World Para Swimming Championships 2029 and 2031 Expression of Interest

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1 Introduction

World Para Swimming, under the International Paralympic Committee, acts as the international federation for the sport and is based in Bonn, Germany.

Para swimming is practiced internationally by athletes in over 100 countries and has featured in every edition of the Paralympic Games, growing into one of the biggest and most attractive sports. World Championships are the pinnacle event outside of the Paralympic Games for para swimmers, held every two years, with the second in the cycle will form part of the qualification events for the Paralympic Games in 2032. World Para Swimming works in partnership with our Local Organising Committees to put on the highest level of competition and athlete experience possible to crown the next World Champions. Expect fast racing, World Records and breakthrough stories.

The purpose of the Expression of Interest Application is to initiate the bidding process for the 2029 and 2031 World Championships. By completing this application your organisation will have expressed their formal interest in the bid application process. The application requires your organisation to provide general information necessary for World Para Swimming:

- to create a single register of applicant organisations, thus ensuring a transparent exchange of information between the parties;
- to capture comparable information and data required to assess the initial feasibility of the potential bid applicant to meet the requirements; and
- to assess the preliminary guarantees identifying the level of support given by the various partners.

Following completion of the Expression of Interest Application, please submit the document to Nicole Burns via e-mail: nicole.burns@worldparaswimming.org

Please answer all questions in detail and attach the relevant documents as requested.

Call date to return the Expression of Interest document: 30 November 2026

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

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2 Benefits of hosting

2.1 Some benefits for the host nation:

- The Championships draws over a thousand people (athletes, team officials, and supporters) into the city, therefore it is an excellent opportunity to promote not only the host city but also the country.
- Hosting a premier Para Sport event of this size bring accessibility to the foreground, not only for the venue but for the city as well.
- The Championships are a perfect opportunity to create a legacy. Through development opportunities, hosting the Championships can have a lasting effect on development of young athletes and the future of the sport in the host country. Opportunities include Learn to Swim programme, next generation programmes inclusion in the championships and water safety programmes for people with disabilities.
- Capitalising on the Championships, nations can also improve their para swimming national technical official pool.

2.2 Digital Statistic Fast Facts

World Championships-

In the more than 500 hours of TV broadcast and livestreaming broadcast time from the Championships there was a 143.25 million cumulative audience resulting in over 1,3 million event marketing Impressions. Across social media and streaming platforms, Singapore 2025 generated 4.6 million video views, 3.9 million engagements and 131.2 million impressions setting a new record engagement for Para Swimming overtaking Paris 2024.

3 Para Swimming Championships Information

3.1 Estimated Championships Participation Numbers

	World Championships
Athletes	600-700
NPC Team Officials	450-550
Total participants	**1000-1300 from approx 70 nations**
Wheelchair Users	160 (approx.)

International WPS Championships Officials	25 Officials including TD and ATD
National Championship Officials	30 Officials for each session
Medal Events	160-175 events

3.2 Championships Schedule

Activity	Scheduling
Arrivals • WPS • Teams • Technical Officials	- Start approx. 7 days prior to Opening Ceremony (OC) - Start 3 days prior to OC - Start 2 days prior to OC in order to have two (2) full days of operations.
Official Training period	Start a minimum of 3 days prior to OC (Classification subject to WPS Confirmation)
Opening Ceremony	Day before the first day of competition.
Competition Days	8 days
Training Days	3 days (minimum)
Full duration of Championships	13 days including official arrival and departure days
Closing Ceremony	Held on last day of competition immediately after the session.
Departure	Day after Closing Ceremony

3.3 Minimum Venue Standards

Type	World Championships
Indoor	1 x Swimming Pool - 50m – min. 10 lane pool. Min. depth being 1.35 meters
Indoor	1 x Swimming Pool – 50m (warm-up and warm down during competition) – min. 8 lane pool

3.3.1 Training Venues

The LOC must provide two (2) training pools (one of them can be the competition pool):

Type	World Championships
Pool 1	1 x min. 10 lane 50m pool
Pool 2	1 x min. 8 lane 50m pool

For more information about the competition and training venue as well as equipment requirements please refer to the World Para Swimming Championships Technical Requirements as well as the current World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations.

4 Next Steps

The first step is putting together an expression of interest application, which includes information such as when and where the proposed competition will take place, a brief description of why you are bidding for the World Championships.

Then, after the deadline, World Para Swimming will review the applications. In case there are follow up questions, World Para Swimming will follow up with the LOCs.

World Para Swimming will then indicate which expressions of interests to pursue and detailed Bid applications will then need to be submitted. World Para Swimming may choose a preferred bidder to continue further discussions with at this stage. If the bid is accepted contract talks will follow, which include a detailed schedule of work.

Once all parties are in agreement the contract is signed and the Championships planning will begin. The aim is to finalise all these steps and announce the championships by August 2027. World Para Swimming is there every step of the way to help the Organising Committee.

Appendix 1- Expression of Interest Application

What needs to be included

1 Organisation Information
2 Motivation
3 City, Championships Dates, and proposed venue
4 Guarantees and Endorsements
5 Signature of Host Expression of Interest Application

1 Bidding Organisation Information

1.1 Please indicate whether you are expressing interest for 2029, 2031 or either Championships (please tick the appropriate box, tick both if interested in either year)	
☐ 2029 World Championships	☐ 2031 World Championships

1.2 Please provide the name, title and contact details for the responsible person from the applicant organisation.
Name of Applicant Organisation
Contact Person Name: Title:
Address
Postal Code
City
Country/Territory

Telephone
Email
1.3 Please provide a description of the mission and objectives of the applicant organisation.

1.4 Please detail the scope and level of experience that the applicant organisation has with organizing international sporting events and in particular sport for athletes with an impairment.

2 Motivation

2.1 Please provide a statement outlining the motivation for which the applicant organisation is seeking to host a World Championships

3 City and Championships

3.1 Please indicate the proposed Host City & Country.

3.2 Please indicate the proposed dates for the World Para Swimming Competition. *Please note that the 2029/31 World championships should be held July/August		
Activity	**Start Date**	**Finish Date**
Competition Dates Option 1		
Competition Dates Option 2		

3.3 Please explain the rationale of why these dates have been selected and if there is any flexibility to change the proposed dates.
3.4 Please list any other major event occurring during this time period in the Host City. * no elite level domestic competition (any sport but especially one for athletes with an impairment) should take place in the city hosting the Championships at least three (3) weeks prior or during the dates scheduled for the Championships.

3.5 Please provide general information on the proposed competition and training venue(s), including a brief description of the facilities and services available
Venue Name: Venue Address: Facilities to note:

4 GUARANTEES AND ENDORSEMENTS

4.1 Please provide a letter from the host country/territory National Paralympic Committee endorsing the Host Expression of Interest Application for the World Championships
☐ Attached

4.2 Please provide a letter of confirmation of minimum financial commitment. *** The approximate budget for World Championships is 1.75 – 2.25 million €.**
☐ Attached

4.3 Please provide letters from governmental, private and/or other organisations/individuals financially supporting the hosting of the World Championships. In addition state the main funding contributors below.
☐ Attached

4.4 Please provide letters from the national government and regional government of the venue locations supporting the hosting of the World Championships. Please also list their contact details below
Name: Title: Organisation: Email address:
☐ Attached

5 SIGNATURE OF HOST BID APPLICATION

5.1 The applicant organisation hereby certifies that this Host Expression of interest Application has been completed truly and accurately, to the best of its knowledge.

Signature:	**Title:**
Print Name:	**Organisation Name:**
Place:	**Date:**