WPS APPROVED PLUS COMEPTITION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION FORM

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The following are required for the conduct of World Para Swimming Approved Plus competition.

Criteria for World Para Swimming Approval at Approved Plus level:

- World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations must be adhered to. Can be found on the WPS Website HERE
- Approved Plus competitions cannot be held the same time as any Paralympic Games, World Para Swimming Championships or World Para Swimming Sanctioned Competitions
- Pools used for Approved Plus competitions must be 50 metres in length for Long Course events, 25m in length for Short Course events (pool certificate required. If the venue has a movable bulkhead, measurements must be taken the day prior to start of competition. See WPS Pool Survey Guidelines HERE for more information).
- The minimum depth of water at the starting end of the pool shall be at least 1.35m.
- Individual events must be swum as separate male and female events.
- Events must be open to S/SB/SM 1-14 Classes
- Relays may only be swum as individual events
- The events should be as listed in the WPS Rules and Regulations under WPS Rule 10.4
- AOE electronic timing is to be used, a backup of two manual timing devices must be used.
- A minimum of one (1) WPS International Technical Official must be in attendance to oversee the running of the competition. If more than one ITO in attendance, a lead must be identified to verify the WPS Rules and Regulations were upheld, confirm the results of the competition and manage any record applications.
- Results must be processed using competition management software capable of producing a results file in excel and PDF format.

- Results must be sent both as official output file (PDF) as well as in WPS excel results template format to info@worldparaswimming.org no later than 15 days after the competition concludes. The template can be found on the WPS website HERE
    - If there are any Record setting performances at the competition, these must be submitted alongside the results using the World Para Swimming Record Application form, together with all the required supporting documentation. The application form can be found on the WPS website HERE.
    - As per the WPS Rules and Regulations, failure to provide the above information in the required time frame will result in the times not being recognised.
- All national technical officials must have current accreditation from a recognised swimming governing body for the duties in which they are utilised.
- Anti-turbulence lane ropes, starting platforms and backstroke turn indicators as per the WPS Facilities rules must be provided.
- At a minimum, there must be on-site medical, emergency ambulance and first aid services
- Only World Para Swimming licensed athletes who hold an International Classification will be eligible for inclusion in the World Para Swimming Official Rankings. Athletes with New status will have their times included in the Annual Best Performance Rankings.
- All information provided to World Para Swimming must be translated to English.

Application process and required information:

- Applications must be made by the National Paralympic Committee or National Federation to World Para Swimming.
- The application must be submitted to SDMS:
    - If the competition is to be held between January and July – applications must be made **no later than 31 October of the previous year**

- If the competition is to be held between August and December– applications must be made **no later than 31 May**

- Approved Plus application must include:
  - Completed entry package (in English Language for the purpose of submission)
  - Pool survey certificate
  - Confirmation of AOE timing system
  - Confirmation of WPS ITO in attendance at the competition
  - Confirmation of Doping Collection Agency (if Anti-Doping is taking place)
- An invoice will be generated after WPS review.
- The NPC/NF must pay the competition approval fee of 300 EUR (all bank fees to be covered by the NPC/NF) to World Para Swimming.
- Applications will only be formally accepted and granted Approved Plus status once the invoice has been paid in full.

It is in the responsibility of the competition organiser to ensure that the application and relevant fees are received and acknowledged by World Para Swimming prior to the start of the competition.

In you have any questions relating to Approved Plus Competitions or Applications, please contact WPS at info@worldparaswimming.org