



TEAMS GUIDE

1. WELCOME

World Para Swimming in cooperation with Federació Esportiva Catalana de Paral·lítics Cerebrals (FECPC) are pleased to share with you the Teams Guide for the Para Swimming World Series Barcelona. Within the Guide, you will find all key information relating to the competition.

We look forward to welcoming you to Barcelona and should you have any questions, please contact the key contacts below

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. Dates & General Information

Entries open: 8th of January

Classification Entry Deadline: 29th of January

Entry Deadline: 19th of February

Training/Classification Dates: 17th to 19th of March

Competition Dates: 20th to 23th of March

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2.2. Venue Overview

The competition will be held at Club Natació Barcelona aquatics centre. The 450 seat facility features a 10 lane 50m competition pool, a 12 lane 25m heated outdoor warm up pool.

Location: [Pg. de Joan de Borbó, 93, Ciutat Vella, 08039 Barcelona](#)

[Venue website](#)

2.3. Traveling to Barcelona

The Airport of Barcelona, Aeroport Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat, is located approximately 17km and 25 minutes' drive from the aquatics centre.

[Airport Website](#)

2.4. Visas

Each team is responsible to ensure they have the proper documentation to enter Spain.

Please use the following [link](#) to check if you require an entry VISA.

Should you require a visa, you can request a letter of support to gerencia@fecpc.cat with the following information on all staff and athlete's attending from your NPC:

- Full Name
- Position
- Passport Number
- Passport Expiry Date

2.5. Accommodation and Transportation

Transport and accommodation are being managed by Viajes El Corte Ingles, the official travel agency of the event.

You can check all the rates for accommodation in the following [link](#).

Transport package to be out soon.

2.6. Competition Fee

Competition Entry fee for athletes: The competition fee is € 160 per athlete (one rate to cover all entries and without transportation).

Entry fee for Staff: 50€ (without transportation).

Should an athlete no longer able to attend, withdrawals are as per the WPS Rules and Regulations. Medical Withdrawals require a Medical Withdrawal form submitted to the WPS contact for confirmation.

Payments must be received by **19th of February**.

Refunds of payments will be granted if withdrawal is made before 19th of February. No refund will be provided after deadline.

To request for invoices, please email esports@fecpc.cat with the following details:

- Name of NPC / National Federation
- Billing Address
- Number of Athletes and Team Officials entered
- Contact Details (Name, telephone number, email address)

Entry fee payments can be made by bank transfer only.

Account Name: Federació Esportiva Catalana de Paralítics Cerebrals

Bank Name: CAIXABANK

Bank Address: PASSEIG MARAGALL 328, 08031

Sort Code: 08031

Account Number: CAIXABANK 2100 0593 38 0200128644

IBAN: ES98 2100 0593 38 0200128644

BIC: CAIXES BBXXX

SWIFT: CAIXES BBXXX

3. SPORT ENTRIES

3.1. Entries

All entries must be through WPS Entry system. [SDMS \(ipc-services.org\)](http://SDMS(ipc-services.org))

Important dates:

Entries Open: 8th of January

Classification entry deadline: 29th of January

Entry Deadline: 19th of February

Late Entries Deadline: 6th of March with an additional fee of 50€.

All late entries need to be communicated to both LOC and WPS.

Entries received after the Classification deadline will not receive a classification slot.

3.2. Competition Format and Programme

Para Swimming World Series events are run under Multi class competition format for both heats and finals. Points are determined using the World Para Swimming Points System.

For all Para Swimming World Series events the current World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations apply. They can be found on the World Para Swimming website (see Swimming – Rules & Regulations – Rules).

