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WELCOME

On behalf of the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships Local Organising Committee I am delighted to welcome you to Funchal, Portugal, and present to you the Media Guide. We hope that this document provides you with all the important information to come and develop your work in one of the world's best and most beautiful venue.

The organization team will do everything to provide the best conditions to all media reporters in the event's location and to all people who follow the event through the sites and internet.

When in 2014 we were approached for the very first time to include para-swimming in the structure of the Portuguese Swimming Federation we could never ever dreamt of organising such a major event like this one.

However, as time went by things became making sense and for us this was the only way to end up this cycle where we gather the swimming family all together in the same place.

It's been amazing to see the happiness of the Portuguese para-swimmers as we continue to increase the Paralympic swimming in our country and so we hope all of you media reporters may come to share with us such joy and the competition emotion in this event and share all this on your home countries. This competition will be at its highest level before the Games.

We are all looking forward to meet you in Funchal in May!

António José Silva
President, Portuguese Swimming Federation



Dear Media Representative,

Welcome to the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships here in Funchal, on the beautiful island of Madeira.

We are lucky to have such a wonderful setting in which swimmers can compete for titles at the last major competition ahead of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

For a relatively small country, Portugal is very active and supportive within para-sport and we were delighted to award them with such a high profile and important event.

It goes without saying that 2016 is an incredibly important year. In September we will arrive in Rio de Janeiro for what we anticipate will be another huge step forward for Paralympic sport, especially in the Americas – the Paralympic Games.

However before that, Funchal 2016 also offers the chance to make strides. Here, more than 450 of the world's best swimmers from 50 countries will compete for gold medals in a Championships open to all countries.



Many countries outside of Europe have taken the opportunity to send some of their best swimmers - including Rio 2016 hosts Brazil - creating the perfect conditions for a memorable competition.

We will be given a unique insight into the form of athletes and I have no doubt there will be shocks and surprises as new faces emerge.

Similarly, many of the sport's great rivalries will be reignited. I hope that you are able to follow those you are familiar with, as well as find some compelling new storylines.

The Portuguese Swimming Federation, the Madeiran authorities and their partners have gone to great efforts to ensure that this European Championships will be memorable, and to ensure you have everything you need.

I would like to thank you for your support and I wish you an enjoyable Championships. Stay tuned over the coming days and months. There is so much more to come from the great sport.

Sir Philip Craven, MBE
President, International Paralympic Committee (IPC)

1. ORGANISATION AND CONTACTS

1.1. Local Organising Committee (LOC)

The Portuguese Swimming Federation is situated in Cruz Quebrada, in Lisbon, in Portugal.

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Marketing Manager:	Catarina Mouta
Media Manager:	Cipriano Lucas
Venue Managers:	Avelino Silva & Mariett Matias

1.2. IPC Swimming

IPC Swimming is situated in Bonn, Germany, and is governed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC):

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CEO: Mr. Xavier Gonzalez

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2. INFORMATION

2.1. Swimming

Swimming for persons with an impairment is governed by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and supported by the IPC Swimming Sport Technical Committee, which incorporates the rules of the International Swimming Federation (FINA).

The FINA rules are followed with a few modifications, such as an optional platform or in-water starts for some races and the use of 'tappers' for swimmers with visual impairment. However, no prostheses or assistive devices are permitted. The long course swim distances vary from 50m to 400m. Events are held in five different swimming styles as in able-bodied swimming and also include relays.

Events are conducted as heats for a maximum of ten competitors, with the fastest eight swimmers competing in the finals. There are various ways for swimmers to start their race; in the water, a dive start sitting on the starting platform or standing start from the platform.

During a swimming event, some swimmers who are totally blind (class S11) are required to have an assistant to help them as he or she approaches the swimming pool end wall, either to make a turn or for the finish of the race. This process is called tapping and performed by a 'tapper'. These swimmers are also required to wear blackened goggles in all their events.

2.2. Classification

To ensure competition is fair and equal, all Paralympic sports have a system in place which ensures that winning is determined by skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability and mental focus, the same factors that account for success in sport for able bodied athletes.

