final entry deadline). No changes in the entries will be accepted after this date.
15 March 2024	Deadline for Competition Fee Payment
22 March 2024	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>. Please ensure all entries are reviewed through the entry validation export prior to the entry by name deadline. No additional entries will be accepted after the deadline.

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.

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 athletes that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify due to exceptional circumstances can attend.
- To ensure new athletes that may have not had the opportunity to be formally classified due to exceptional circumstances can attend.

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 To be considered for a Direct Invitation Slot, requests must be made in writing to Nicole.Burns@worldparaswimming.org by 28 February 2024. Direct Invitation slots will not be offered after the final entry list being published .



8. Competition Format

8.1 The Championships will be conducted in the Single Class competition format.

8.2 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.

8.3 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 prior to the final entry list being published. Only one set of medals will be awarded per event irrespective of the medallist's sports class

8.4 All heats will be swum in the morning session and finals in the evening session.

8.5 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.

8.6 The final list of direct finals will only be confirmed at Technical meeting. Any withdrawals after the Technical meeting will not impact on the heats and finals schedule.

8.7 In the case of an event containing athletes from more than one sport class (see section 8.3 above), the heats will be seeded as referred to in Rule 10.10.1.2 of the World Para Swimming Rules & Regulations.

9. Event Viability Criteria

9.1 Individual events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of five (5) 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 four (4) eligible athletes from two (2) NPCs are entered through Entry by Name.

9.2 Where an event is deemed non-viable, Athletes will be moved to the equivalent event of the nearest class at close of entries. Athletes in a non-viable event will also have the option to opt out of moving their entry to nearest class event.



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 If there is more than one eligible class in the single sport class event, a maximum of five (5) swimmers per event can be entered per each NPC. However, only a maximum of three (3) swimmers per each eligible sport class can be entered if all met the MQS.

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 1 January 2023 and 26 February 2024 (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 an 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 17 to 28 April 2024 (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 15th March 2024 in accordance with the invoice that can be downloaded from the online entry system following the Entry by Number by Event 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 by Event** (8 February 2024) 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 2024, which will provide further information on the Championships.

We hope the above information clarifies the qualification criteria and deadlines to be applied for the **Madeira 2024 Para Swimming European Open Championships** .

We wish your team good luck!

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

Kind regards,
World Para Swimming



List of MQS and MET Times for the Madeira 2024 Para Swimming European Open Championships

Qualification Period - 1 January 2023 to 26 February 2024

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50m Freestyle	S3	01:00.94	01:06.00	02:16.24	02:16.24
	S4	00:45.08	00:49.93	01:03.04	01:19.73
	S5	00:36.60	00:38.01	00:45.04	00:48.13
	S6			00:38.05	00:39.34
	S7	00:31.62	00:32.38		
	S8			00:34.76	00:35.43
	S9	00:26.76	00:26.96		
	S10	00:26.07	00:26.15	00:29.51	00:30.12
	S11	00:28.73	00:29.23	00:34.18	00:35.96
	S13	00:25.86	00:26.39	00:30.69	00:31.40
100m Freestyle	S3			05:01.97	05:01.97
	S4	01:43.81	02:04.61		
	S5	01:22.41	01:26.33	01:38.34	01:46.02
	S6	01:13.29	01:14.22	01:26.24	01:28.91
	S7	01:09.84	01:10.84	01:19.78	01:21.25
	S8	01:02.28	01:03.62	01:16.86	01:18.05
	S9	00:58.61	00:59.03	01:06.61	01:07.52
	S10	00:56.67	00:57.15	01:04.79	01:05.41
	S11	01:05.27	01:09.18	01:17.02	01:24.59
	S12	01:00.92	01:02.48	01:10.77	01:16.47
	S13	00:56.59	00:57.32	01:08.78	01:10.51
200m Freestyle	S2	07:33.78	07:33.78		
	S3	05:10.72	06:02.06		
	S4	03:58.50	04:33.40		
	S5	03:05.50	03:16.54	03:42.85	03:50.21
	S14	02:00.31	02:01.37	02:18.15	02:19.87
400m Freestyle	S6	05:43.45	06:06.08	06:39.25	07:03.76