- Heats
 - 10 lanes will be used
 - Heats will be seeded by entry time
 - Warm up time: **08:00 – 09:15**
 - Heats start time: **09:30**

- Finals
 - 8 lanes will be used
 - Finals will be seeded by Points
 - Warm up time: **15:30 – 16:45**
 - Finals start time: **17:00**
 - The highest points scoring athletes in each event as determined by WPS Points system will be eligible for finals

Finals shall be formatted and prioritized in the following order:

- World Series Final A (1-8 Placed on Points).
- World Series Youth Final (1-8 placed on points scores of Youth athletes not in the A final).
- B Final (9-16 placed on points scores of athletes not involved in youth final)
 - Youth and B finals will only take place if more than 4 athletes are eligible for the start list.
 - Youth Final age group eligibility is 18 years and under (age at 31st December of competition year).

Finals priority order is outlined below:

- Where a swimmer has made the A finals and Youth Final, they will only be entered into the A final. The A final will be prioritized over Youth and B final.
- Where a swimmer has made the B finals and Youth final, they will be only entered into the Youth Final. The Youth final will be prioritized over the B final.

If necessary, a swim-off may be used to determine swimmers for an individual final, where point scores are equal, unless the swimmers are the same class then the fastest swimmer shall progress.

There will be 2 reserve swimmers for Finals.

Direct finals will be in place for events with 8 or less entries, as per the WPS Rules and Regulations 10.10.1.2.1.

- WPS have implemented an exception to this rule for 50m Breaststroke and 150m Individual medley events to support development of a heat opportunity for lower class athletes.

Version 2, 4 days competition programme will be in place for the Para Swimming World Series Barcelona. Competition programme Below.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
100 Freestyle M/F (S1-14) 50 Backstroke M/F (S1-5) 100m Breaststroke M/F (SB4-9, 11-14) Mixed 4x50 Medley 20pt Relay Mixed 4x100 Freestyle S14 Relay	200m Freestyle M/F (S1-5, S14) 100m Butterfly M/F (S8-14) 50m Breaststroke M/F (SB1-3) Mixed 4x100 Medley 49pt Relay Mixed 4x100 Medley 34pt Relay	100m Backstroke M/F (S1-2, 6-14) 150 IM M/F (SM1-4) 200 IM M/F (SM5-14) Mixed 4x50 Freestyle 20pt Relay Mixed 4x100 Freestyle 49pt Relay	50m Freestyle M/F (S1-13) 400m Freestyle M/F (S6-14) 50m Butterfly M/F (S2-7) Mixed 4x100 Medley S14 Relay Mixed 4x100 Freestyle 34pt Relay

3.3. Athlete Eligibility

Swimmers must:

