



To: NPCs participating in 2016 IPC Swimming
European Open Championships

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Participation Criteria and Deadlines for the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships (50m)

Dear NPC President / Secretary General,

IPC Swimming is pleased to invite you to the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships to be held in Funchal, Portugal on 30 April – 07 May 2016. The Opening Ceremony will take place on 30 April, the competition dates are 01-07 May.

This competition is providing the opportunity to qualify for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games, and above that the last classification opportunity before the Rio 2016 accreditation deadline (all athletes participating in Rio Paralympic Games must have a “Confirmed” or “Review with Fixed Date of Review beyond 2016” classification status).

The events on the competition program are the same events as for 2016 Rio Games plus a few additional events for lowest classes as well as an additional relays, and therefore a great opportunity to experience the competitive level just few months 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 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships (50m).

Swimmers Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC for the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships (50m) swimmers must:

- hold an active IPC Swimming license for the 2016 Season
- have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at an IPC Swimming Recognised 50m Competition for an event on the programme between 01 January 2015 and 28 March 2016 (times are only recognised if the athlete was already licensed at the time of the achievement or has a recognised split time World/Regional record in the same length & stroke, that is included in the rankings)

- be classified with a “New”, “Review” (R) or “Confirmed” (C) sport class status
- one 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 by 24 March. There can be a different relay-specific athlete entered for the different relays on the final programme.

Note: The MQS was set on 20th place of the official European ranking list 01 January 2014-31 July 2015. If there were not 20 athletes, the average time on the last two on the rankings was used as an MQS.

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

01 January 2015	Start of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances
30 September 2015	Deadline to submit NPC Delegation Calculation Form (e-mailed to the NPC/NF)
22 February 2016	Open of Online Entry System for Entry by Number per Event
03 March 2016	<p>Deadline for Entry by Number per Event (NPCs will be invoiced based on the number provided in this entry, <u>no</u> withdrawal is possible after this entry deadline, with the exceptions below).</p> <p>The accurate Entry by Number data is very important so that accurate planning for Championships services and programme can be made; therefore please enter accurate numbers (= qualified athletes) both for women and men events. For every event deletion after the submission of Entry by Number the NPC will be fined.</p>
17 March 2016	Deadline for Competition Fee Payment
17 March 2016	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Name per Event (final entry). There can be max. 15% increase compared to Entry by Number. A second invoice for added NPC team members will be sent to the NPC.*
21 March 2016	Deadline to apply for Wild Card(s)
28 March 2016	End of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances

31 March 2016	Deadline for Online Entry by Name per Event (final entry deadline). No changes in the entries will be accepted after this date.
15 April 2016	*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 opportunity please contact the IPC Swimming office by 24 March 2016. The Wild Card slot is allocated to the individual athlete(s), 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 and/or 1 male slot
1 male	1 or 2 female slot(s)

Competition Format

The 2016 IPC Swimming European Open 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 five (5) 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. 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.

NPCs can enter their athletes that have met at least one (1) MQS in an unlimited number of events.

Results

Results from heats and finals will be distributed considering all achievements (regardless of the athlete being from European or non-European NPC), but the start list for finals of each event shall include min. 3 athletes from European NPCs (where available).

Medals

There will be two sets of medals.

The Championships medals will be awarded to the first three (3) European athletes/teams finishing the event (regardless of the sport class) and presented during a Victory Ceremony.

In the exceptional cases where there are not 3 Europeans in the finals (due to lack of sufficient European entries) the 'minus one rule' will be implemented:

- If there is only 1 European in the finals – no medal will be awarded
- If there are only 2 European entries in finals, then only a gold medal would be awarded. To clarify, if one of those 2 in final then gets disqualified, there is still 1 medal awarded as both athletes concluded the race. However, if there is e.g. a medical withdrawal from one of the 2 European athletes, and the race is concluded by 1 European swimmer only, then no medal will be awarded.
- If there are 3 Europeans in the finals all 3 medals are presented. To clarify, if one of those 3 in final then gets disqualified, there are still 3 medals awarded as all three athletes concluded the race. However, if there is e.g. a medical withdrawal from one of the 3 European athletes, and the race is concluded by 2 European swimmers only, then only a gold medal will be awarded.

Additionally, there will be a second complete set of Open medals also available to all competing athletes (includes those from non-European countries) finishing in an overall medal position.

Please find an example for such case:

E.g. Placings from finals:

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|--------|--------|
| 1. AUS | 5. DEN |
| 2. NED | 6. GER |
| 3. CAN | 7. CHN |
| 4. USA | 8. VEN |

In this case the following Championship medals will be awarded on the victory podium:

- gold: NED
- silver: DEN
- bronze: GER

Additionally, the following Open medals will be awarded:

- gold: AUS
- silver: NED
- bronze: CAN

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 29 February 2016.



