



To: NPCs participating in 2015 IPC Swimming
World Championships

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Participation Criteria and Deadlines for the 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships (50m)

Dear NPC President / Secretary General,

IPC Swimming is pleased to invite you to the 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships to be held in Glasgow, Great Britain on 13 - 19 July 2015.

This competition is providing the opportunity to qualify for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, and above that swimmers can gain direct qualification slots for their NPC (see below).

The events on the competition program are the same events as for 2016 Rio Games, and therefore a great opportunity to experience the competitive level just a year before the biggest event in the Paralympic cycle.

With the information below IPC Swimming is providing details related to the list of events, participation criteria and deadlines for the 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships (50m).

Swimmers Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC for the 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships (50m) swimmers must:

- hold an active IPC Swimming license for the 2015 Season
- have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at an IPC Swimming Recognised 50m Competition for the respective event between 25 May 2014 and 25 May 2015 (times are only recognised if the athlete was already licensed at the time of the achievement or has a recognised split time record in the same stroke)
- be classified with a “Review” (R) or “Confirmed” (C) sport class status
- a relay specific athlete (without MQS) can be added to the NPC Team (no participation in other events is allowed in this case) – please contact the IPC Swimming office for such addition.

Note: The MQS was set on average of 15-17 place of the official World ranking list 12 August 2013 - 15 September 2014. If there were not 17 athletes, the average time on the last two on the rankings was used as an MQS.

The Minimum Entry Time (MET) was set on the same World ranking list, taking into account additional 6% for 50m events, 5% for 100-200m events and 4% for 400m events. For MQS and MET 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 time for their relay team from the qualification period can enter this result in the final entries.

Qualification and Entry Timeline

25 May 2014	Start of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances
31 October 2014	Deadline to submit NPC Delegation Calculation Form (find attached to this document)
6 April 2015	Open of Online Entry System for Entry by Number per Event
20 April 2015	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).

The correct Entry by Number data is very important so that accurate planning for Championships services and programme can be made; therefore please enter accurate numbers both for women and men events. For every event deletion after the submission of Entry by Number the NPC will be fined.

30 April 2015	Deadline for Competition Fee Payment
11 May 2015	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Name per Event (final entry). There can be max. 15% increase of total athlete number compared to Entry by Number. A second invoice for added NPC team members will be sent to the NPC.* Deadline to apply for Wild Card
25 May 2015	End of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances
28 May 2015	Deadline for Online Entry by Name per Event (final entry deadline). No changes in the entries will be accepted after this date.
12 June 2015	*Deadline for payment of additional NPC team members.

Wild Card Entry

NPCs without or with only 1 qualified athlete can apply for a Wild Card. For Wild Card entry possibility please contact the IPC Swimming office by 11 May 2015. The Wild Card slot is allocated to the individual athlete, 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 slot otherwise.
- NPCs who have obtained only one (1) qualification slot may be given one (1) slot as per:

Qualified swimmer	Wild Card slot
1 female	1 female or 1 male slot
1 male	1 female slot

Competition Format

The 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships will be conducted by the Single Class competition format. Only events that meet the Event Viability Criteria outlined below after the Entry by Name will be included in the Final Event Programme. Sport classes without a viable event will be able to “swim up” to the nearest single class event included in the Programme. These sport classes will be considered Eligible Classes for the respective single class event, and medals will be not allocated separately for these Eligible Classes.

Event Viability Criteria

Individual events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of six (6) eligible swimmers from three (3) NPCs entered through the Entry by Name. For classes S1-2 five (5) eligible athletes from two (2) NPCs through Entry by Name is required.

Relay events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of four (4) eligible NPCs entered through the Entry by Name.

Maximum Entry per NPC

NPCs can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible swimmers per medal event if all have met the MQS or MET. 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 or MET.

NPCs can enter their athletes that have met at least one (1) MQS in an unlimited number of events providing they meet the Minimum Entry Time (MET) for those additional event(s).

Medals

Medals will be awarded to the first three (3) athletes finishing the event (regardless of the sport class).

In the exceptional case an event is completed by only three (3) or fewer swimmers medals will be awarded following the “minus one rule”.