This process is called classification and its purpose is to minimise the impact of impairments on the sport. Having the impairment thus is not sufficient. The impact on the sport must be proved, and each in Paralympic sport, the criteria of grouping athletes by the degree of activity limitation resulting from the

impairment are named sport classes'. Through classification, it is determined which athletes are eligible to compete in a sport and how athletes are grouped together for competition. This, to a certain extent, is similar to grouping athletes by age, gender or weight.

Classification is sport-specific because an impairment affects the ability to perform in different sports to a different extent. As a consequence, an athlete may meet the criteria in one sport, but may not meet the criteria in another sport.

For swimming, the classes that athletes compete in are explained below.

2.3. Sport classes

The sport class names in swimming consist of a prefix "S" or "SB" and a number. The prefixes stand for the strokes and the number indicates the sport classes.

The prefixes stand for:

- S: freestyle, butterfly and backstroke events
- SB: breaststroke
- SM: individual medley. The prefix "SM" is given to athletes competing in individual medley events. It is not a sports class, but an entry index and calculated as $(3xS + SB)/4$; for classes S1-4 who have a 3-discipline medley, the formula is $(2S + SB)/3$.

Sport classes S1-S10 - physical impairment

There are ten different sport classes for athletes with physical impairment, numbered 1-10. A lower number indicates a more severe activity limitation than a higher number.

Athletes with different impairments compete against each other, because sport classes are allocated based on the impact the impairment has on swimming, rather than on the impairment itself.

To evaluate the impact of impairments on swimming, classifiers assess all functional body structures using a point system and ask the athlete to complete a water assessment. The total number of points then determines the athlete's S and SB sport classes. Due to the different demands of S and SB events, swimmers are often allocated different S and SB sport classes. The SM sport class is calculated from the S and SB sport class.

The following are general examples of impairments and resulting functional abilities described in each sport class profiles. The below combinations of S and SB sport classes are the most common combinations, but it is possible that that athlete has another combination of sport classes, for example S7 and SB 7.

S1 SB1

Swimmers in this sport class have a significant loss of muscle power or control in legs, arms and hands. Some athletes also have limited trunk control. This may be caused by tetraplegia, for example. Swimmers in this class usually use a wheelchair in daily life.

S2 SB1

Swimmers in this sport class mainly rely on their arms for swimming. Their hand, trunk and leg function is limited due to tetraplegia or co-ordination problems, for example.

S3 SB2

This sport class includes athletes with amputations of both arms and legs. Swimmers with reasonable arm strokes but no use of their legs or trunk and swimmers with severe co-ordination problems in all limbs are also included in this sport class.

S4 SB3

Swimmers who can use their arms and have fair function in their hands, but who cannot use their trunk or legs would swim in this sport class. Athletes with amputations of three limbs could also swim in this sport class.

S5 SB4

Swimmers with short stature and an additional impairment, with loss of control over one side of their body (hemiplegia) or with paraplegia compete in this sport class.

S6 SB5

This sport class includes swimmers with short stature or amputations of both arms, or moderate co-ordination problems on one side of their body, for example.

S7 SB6

This sport class is designated to athletes with one leg and one arm amputation on opposite sides, or a paralysis of one arm and one leg on the same side.

Moreover, swimmers with full control over arms and trunk and some leg function can compete in this class.

S8 SB7

Swimmers who have an amputation of one arm are eligible to compete in this sport class. Also, athletes with significant restrictions across hip, knee and ankle joints could compete in this sport class.

S9 SB8

Athletes in this sport class, for example, swim with joint restrictions in one leg or with double below-the-knee amputations.

S10 SB9

This class describes minimal physical impairments of eligible swimmers. These include the loss of one hand or a movement restriction in one hip joint.

Sport classes S/SB11-13 - visual impairment

Athletes with a visual impairment compete in three sport classes from S/SB11 to S/SB13.

S/SB11: These athletes have a very low visual acuity and/ or no light perception.

S/SB12: Athletes have a higher visual acuity than athletes competing in the S/SB11 sport class and/ or a visual field of less than 5 degrees radius.

S/SB13: Athletes have the least severe visual impairment eligible for Paralympic sport. They have the highest visual acuity and/or a visual field of less than 20 degrees radius.

