



TEAMS GUIDE

1. **WELCOME**

World Para Swimming in cooperation with LOC World Serie Italia are pleased to share with you the Teams Guide for the Para Swimming World Series Lignano Sabbiadoro 2026. Within the Guide, you will find all key information relating to the competition.

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

2. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

2.1. **Dates & General Information**

Entries open: December 10, 2025

Classification Entry Deadline: January 14, 2026

Entry Deadline: February 1, 2026

Training/Classification Dates: March 9-11, 2026

Competition Dates: March 12-15, 2026

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2.2. **Venue Overview**

The competition will be held at the Olympic Pool of the “Bella Italia Village” in Lignano Sabbiadoro. The 500-seat facility features an 8 lane 50m competition pool, 6 lane 25m warm up pool.

Location: Bella Italia Village – Viale Centrale 29, 33054 Lignano Sabbiadoro (Udine) - Italy

Official website: <https://finp.it/lignano2026>

2.3. Traveling to Lignano Sabbiadoro

By Plane

- Venice Airport (Marco Polo) <https://www.veneziaairport.it/en/>
- Treviso Airport (Antonio Canova) <https://www.trevisoairport.it/en/>
- Trieste Ronchi ai Legionari <https://triesteairport.it/it/>

By Train

- “Venezia Mestre” Train station is wheelchair accessible. Please pay attention when you book the train: “Venezia Mestre” is different from “Venezia Santa Lucia”, they are two different stations
- Latisana Train station is wheelchair accessible by booking the service at least 48 hours before

2.4. Visas

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

Please use the following link to check if you require an entry VISA

https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/?lang=en_US

Should you require a visa, you can request a letter of support to worldseries@finp.it 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

In order to book accommodation, please contact:

eventi@bellaitaliavillage.com

The rates of Bella Italia Village are per person per day, full board:

- Single room: € 76
- Double room: € 56
- Multiple room: € 45.

After Bella Italia confirms your booking, a 20% deposit of the total amount is required within 10 days from the booking confirmation. Payment can be made via bank transfer or credit card.

Should you need to change your reservation, you can do it without any penalty. The balance can be paid upon arrival.

Cancellations for medical reasons are subject to cancellation policy of Bella Italia Village.

LOC will not grant transportation service. Transportation service is not included in the entry fee. If needed, send your request for transport to:

- Salvo Figuccio: worldseries@finp.it
- Armonia Viaggi: booking@armoniaviaggi.it
- Taxi Lignano Stiso Gianni +39 3356586182 (mob.)

Inside the village there is no need for transportation because both accommodation and competition venue are within the Village.

2.6. Competition Fee

Competition Entry fee for athletes: € 170

Entry fee for Staff: € 60

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 **March 6, 2026**

Refunds of entry payments will be granted if medical withdrawal is made before February 27, 2026. After February 25, 2026, no refund will be provided.

To request for invoices, please email worldseries@finp.it 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)

Payment can be made by bank transfer using the following info:

Bank Name : Banca 360 Credito Cooperativo FVG
Bank Address: Via dei Molini, 7 33170 Pordenone PN IT
Swift/Bic Code: CCRTIT2TTER
Bank Code (abi): 08631
Branch Code (cab): 12500
Account Name: World Series Italia
Account Number: 000001048746
IBAN: IT39L0863112500000001048746

3. SPORT ENTRIES

3.1. Athlete Eligibility

Swimmers must:

- hold an active World Para Swimming license for the Season 2026.
- be entered by their NPC or NF.
- the NPC being a good standing member of IPC and must have no outstanding invoices with WPS. Any outstanding invoices must be paid prior to entry confirmed
- 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.

3.1. Entries

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

Important Entry dates:

Entries Open: December 10, 2025

Classification Entry Deadline: January 14, 2026

Final Entry Deadline: February 1, 2026

No late entries will be accepted.

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
 - 8 lanes will be used
 - Heats will be seeded by entry time
 - Warm up time: 07:30 – 08:45
 - Heats start time: 09:00
- Finals
 - 8 lanes will be used
 - Finals will be seeded by Points
 - Warm up time: 15:00 – 16:15
 - Finals start time: 16:30
 - 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 four (4) athletes are eligible and available for the start list of the respective final, excluding those already places in the A final.
 - 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 prioritised 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 prioritised 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

Where possible there will be 2 reserve swimmers for A Finals only.

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 competition programme will be in place for the Para Swimming World Series Lignano Sabbiadoro 2026. Competition programme below:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
100 Freestyle M/F (S1-14)	200m Freestyle M/F (S1-5, S14)	100m Backstroke M/F (S1-2, S6-14)	50m Freestyle M/F (S1-13)
50 Backstroke M/F (S1-5)	100m Butterfly M/F (S8-14)	150 IM M/F (SM1-4)	400m Freestyle M/F (S6-14)
100m Breaststroke M/F (SB4-9, SB11-14)	50m Breaststroke M/F (SB1-3)	200 IM M/F (SM5-14)	50m Butterfly M/F (S2-7)
Mixed 4x50 Medley 20pt Relay	Mixed 4x100 Freestyle 49pt Relay	Mixed 4x50 Freestyle 20pt Relay	Mixed 4x100 S14 Medley Relay
Mixed 4x100 Freestyle S14 Relay	Mixed 4x100 Medley 34pt Relay	Mixed 4x100 Medley 49pt Relay	Mixed 4x100 Freestyle 34pt Relay

4. COMPETITION INFORMATION

4.1. Competition Venue



4.2. Training

Training will take place at Piscina Olimpionica Bella Italia Village

For booking training slots please fill in the form below before March 01, 2026:

[TRAINING TIMES FORM](#)

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: 7:30 – 8:45
- Finals: 15:00 – 16:15

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 March 11, 2026, at 18:00 in the Sala Verde room, Bella Italia Village.

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 one call room located near the training pool

It is the responsibility of the athlete to report to the Call Room in line with WPS Rules and Regulations.

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: December 10, 2025

Accreditation registration deadline: February 16, 2026

4.8. Classification

This competition offers international classification for the following impairment types:

- Physical Impairment (PI) – March 9-11 at Bella Italia Village
- Vision Impairment (VI) – March 9-11 at Bella Italia Village

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 2026 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

It is NPC responsibility to enter the required events for Classification observation purposes for the athlete in the Entry by Name. Details of which minimum events can be used for observation are below:

Physical Impairment (PI):

At least 100m S stroke (Freestyle, Backstroke or Butterfly) and
100m Breaststroke for SB4-9 classes or 50m Breaststroke for SB1-3 classes

Intellectual Impairment (II):

200m Freestyle or 100m Backstroke and
100m Breaststroke

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

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.

<https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules-and-regulations/anti-doping>

6.2. Medical Services at the Venue

Lifeguards, medical team and ambulance will be on site for teams.

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:

Latisana Hospital, Via Sabbionera, 45, 33053 Latisana UD