Swimwear

Regulations outlined in the [IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations 2014-2017](#) will apply; swimwear (caps, goggles and swimsuits) must be from the approved list.

Advertising

Regulations outlined in the [IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations 2014-2017](#) will apply. IPC Swimming might identify the sponsor to be put on a certain side of the caps and in this case communicate this to the NPCs latest by 11 May 2015.

Competition Fee

The Competition Fee covers Championships services such as catering (lunch and dinner), transport (to/from Glasgow International Airport, official Championships hotels to venues) and basic medical services in the official Championships venue.

The Competition Fee for the 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships is 550 EUR per Team Member.

Insurance

All Team Members are obliged to have their own travel and medical insurance for the duration of the Championships. Organisers will provide only basic medical services in the official venues of the Championships.

Financial Regulations

The Competition Fee is to be paid to IPC Swimming by 30 April 2015 in accordance to the invoice that can be downloaded from the on-line entry system following the Entry by Number submission.

Following the deadline of Entry by Number (20 April 2015) there will be no reimbursement for any team members withdrawn, with the exception of athletes entered into a non-viable event or due to verified medical cases.

Should there be any additional team members added following the Entry by Number (max. 15% increase of NPC swimmers entered with the Entry by Number is allowed) please contact the office. In this case a second invoice will be sent to NPC to be paid no later than 12 June 2015.

Championships website

Further information can be found on the Championships website:
<http://www.paralympic.org/glasgow-2015>

The website will be updated on regular bases, so please refer to regularly.

Qualification for 2016 Rio Paralympic Games

As announced in the Rio 2016 Qualification Guide (<http://www.paralympic.org/rio-2016/qualification>) the top two (2) ranked athletes in each of the individual medal events on the Rio 2016 Paralympic Programme will each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their respective NPC. In the case that an athlete is ranked first or second in more than one medal event, he/she can only obtain one (1) qualification slot for his/her NPC.



IPC Swimming Gathering and Sport Forum

On **20 July 2015** IPC Swimming will organise a round table discussion with NPC representatives: athletes, coaches, administrators, etc. are welcomed to this meeting. On the same date, in the afternoon, the official Sport Forum will take place.

We hope the above information clarifies the competition regulations to be applied for the 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships and we wish you good luck for your team!

Should you have any question please contact the office at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,

IPC Swimming

2015 IPC Swimming World Championships – MQS and MET
Qualification Period

25 May 2014 – 25 May 2015

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50m Freestyle	S3	01:22.00	01:27.00	N/A	N/A
	S4	00:52.00	00:55.00	01:17.00	01:22.00
	S5	00:41.00	00:44.00	00:50.00	00:53.00
	S6	00:34.00	00:36.00	00:39.00	00:41.00
	S7	00:32.00	00:34.00	00:38.00	00:40.00
	S8	00:29.00	00:31.00	00:37.00	00:39.00
	S9	00:27.00	00:29.00	00:31.00	00:33.00
	S10	00:26.00	00:28.00	00:30.00	00:32.00
	S11	00:31.00	00:32.00	00:36.00	00:39.00
	S12	00:26.00	00:27.00	00:33.00	00:35.00
S13	00:27.00	00:28.00	00:30.00	00:32.00	
100m Freestyle	S3	N/A	N/A	03:02.00	03:11.00
	S4	02:08.00	02:14.00	N/A	N/A
	S5	01:28.00	01:33.00	01:46.00	01:51.00
	S6	01:17.00	01:21.00	01:28.00	01:32.00
	S7	01:10.00	01:13.00	01:21.00	01:26.00
	S8	01:04.00	01:07.00	01:20.00	01:24.00
	S9	00:59.00	01:02.00	01:08.00	01:12.00
	S10	00:57.00	00:59.00	01:06.00	01:09.00
	S11	01:09.00	01:13.00	01:28.00	01:32.00
S13	01:00.00	01:02.00	01:09.00	01:13.00	
200m Freestyle	S2	05:27.00	05:43.00	N/A	N/A
	S3	06:45.00	07:05.00	N/A	N/A
	S4	04:48.00	05:03.00	N/A	N/A
	S5	03:18.00	03:27.00	04:22.00	04:36.00
	S14	02:05.00	02:11.00	02:22.00	02:30.00
400m Freestyle	S6	05:58.00	06:12.00	06:42.00	06:58.00
	S7	05:38.00	05:52.00	06:20.00	06:35.00
	S8	04:57.00	05:09.00	05:51.00	06:05.00
	S9	04:41.00	04:52.00	05:19.00	05:32.00
	S10	04:28.00	04:39.00	05:01.00	05:13.00