In order to ensure a fair competition athletes in the S/SB11 sport class are required to wear blackened goggles. To ensure safety all S/SB11 swimmers must use a tapper, swimmers in the S/SB12 and S/SB13 sport classes may choose whether or not they wish to use one.

Sport classes S/SB14 - intellectual impairment

S14 swimmers have an intellectual impairment, which typically leads to the athletes having difficulties with regards to pattern recognition, sequencing, and memory, or having a slower reaction time, which impact on sport performance in general. Moreover, S14 swimmers show a higher number of strokes relative to their speed than able-bodied elite swimmers.

3. COMPETITION INFORMATION

3.1. Competition venue

The competition will be held at the Penteada Olympic Swimming Pool Complex. The venue is owned by Funchal Regional Government and was built in 2004. The complex is set over an impressive five floors and includes an Olympic sized competition pool, a diving pool, a 25m pool and a training pool.

The full address for the pool is: Beco dos Álamos, Santo António 9020-021 Funchal - Madeira – Portugal.
Phone: (+ 351) 291 759 833 // Fax: (+351) 291 745 384

3.2. Championships dates

The official dates of the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships are:

Arrival of the teams:	26 – 27 April
Training period:	26 – 29 April
Classification period:	27 – 29 April
Opening Ceremony:	30 April
Competition period:	1 – 7 May
Closing Ceremony:	7 May
Departure of the teams:	8 May

The Championships schedule can be found as Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

4. MEDIA INFORMATION

4.1. Accreditation

Accreditation can be collected from the Welcome Desk in the Penteada Olympic Swimming Pool Complex from 28 April, 14.30h, and from 07:30 on all competition days. Accreditation must be worn at all times.

The accreditation card is strictly personal. It may not be transferred to another person. The card must be worn at all times inside the accredited areas duly signed.

Accreditation needs to be worn from 28 April until the end of the Championships.

In case you lose your accreditation card all access in accredited areas is denied. The only accessible part in the venue will be the Accreditation Centre. The fine for a new card is 25 euros. Please note that is not guaranteed that you can get your new accreditation card on the same day.

4.2. Media categories

4.2.1. Photographers

Photographers will be allowed one position on the pool deck and one in the media tribunes. There will also be one additional elevated position in the spectator gallery. Photographer bibs will be provided in the media centre.

Lockers for camera equipment will also be provided. Locks are not provided, so please bring your own. The size should not exceed 7mm or it will not fit.

Photographers will be required to sign an undertaking before receiving their accreditation cards.

In addition to their accreditation the photographers have to wear a bib at all times inside the venue, except in the media centre.

Only a few selected photographers, appointed by the photo manager, will be allowed to take pictures in front of the medal podium.

Photographers meeting

On arrival into the venue photographers will have a meeting with the photo manager to give them instructions about the rules and regulations of the field of play.

4.2.2. Written Press

Written press will have access to a press tribune with tabled seats. The venue map will show the location of it. The seats in the media stands will be on a first come, first serve basis. The stands will be open 30 minutes before the start of the competition and close approximately one hour after the end of it.

4.3. Host Broadcaster (HB)

The HB during this event will be Medialuso. The HB will produce multilateral feeds of the competition consisting of live and taped television coverage using best professional production practices and broadcast equipment in a competent and professional manner with knowledgeable, trained and qualified personnel. In consultation with IPC Swimming, the HB will base the final coverage plans on reasonable requests of the Rights Holding Broadcasters (RHBs) and the demand for live or taped coverage.

4.4. Radio and Television

5. MEDIA AREAS

5.1. Media Centre

The Media Centre will be located in the Penteada Olympic Swimming Pool Complex. It will open daily throughout the Championships from 07:30-21:30. Media will enter in the Media, VIP & Spectator entrance and will be sign-posted from the streets.

The Media Centre will provide working stations for all media, with basic wired and wireless internet. Hot and cold drinks will be available as well as results.

5.2. Mixed Zone

The mixed zone is located in of the competition pool, in the left side of the diving pool.

5.3. Press Conferences

A press conference area will be set up within the venue for any emergency press conferences,

Other press conferences make take place before the competition begins on 1 May.

During the competition, notifications of press conferences will be posted in the Media Centre.

Before competition, notifications will be sent to accredited media via email.