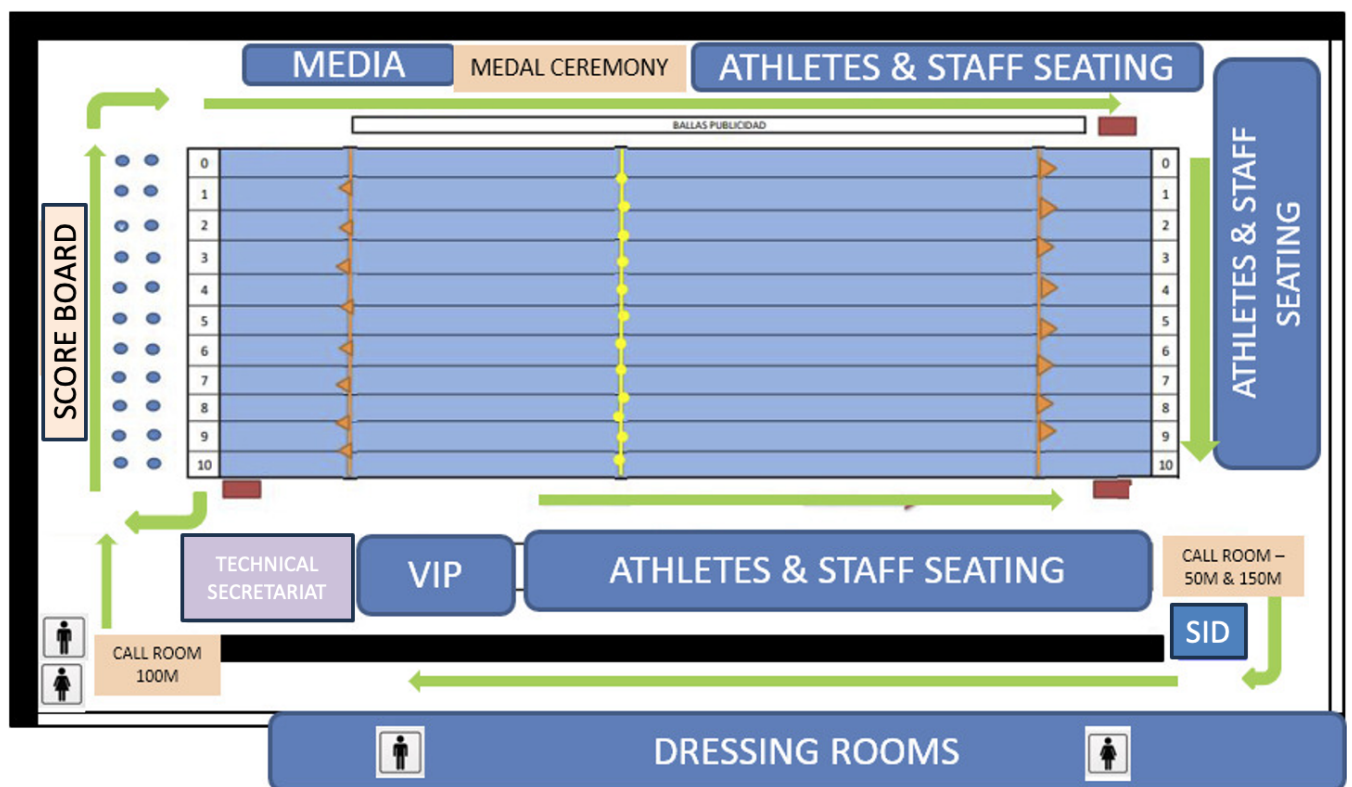
- Be at a minimum hold an active World Para Swimming license for the Season 2025.
- Be entered by their NPC or NF, with the NPC being a good standing member of IPC.
- Be 12 years of age or older by 31st December in the year of the competition.

To compete in Para Swimming World Series finals, an athlete must have an International Classification status of Review (R), Fixed Date Review (FDR) or Confirmed (C).

- Any athlete on a New (N) Status not undergoing classification in the competition may only swim in heats and will not progress to finals.

4. COMPETITION INFORMATION

4.1. Competition Venue



4.2. Training

There will be lane space available for athletes arriving early to Barcelona in preparation for classification and competition.

Training from 17th of March to 19th of March will take place at 50m competition pool (Piscina Nova Escullera).

Training times are below:

DATES	POOL	TIMES
17th of March	50m Indoor pool (3 lanes)	From 10:30 to 15:30
18th of March	50m Indoor pool (3 lanes)	From 10:30 to 15:30
19th of March	50m Indoor pool (3 lanes)	From 10:30 to 15:30

NPCs need to book their training sessions send an email to: esports@fecpc.cat. LOC will provide one hour of training sessions to different NPCs to let everyone train.

Lane markings will be clearly displayed on the poolside outlining specific classification lanes, e.g. VI lane, S1-4 Lane.

In the competition pool on training days, lanes 0 and 9 are reserved for classification.

4.3. Warm Up/Swim Down

Warm up on competition days for heats and finals is available in the competition pool and warm up pool.

Warm up times in the competition pool are below:

- Heats: From 8:00 am to 9:15 am
- Finals: From 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

All athletes must follow the warm up signage in place for the safety of all swimmers. Warm up lane allocations will also be shared in the technical meeting.

Swim down in the Warm up pool will close half an hour following the finish of the session.

4.4. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place on 19th of March at 4pm in the CN Barcelona aquatics centre.

Technical Meeting presentation will be circulated to attending NPCs in advance of the meeting to prepare any questions.

Any equipment that is required to be checked by Technical Officials can be taken to the technical meeting and checked at the end of the meeting.

