

# World Para Swimming Technical Officials Pathway

## Participant profiles and learning outcomes

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The following document will lay out the pathways, participant profiles, and learning outcomes of each of the currently offered World Para Swimming Education Courses in Technical Officiating.

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# 1 Introduction

The IPC Academy is a partnership between the IPC and the World Academy of Sport and is the education division of the IPC. The Academy brings individuals together to improve educational standards of sport throughout the Paralympic Movement and ensures that executives, administrators and officials have an educational centre, providing world class courses.

World Para Swimming (WPS) has worked with the IPC Academy in recent years to develop a consistent education pathway for those wishing to become involved in World Para Swimming whether it is at the local club or through to international competitions. This includes education courses for technical officials, classifiers and coaches. Courses can be delivered in the many countries of the IPC membership and in a number of languages.

We encourage National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) to engage with the learning pathways, adopt them into development plans, deliver courses locally in order to accredit people, and provide opportunities for these individuals to be involved in the delivery of sport locally. Through this process World Para Swimming will be able to effectively assist NPCs to develop the sport in those countries that embrace these learning pathways and resources.

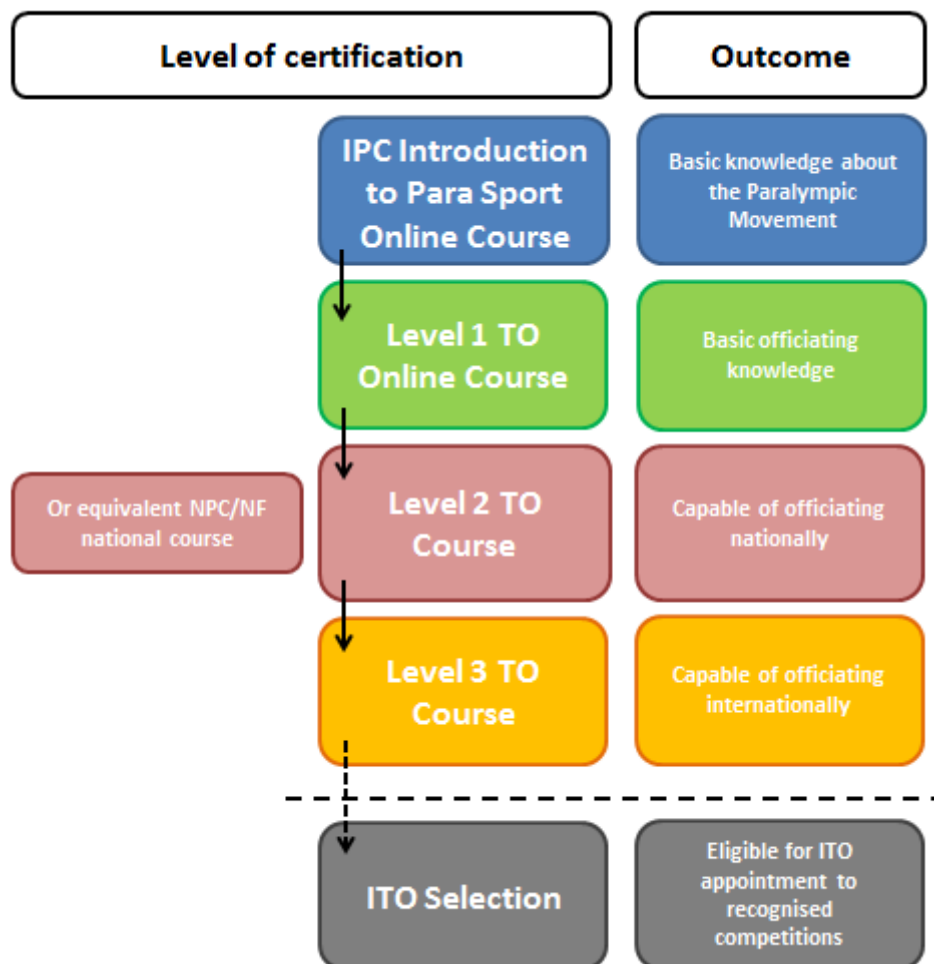
This document outlines the pathway for individuals interested in Para swimming technical officiating and outlines candidate qualification criteria and course outcomes of the various levels of courses offered by World Para Swimming.

## 2 World Para Swimming Technical Official Pathway

The World Para Swimming Technical Official (TO) pathway includes the following courses:

- IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course
- WPS Level 1 TO Online Course
- WPS Level 2 TO Course
- WPS Level 3 TO Course

Each course is designed to help strengthen knowledge in Para swimming technical officiating. Successfully completing each course will allow officials to continue along the pathway to being selected as a World Para Swimming International Technical Official (ITO).



## 2.1 IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course

The IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course is free of charge and contains a combination of reading and video content. Please click on [Introduction to Para Sport Online Course](#) to access the online course.

- Duration: 1-2 hours
- Assessment: online test

### Learning Objectives

- Understand the history and structure of the Paralympic Movement
- Understand the history and concepts of classification
- Introduction to Classification Code and International Standards

### Participant Profile

This online course is open for everybody who wants to learn more about the IPC, the Paralympic Movement and the importance of classification. Participants might be an athlete, coach, technical official, sport medical practitioner, event organiser or generally just an interested supporter of Paralympic Sport or the Paralympic Games looking to test their knowledge.

### Course Outcome

Upon completion of the short online test participants will be able to download a certificate of completion. Once completed, persons who wish to continue their education with World Para Swimming and the IPC Academy can continue to the level 1 TO online course.