6. KEY WEBSITES

All relevant information on the 2016 Swimming European Open Championships, including results, are available on the event website: www.paralympic.org/funchal-2016/schedule-results

Statistics and biographies:

- www.ipc-swimming.org/rankings/
- www.ipc-swimming.org/athletes

Other important websites:

- www.ipc-swimming.org
- www.facebook.com/IPCSwimming
- www.twitter.com/IPCSwimming
- www.paralympic.org
- www.paralympicsport.tv
- www.twitter.com/Paralympics
- www.facebook.com/Paralympics
- www.youtube.com/paralympicsporttv

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

7.1. Travelling to Funchal, Madeira Islands – Portugal

Air

Madeira International Airport is the designated Championships airport and is situated 20kms to the east of the city. All journey times are between 20-25 minutes from the airport to the hotel.

7.2. Passports and visas

According to current legislation (Visa Code), the citizens of the following nationalities need a visa:
http://www.secomunidades.pt/vistos/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=215%3Anacionalidades-com-obrigatoriedade-de-visto&catid=39&Itemid=94&lang=pt.

Please contact local Portuguese Embassy or Consulate and let us know if you need any kind of assistance on this matter.

7.3. Accommodation

For the 2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships in Funchal, the Portuguese Swimming Federation in collaboration with Inter Tours – Travel Consulting, selected a great hotel to serve as accommodation for Media. More information about it may be found in the Media Accommodation Plan.

8. FUNCHAL AT A GLANCE

Funchal, Madeira Islands, Portugal.

The Autonomous Region of Madeira has about 270,000 inhabitants and a population density of 334.5 inhab./Km².

In spite of this population density being higher than the national average, 75 per cent of the population of Madeira dwells in only 35 per cent of the territory, mainly on the south coast. This is where Funchal, capital of Madeira, is located which includes 45 per cent of the population (130,000 inhabitants), with a population of 1,500 inhab./Km². It is here that the majority of the hotels are located.

The archipelago is located in the African Plate in the Atlantic Ocean between latitude 30 ° and 33 °N, basically at the same latitude as Casablanca, 978 km southwest of Lisbon, about 700 km west of the African coast, and 450 km north of the Canary Islands.

This archipelago is formed by the Madeira Island with an area of 740.7 km², Porto Santo with 42.5 km², the Desertas Islands with a total of 14.2 km² comprising the three uninhabited islands, and by the Selvagens Islands whose set of three islands and sixteen uninhabited islets make up an area of 3.6 km². Of the eight islands, only the two largest (Madeira and Porto Santo) are inhabited and can be accessed via the Madeira Airport in Funchal and Porto Santo Airport.

Funchal has access by sea, through a port with a modern station for cruise ships. More than half a million passengers disembark here per year. The remaining islands are nature reserves.

For hundreds of years, Funchal was the only city of the Autonomous Region of Madeira, until five other cities gained this status between the end of the twentieth century and the beginning of the next century: Câmara de Lobos, Caniço, Machico, Santana and Vila Baleira.

The island of Madeira has a very rugged terrain, with the highest point being Pico Ruivo (1,862 m), the

Pico das Torres (1,851 m) and Pico do Arieiro (1,818 m), respectively the third, fourth and fifth highest points of Portugal. The northern coast is dominated by high cliffs and in the western part of the island you find a plateau region, the Paul da Serra with altitudes between 1,300 and 1,500 m.

Health Information:

A high standard of hygiene is generally enjoyed throughout Portugal and specific precautions need not be taken.

Visitors should ensure that they travel with adequate insurance and, prior to departure from their home country, they have confirmed all relevant documents are up to date. Tap water may be used for drinking as well as general hygiene and domestic purposes. For those who enjoy mineral water, this is widely available in shops, bars and restaurants.

Electrical Supply:

The standard voltage throughout Portugal is 230v, 50 Hz.

Language:

Portuguese is the official language spoken throughout Portugal.

Currency:

Euro is the accepted currency. Credit cards are widely used.

Banks:

There are an abundance of ATMs (cash point machines) throughout the city that accept international cards. Please check that your home bank is linked to the Portuguese banking system.

Visa, MasterCard and American Express are widely accepted throughout Portugal at shops, restaurants and other outlets.