	S11	06:59.00	07:16.00	07:35.00	07:53.00
	S13	04:55.00	05:06.00	05:47.00	06:00.00
50m Backstroke	S1	01:43.00	01:47.00	N/A	N/A
	S2	01:45.00	01:52.00	01:24.00	01:28.00
	S3	01:19.00	01:24.00	01:31.00	01:37.00
	S4	00:59.00	01:02.00	01:17.00	01:21.00
	S5	00:48.00	00:51.00	00:59.00	01:03.00
100m Backstroke	S1	03:47.00	04:01.00	N/A	N/A
	S2	02:50.00	03:00.00	02:59.00	03:08.00
	S6	01:36.00	01:41.00	01:47.00	01:52.00
	S7	01:24.00	01:28.00	01:41.00	01:46.00
	S8	01:17.00	01:21.00	01:33.00	01:37.00
	S9	01:10.00	01:13.00	01:20.00	01:24.00
	S10	01:06.00	01:09.00	01:16.00	01:19.00
	S11	01:31.00	01:35.00	01:59.00	02:04.00
	S12	01:19.00	01:23.00	01:57.00	02:03.00
	S13	01:16.00	01:20.00	01:30.00	01:35.00
S14	01:07.00	01:17.00	01:10.00	01:21.00	
50m Breaststroke	SB2	01:35.00	01:39.00	N/A	N/A
	SB3	01:02.00	01:05.00	02:44.00	02:52.00
100m Breaststroke	SB4	02:07.00	02:13.00	02:34.00	02:42.00
	SB5	01:55.00	02:00.00	02:14.00	02:21.00
	SB6	01:38.00	01:43.00	01:58.00	02:03.00
	SB7	01:32.00	01:36.00	01:59.00	02:04.00
	SB8	01:21.00	01:25.00	01:37.00	01:42.00
	SB9	01:16.00	01:20.00	01:26.00	01:30.00
	SB11	01:30.00	01:34.00	02:06.00	02:12.00
	SB12	01:22.00	01:26.00	N/A	N/A
	SB13	01:27.00	01:32.00	01:36.00	01:40.00
SB14	01:14.00	01:18.00	01:26.00	01:30.00	
50m Butterfly	S5	00:49.00	00:52.00	01:10.00	01:14.00
	S6	00:39.00	00:42.00	00:45.00	00:47.00
	S7	00:35.00	00:37.00	00:47.00	00:50.00
100m Butterfly	S8	01:10.00	01:13.00	01:38.00	01:43.00
	S9	01:06.00	01:09.00	01:18.00	01:22.00
	S10	01:02.00	01:06.00	01:17.00	01:21.00
	S11	01:37.00	01:42.00	N/A	N/A

	S13	01:17.00	01:20.00	01:36.00	01:41.00
150m Individual Medley	SM3	03:46.00	03:58.00	N/A	N/A
	SM4	03:33.00	03:44.00	04:38.00	04:52.00
200m Individual Medley	SM5	N/A	N/A	04:55.00	05:09.00
	SM6	03:18.00	03:28.00	03:39.00	03:50.00
	SM7	03:02.00	03:11.00	03:49.00	04:00.00
	SM8	02:41.00	02:49.00	03:27.00	03:38.00
	SM9	02:30.00	02:37.00	02:52.00	03:01.00
	SM10	02:21.00	02:28.00	02:42.00	02:51.00
	SM11	03:10.00	03:19.00	03:58.00	04:10.00
	SM13	02:45.00	02:53.00	02:58.00	03:07.00
	SM14	02:22.00	02:29.00	02:45.00	02:53.00

Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay 20 points

Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay 34 points

Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay 34 points

Men's 4x100m Medley Relay 34 points

Women's 4x100m Medley Relay 34 points

There will be no open water event at this Championships.