2018 World Para Swimming World Series

**Competition Format**

The 2018 World Para Swimming World Series will be conducted either by Multi Class or Multi Class Heats and Single Class Finals competition format (at the discretion of LOC).

If a swimmer enters the competition without being internationally classified (and will not undergo classification at that competition), the swimmer may enter the heats but can under no circumstances proceed to the finals.

**Programme**

LOCs can select events from the list of World Para Swimming events under rule 2.8.1 of the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations, which will determine the World Para Swimming World Series Ranking. The programme will be finalised in consultation with LOC and World Para Swimming, ensuring equitable distribution between classes and gender.

LOCs are requested to offer at least 3 of the following Relay events. The Relay results will not appear in the World Para Swimming World Series Rankings.

- Mixed 4x100 m Freestyle 34 points (S1-10)
- Mixed 4x100 m Medley 34 points (S1-10)
- Mixed 4x50 m Freestyle 20 points (S1-10)
- Mixed 4x100 m Freestyle 49 points (S11-13)
- Mixed 4x100 m Freestyle S14

**Point System**

The World Para Swimming Points System will be used at World Para Swimming World Series competitions. A detailed explanation of the system and the scoring calculators can be found via the [World Para Swimming World Series Website](http://www.worldparaswimming.org). The updated 2018 Point Scores will be published in December 2017.
Ranking System

The World Para Swimming World Series Rankings will establish the best Para swimmers of each year, regardless of their classification. This ranking will appear on the World Para Swimming website and will be updated after each World Series competition.

At each World Series competition the World Series Performance Score will be calculated for each athlete. This score is calculated by adding up the two best point scores achieved in two different events from the list of the World Para Swimming events (rule 2.8.1) at each individual World Series competition. The point scores can be achieved in either heats or finals. If an athlete swims only one event, s/he will not appear in the rankings. If an athlete swims three or more events, only the two best point scores, added up, will go into the ranking.

At the end of the season, World Para Swimming will present awards in the following categories:

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In 2018 WPS wants to encourage athletes to compete in more than one World Series Competition.

Thus, if athletes swim in more than one World Series Competitions, their two best World Series Performance Scores will be added up.
**Calculation example:**

At the Copenhagen 2018 World Para Swimming World Series, athlete A is entered in 100 m Butterfly only. He swims 633 points in heats and 629 points in final. He will not appear in the World Para Swimming World Series Rankings, because he only swam one event.

Athlete B swims 533 points in 100 m Butterfly and 467 points in 100 m Backstroke. He will appear in the World Para Swimming World Series Rankings with a World Series Performance Score of 1000 (533+467).

Athlete C swims 550 points in 100 m Breaststroke, 654 points in 100 m Freestyle and 732 points in 400 m Freestyle. He will appear in the World Para Swimming World Series Rankings with a World Series Performance Score of 1386 (654+732).

Athlete C now also competes in the Indianapolis 2018 World Para Swimming World Series. He achieves a World Series Performance Score of 1200. He will now appear in the Rankings with the score of 2586 (1200 Indianapolis + 1386 Copenhagen).

Athlete C is finally also competing in Berlin 2018 World Para Swimming World Series. He achieves a World Series Performance Score of 1400. He will now appear in the Rankings with the score of 2786 (1400 Berlin + 1386 Copenhagen).