VAT:

Value Added Tax (VAT) is a 22,5% tax charged on most goods.

If you intend to leave Portugal for a final destination outside of the EU you may be able to reclaim VAT on goods purchased.

This scheme is operated in specified tax-free shops, typically advertised as "Tax Free Shopping". You will also need to show your goods, receipts and your passport to customs officials at the airport.

Dialling Codes:

To call another country from inside Portugal, first dial 00 then the country code.

To call Portugal from outside of the country, first dial your international access code, then the Portugal code 351.

Smoking regulations:

In Portugal it is illegal to smoke in any enclosed public place. This includes bars, cafés, restaurants, nightclubs, shopping centres and on public transport, as well as station platforms and sports stadiums.

Penteada Olympic Swimming Pools Complex is strictly a non-smoking venue.

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Want to find out more about Funchal and Madeira Islands? Go to: <http://www.visitmadeira.pt/en-gb>

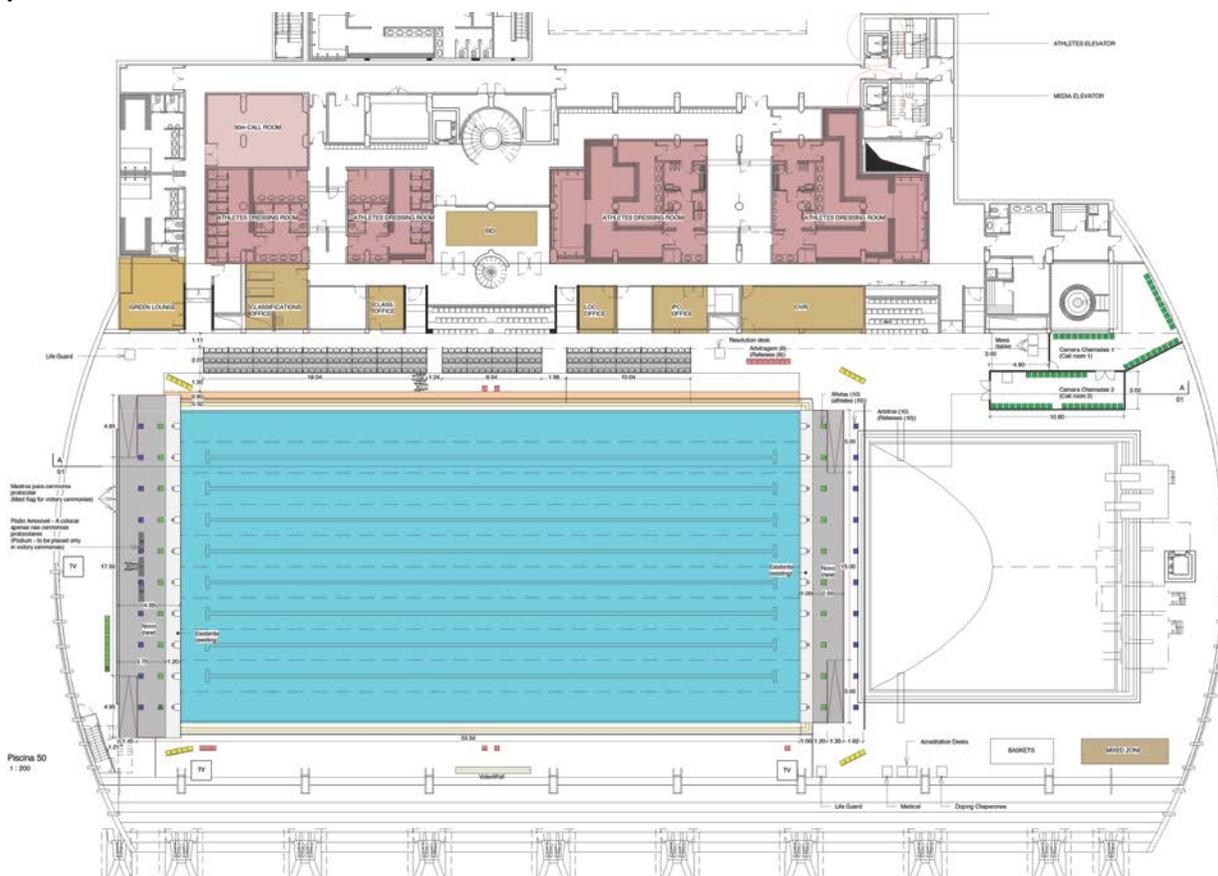
Appendix 1: Competition Schedule

2016 IPC Swimming European Open Championships Programme
1 - 7 May 2016
Funchal, Madeira

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
Men's 400m Freestyle S10	Women's 200m IM SM5	Men's 200m Freestyle S5	Men's 100m Butterfly SB	Men's 150m IM SM4	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB8	Men's 400m Freestyle S9
Women's 400m Freestyle S10	Men's 200m IM SM6	Women's 200m Freestyle S6	Women's 100m Butterfly SB	Women's 150m IM SM4	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB8	Women's 400m Freestyle S9
Men's 100m Backstroke S6	Women's 200m IM SM6	Men's 200m IM SM7	Men's 200m IM SM9	Men's 150m IM SM3	Men's 100m Freestyle S5	Men's 100m Backstroke S10
Women's 100m Backstroke S6	Men's 50m Freestyle S3	Women's 200m IM SM7	Women's 200m IM SM9	Men's 400m Freestyle S7	Women's 100m Freestyle S5	Women's 100m Backstroke S10
Men's 100m Backstroke S7	Women's 50m Freestyle S3	Men's 100m Freestyle S6	Men's 100m Butterfly S10	Women's 400m Freestyle S7	Men's 100m Freestyle S7	Men's 50m Freestyle S7
Women's 100m Backstroke S7	Men's 50m Backstroke S4	Women's 100m Freestyle S6	Women's 100m Butterfly S10	Men's 200m IM SM10	Women's 100m Freestyle S7	Women's 50m Freestyle S7
Men's 200m Freestyle S1	Women's 50m Backstroke S4	Men's 100m Butterfly S9	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB5	Women's 200m IM SM10	Men's 400m Freestyle S6	Men's 50m Butterfly S6
Men's 200m Freestyle S2	Men's 100m Freestyle S10	Women's 100m Butterfly S9	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB6	Men's 50m Freestyle S2	Women's 400m Freestyle S6	Women's 50m Butterfly S6
Men's 50m Butterfly S5	Women's 100m Freestyle S10	Men's 200m IM SM8	Men's 100m Backstroke S2	Women's 50m Freestyle S2	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB9	Men's 50m Freestyle S8