Competition Fee

The Competition Fee covers Championships services (such as part of catering, transport and basic medical services in the official Championships venue) for 26 April - 08 May 2016 (from official arrival to departure date).

The Competition Fee for the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships is 550 EUR per Team Member.

For any arrangements outside of the above period is to be dealt with directly by the LOC.

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 17 March 2016 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 (03 March 2016) there will be no reimbursement for any team members withdrawn, with the exception of athletes entered into a non-viable event or due to a recent, IPC Swimming verified medical cases (in this case official medical documents are required).

Should there be any additional team members added following the Entry by Number (max. 15% increase of NPC delegation 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 15 April 2016.

Championships website

Further information can be found on the Championships website:
<http://www.paralympic.org/funchal-2016>

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



Qualification for 2016 Rio Paralympic Games

The competition will be a qualification opportunity for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

We hope the above information clarifies the competition regulations to be applied for the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships and we wish you good luck for your team!

Should you have any question please contact the office (ipcswimming@paralympic.org) at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,
IPC Swimming

2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships MQS
Qualification Period

01 January 2015 – 28 March 2016

Events	Class	Men	Women
		MQS	MQS
50m Freestyle	S2	02:49.59	01:28.34
	S3	01:30.45	02:13.36
	S4	01:03.81	01:53.76
	S5	00:47.61	01:15.65
	S6	00:38.59	00:42.92
	S7	00:33.76	00:44.45
	S8	00:30.32	00:38.98
	S9	00:27.84	00:33.50
	S10	00:27.11	00:31.19
	S11	00:37.27	00:46.66
	S12	00:28.55	00:46.15
S13	00:33.14	00:34.56	
100m Freestyle	S3	/	04:43.85
	S4	02:25.96	03:21.89
	S5	02:03.12	02:47.31
	S6	01:28.49	01:38.86
	S7	01:13.02	01:39.91
	S8	01:06.65	01:28.09
	S9	01:00.91	01:12.82
	S10	00:58.66	01:06.70
	S11	01:26.57	01:54.78
S13	01:16.29	01:17.71	
200m Freestyle	S1	07:06.72	/
	S2	07:07.88	/
	S3	06:33.96	/
	S4	05:21.15	05:07.31
	S5	05:21.26	05:19.93
	S14	02:11.52	02:44.46
400m Freestyle	S6	07:49.75	09:40.59
	S7	05:53.92	09:05.75
	S8	05:31.09	07:16.70
	S9	04:52.28	05:39.13
	S10	04:43.06	05:18.13

	S11	06:22.38	07:02.82
	S13	05:39.36	06:29.67
50m Backstroke	S1	01:40.45	/
	S2	02:24.08	01:24.43
	S3	01:15.51	02:17.54
	S4	01:14.24	01:42.91
	S5	00:55.90	01:10.05
100m Backstroke	S1	03:42.79	/
	S2	03:30.36	02:59.48
	S6	01:57.67	02:01.40
	S7	01:28.62	02:19.29
	S8	01:23.90	01:42.29
	S9	01:13.67	01:26.60
	S10	01:09.66	01:20.50
	S11	01:36.60	01:38.43
	S12	01:42.27	02:05.80
	S13	01:36.01	01:35.29
	S14	01:12.08	01:30.47
50m Breaststroke	SB2	02:32.31	/
	SB3	01:33.71	02:18.41
100m Breaststroke	SB4	05:25.49	04:38.27
	SB5	02:21.66	03:07.33
	SB6	02:10.92	02:25.28
	SB7	01:47.42	02:30.93
	SB8	01:30.56	01:47.55
	SB9	01:20.36	01:34.76
	SB11	01:32.63	01:50.43
	SB12	01:41.71	/
	SB13	01:37.18	01:49.71
	SB14	01:18.65	01:34.86
50m Butterfly	S5	01:02.46	01:30.53
	S6	00:46.64	00:57.90
	S7	00:39.89	01:10.81
100m Butterfly	S8	01:18.89	02:04.14
	S9	01:08.93	01:25.42
	S10	01:09.76	01:19.78
	S11	01:19.50	/
	S13	01:22.71	01:51.61
150m Individual Medley	SM3	05:31.08	/
	SM4	04:53.04	05:05.44

200m Individual Medley	SM5	/	06:35.37
	SM6	03:53.00	04:03.20
	SM7	04:04.55	05:09.36
	SM8	02:57.54	04:08.20
	SM9	02:32.68	02:57.55
	SM10	02:36.74	02:50.49
	SM11	03:09.50	03:18.90
	SM13	02:52.06	03:16.54
	SM14	02:29.12	03:02.52

Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay 20 points

Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay 20 point

Mixed 4x100m Freestyle Relay S14

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.