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	S7	05:29.63	05:46.55	06:06.96	06:20.81
	S8	05:01.59	05:10.05	05:48.70	06:00.71
	S9	04:36.81	04:38.72	05:11.24	05:24.57
	S10			05:01.35	05:02.73
	S11	05:38.03	06:04.89	06:54.36	09:09.42
	S13	04:41.43	04:52.91	06:00.93	06:00.93
50m Backstroke	S1	01:59.74	01:59.74		
	S2	01:43.60	01:43.60	01:59.73	01:59.73
	S3	01:02.32	01:12.74	02:13.90	02:13.90
	S4	00:54.04	00:58.26	01:19.64	01:21.20
	S5	00:42.51	00:44.89	00:52.44	00:55.32
100m Backstroke	S1	04:34.83	04:34.83		
	S2	03:43.31	03:43.31	04:17.63	04:17.63
	S6	01:26.64	01:30.61	01:46.32	01:55.73
	S7	01:23.65	01:26.36		
	S8	01:15.00	01:16.21	01:28.47	01:30.31
	S9	01:08.90	01:09.31	01:20.20	01:21.01
	S10	01:07.98	01:09.27	01:17.29	01:18.24
	S11	01:18.18	01:22.00	01:34.28	01:46.73
	S12	01:14.49	01:20.73	01:40.72	01:44.34
	S13	01:07.24	01:14.04	01:27.03	01:36.39
50m Breaststroke	SB2	01:48.57	02:23.46	03:19.40	03:19.40
	SB3	01:04.55	01:09.22	01:22.98	03:03.62
100m Breaststroke	SB4	02:10.93	02:18.51	02:37.08	02:48.15
	SB5	01:49.95	01:53.63	02:30.72	02:48.48
	SB6	01:30.83	01:32.73	01:52.48	01:54.69
	SB7	01:39.93	01:44.52	01:53.81	01:59.53
	SB8	01:20.34	01:22.25	01:34.90	01:38.11
	SB9	01:14.59	01:15.92	01:29.44	01:31.41
	SB11	01:28.42	01:30.67	01:51.79	02:09.51
	SB12	01:24.32	01:27.10	01:38.52	01:46.55
	SB13	01:18.23	01:24.66	01:45.34	01:45.34

	SB14	01:11.54	01:11.92	01:24.45	01:25.84
50m Butterfly	S5	00:41.95	00:45.48	01:02.44	01:06.87
	S6	00:36.19	00:36.77	00:46.47	00:51.85
	S7	00:37.08	00:37.58	00:43.19	00:44.42
100m Butterfly	S8	01:09.14	01:12.20	01:29.20	01:40.05
	S9	01:05.04	01:05.87	01:16.52	01:18.33
	S10	01:02.90	01:04.03	01:16.40	01:19.38
	S11	01:22.79	01:30.32		
	S12	01:11.49	01:18.09		
	S13	01:02.84	01:04.40	01:38.00	01:38.00
	S14	00:59.24	00:59.99	01:10.99	01:12.32
150m Individual Medley	SM3	05:10.44	05:10.44		
	SM4	03:25.96	03:41.51	05:36.16	05:36.16
200m Individual Medley	SM5			04:44.06	05:19.31
	SM6	03:11.54	03:19.69	03:51.76	04:03.65
	SM7	03:05.58	03:14.42	03:33.26	03:40.10
	SM8	02:41.83	02:44.48	03:08.09	03:16.76
	SM9	02:28.96	02:32.13	02:53.09	02:55.46
	SM10	02:27.44	02:31.01	02:47.55	02:51.01
	SM11	02:54.36	03:00.91	04:04.78	04:10.22
	SM13	02:27.67	02:34.61	02:58.63	03:11.64
	SM14	02:17.61	02:18.76	02:38.56	02:40.46
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 (VI)	\
Mixed 4x100m Medley	49 points (VI)	\
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle	20 points	\
Mixed 4x50m Medley	20 points	\

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