Women's 50m Butterfly S5	Men's 100m Backstroke S9	Women's 200m IM SM8	Women's 100m Backstroke S2	Men's 50m Freestyle S6	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB9	Women's 50m Freestyle S8
Men's 50m Freestyle S9	Women's 100m Backstroke S9	Men's 50m Freestyle S10	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB5	Women's 50m Freestyle S6	Men's 100m Backstroke S13	Men's 100m Freestyle S11
Women's 50m Freestyle S9	Men's 50m Freestyle S12	Women's 50m Freestyle S10	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB5	Men's 50m Backstroke S5	Women's 100m Backstroke S13	Women's 100m Freestyle S11
Men's 50m Backstroke S3	Women's 50m Freestyle S12	Men's 50m Breaststroke SB2	Men's 100m Freestyle S13	Women's 50m Backstroke S5	Men's 50m Backstroke S1	Men's 200m IM SM14
Women's 50m Backstroke S3	Men's 50m Butterfly S7	Men's 50m Breaststroke SB3	Women's 100m Freestyle S13	Men's 400m Freestyle S13	Men's 50m Backstroke S2	Women's 200m IM SM14
Men's 200m Freestyle S14	Women's 50m Butterfly S7	Women's 50m Breaststroke SB3	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB7	Women's 400m Freestyle S13	Women's 50m Backstroke S2	Men's 50m Freestyle S4
Women's 200m Freestyle S14	Men's 50m Freestyle S13	Men's 100m Backstroke S14	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB7	Men's 200m IM SM11	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB11	Women's 50m Freestyle S4
Men's 100m Butterfly S13 (S11-13)	Women's 50m Freestyle S13	Women's 100m Backstroke S14	Men's 100m Backstroke S1	Women's 200m IM SM11	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB11	Men's 50m Freestyle S5
Women's 100m Butterfly S13	Men's 100m Backstroke S11	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB12	Women's 100m Freestyle S3	Men's 100m Backstroke S8	Men's 200m Freestyle S3	Women's 50m Freestyle S5
Men's 100m Freestyle S4	Women's 100m Backstroke S11	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB13	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB4	Women's 100m Backstroke S8	Men's 200m Freestyle S4	Men's 200m IM SM13
Women's 100m Freestyle S4	Men's 400m Freestyle S8	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB13	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB4	Men's 100m Freestyle S9	Women's 200m Freestyle S4	Women's 200m IM SM13
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Women's 100m Freestyle SB		Women's 400m Freestyle S11	Women's 50m Freestyle S11			
			Men's 100m Breaststroke SB14			
			Women's 100m Breaststroke SB14			
	Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay 20points	Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay 34points	Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay 34points	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay 20points	Men's 4x100m Medley Relay 34points	Women's 4x100m Medley Relay 34points