4.5. Call Rooms & Competition

There will be two (2) call rooms:

- 1- 100m Call Room located next to the competition pool.
- 2- 50m and 150m Call Room located next to the competition pool.

It is the responsibility of the athlete to report to the Call Room no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their event.

Regulations outlined in the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations concerning swimwear will apply; swimwear (caps, goggles and swimsuits) must be from the approved list and might be checked in the call room. Athletes will be escorted from the Call Room onto the pool deck.

4.6. Sport Information Desk (SID)

A Sport Information Desk will operate at the competition venue on the days of competition, as well as during any scheduled training sessions. It is the primary and only point of distribution for all event related information including the following:

- Distribution of start lists for the NPCs;
- Official communication with teams;
- Official forms distribution (Relay Declaration Form, Protest Form, Medical Withdrawal Form);
- Liaison between teams and LOC / World Para Swimming.

4.7. Accreditation

All athletes and team staff require accreditation in order to enter the venue and competition areas.

Accreditation registration is through the SDMS system at the following link <https://db.ipc-services.org/accreditation>

Accreditation system open: 8th of January

Accreditation registration deadline: 19th of February

4.8. Classification

This competition offers international classification for the following impairment types:

- Physical Impairment (PI) – 17 -19 of March, from 9:00 at CN Barcelona aquatics centre.
- Vision Impairment (VI) – to be confirmed.

- Intellectual Impairment (II) – 17 -19 of March, from 9:00 at CN Barcelona aquatics centre.

World Para Swimming will schedule athletes with a New or Review status pursuant with the below regulations.

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

- Is licensed with World Para Swimming for the 2025 Season.
- Has been entered into the competition by the classification entry deadline.
- The NPC has submitted their athlete priority list prior to the classification entry deadline.
- Has submitted Medical Diagnostics information (Medical Diagnostic Form/TSAL and supporting documents) as requested by WPS to the SDMS by the final entry deadline.

It is NPC responsibility to enter the required events for Classification observation purposes for the athlete in the Entry by Name. Details of which events can be used for observation are found at the following page on the WPS Website. [Para Swimming Classification Rules - Info for NPCs/NFs \(paralympic.org\)](https://www.paralympic.org/Para-Swimming/Classification-Rules-Info-for-NPCs/NFs)

Official posting of Classification results will be printed and posted in venue at a designated area. The classification team will notify NPCs of this location upon check in to classification. Results will be emailed to Team leaders for a secondary notification, however, please note the official posting time will be in venue.

5. VICTORY CEREMONIES

Medal ceremonies will take place throughout finals.

Medal Ceremony call room is indicated in venue plan.

World Series Medals to be awarded to the three highest points scorers in the World Series A final per event.

World Series Youth Medals to be awarded to the three highest points scorers of youth athletes across all finals per event.

WPS Minus one rule will be implemented where applicable as per the WPS Rules and Regulations.

6. ANTI-DOPING AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

6.1. Anti-Doping

The Anti-Doping control / processes will be carried out in full accordance with the [IPC Anti-Doping Code and the IPC Doping Control Agreement.](#)

6.2. Medical Services at the Venue

Lifeguards, medical team and ambulance will be on site for teams. Also, in all the venue there is AED (Automated external defibrillator).

6.3. Insurance

Each NPC must ensure that all members of their delegation are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, liability, accidents and repatriation. All delegation members must have appropriate accident and health insurance accepted in order to compete. The LOC will provide only basic medical services in the venue.

No medical insurance will be provided to any of the participants. All participants are responsible for obtaining their own medical insurance (including Repatriation Coverage) and will be responsible for any medical expenses resulting from participation in the event.

6.4. Medical Attention

The following details relate to emergency medical services:

The closest hospital to the venue is **Barcelona Hospital del Mar**

[Passeig Marítim, 25-29, 08003 Barcelona](#)

Barcelona's primary emergency call service number is 112, which can be dialled from any fixed or mobile phone.