The events are 'Single class' events (athletes are enabled to swim up according to the rules).

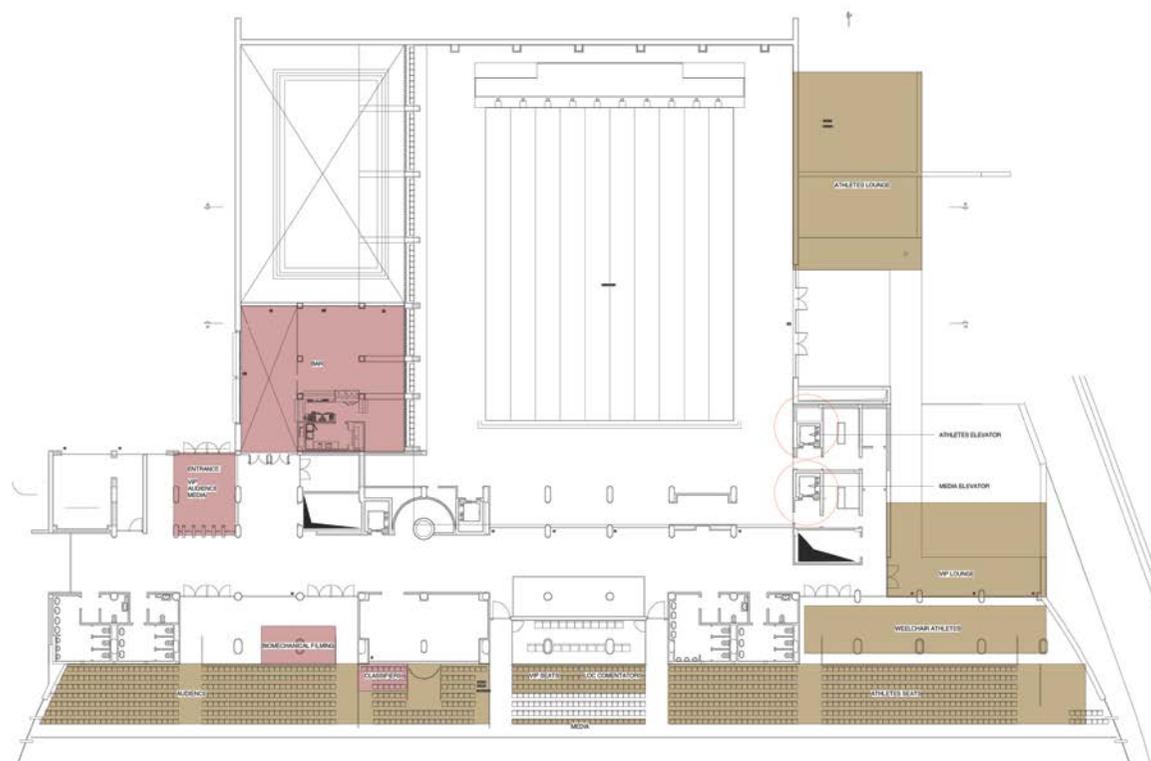
Appendix 2: Competition pool level



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Appendix 3: Floor Plan 25 m Pool Level



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