## 2.2 World Para Swimming Level 1 Technical Officials Online Course

The World Para Swimming Level 1 TO Online Course is open to anybody who would like to learn more about World Para Swimming and Para swimming rules. The modules contain a combination of reading and video content. Please click on [level 1 technical officials online course](#) to access the course. The level 1 course can be offered in multiple languages (please refer to section 5 of this document for more information on language availability).

- Duration: 2-3 hours
- Assessment: online test

### Learning Objectives

- Understand the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations
- Understand the rules for Para swimming events and the different sport classes
- Understand how to properly fill out all relevant World Para Swimming officiating forms
- Understand the role of the official

### Participant Profile

The ideal candidate for the level 1 TO online course will be someone interested in learning more about para Swimming rules and the basic concepts of technical officiating. Potential candidates include but are not limited to: coaches, competition organisers, classifiers, athletes, students, sport managers. To register for the level 1 TO online course the participant has to have completed the IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course.

### Course Outcome

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a course certificate of completion. Participants will also be eligible to attend a level 2 TO course dependent on meeting all other course prerequisites.

## **2.3 World Para Swimming Level 2 Technical Officials Course**

The World Para Swimming Level 2 TO Course is the first opportunity for potential officials to receive face-to-face training by World Para Swimming certified educators. The level 2 TO course can be offered in multiple languages (please refer to section 5 of this document for more information on language availability).

- Duration (theory - mandatory): 2 days
- Duration (practical – recommended\*): length of competition  
\* however, this is mandatory for Major Championships TO training
- Assessment: none (participation based)

### Learning Objectives

- Understand all World Para Swimming Regulations
- Know the general competition rules
- Know all Para swimming event rules and how to implement each
- Understand the role of a National Technical Official (NTO)

### Participant Profile

#### *Candidates must:*

- have completed the level 1 TO online course before the start of this course
- be willing to learn more about World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations
- have swimming specific knowledge and interest in Para swimming
- be available to complete the entire duration of the course

#### *Preferably candidates also have the following:*

- desire to serve as an NTO in current country of residence
- recognised technical officiating qualification, issued by a FINA member federation\*  
\* however, this is mandatory for Major Championships TO training
- recommendation from their NPC and / or NF

- basic command of the English language (verbal and written)

### Course Outcome

Participants who successfully complete the course receive a course certificate of achievement and will be eligible to serve as an NTO (pending approval from their NPC or NF). Participants will also be eligible to attend a level 3 TO course dependent on meeting all other course prerequisites. After completion it is advised to keep a personal record of the number and types competitions an NTO has officiated at.

### National Technical Officials Course Equivalency

As many NPCs/NFs have their own established training programmes for NTOs, World Para Swimming may recognise any national course that meets the World Para Swimming Level 2 TO Course standards. NPCs/NFs may apply to World Para Swimming for level 2 TO course equivalency. Participants from courses who have level 2 equivalency will be eligible to participate in a World Para Swimming Level 3 TO Course providing that all other prerequisites have been complied with.

## **2.4 World Para Swimming Level 3 Technical Officials Course**

The World Para Swimming Level 3 TO Course offers the opportunity to understand the role of the International Technical Official (ITO). The level 3 course can be offered in multiple languages (please refer to section 5 of this document for more information on language availability).

- Duration (theory - mandatory): 2 days
- Duration (practical - mandatory): length of competition
- Assessment: competency transcript

Participants of the World Para Swimming Level 3 TO Course should be advised that the training course requires them to show a high level of competencies and knowledge in Para swimming. Participation in the practical component of training is subject to successful completion of the theoretical component of the training course. Those successful participants will assist in technical officiating at a World Para Swimming approved para-specific competition whilst being assessed and observed by the educator(s). A participant who does not pass the theoretical component may have the opportunity to participate in the practical sessions as an NTO only, although this is not guaranteed.

### Learning Objectives

- Complete understanding of all World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations
- Be able to practically apply all rules and regulations
- Be able to complete all forms and documents relating to the duties of an ITO
- Know proper procedures for all events

- Complete understanding of the roles and responsibilities of an ITO

#### Participant Profile

##### *Candidates must:*

- hold a level 2 TO course certificate or equivalent from their NPC/NF
- hold FINA member federation certification (min. Judge of Stroke)
- have a recommendation from their NPC and / or NF
- have proof of experience as an NTO with a record of the competitions officiated at
- be available to complete the entire duration of the course (theory and practical)

##### *Preferably candidates also have the following:*

- desire to serve as an ITO
- good command of the English language (verbal and written)

#### Course Outcome

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a course certificate of achievement and will be eligible to apply for selection as a World Para Swimming ITO providing that all other prerequisites have been complied with. They will also be eligible for appointment to Championships (World, Regional and Multi Sport Games) to complement the appointed ITOs, if deemed appropriate by World Para Swimming.

### **3 World Para Swimming ITO Selection Seminar**

World Para Swimming ITO Selection Seminar may vary in the form of delivery, depending on the updates that have been made to the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations. Non-compliance with the ITO Selection requirements set out by World Para Swimming will result in non-eligibility for appointment as an International Technical Official at World Para Swimming recognised competitions until the requirements have been met.

#### Participant Profile

##### *Candidates must:*

- hold valid WPS Level 3 TO Certificate
- have received an endorsement from their National Paralympic Committee (NPC) or National Swimming Federation (NF), if recognised by WPS
- have good command of the English language (verbal and written)
- have the desire to serve as a WPS ITO
- be available to complete the entire duration of the ITO Selection Seminar

#### Course Outcome

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate of achievement and will be considered for selection as a World Para Swimming ITO for a 4-year period. Selection will



be based on knowledge and competencies shown at the course as well as WPS requirements such as regional and gender balance. Those participants selected as ITOs will be eligible for appointment to ITO positions at World Para Swimming recognised competitions (e.g. Paralympic Games, Multi Sport Games and World and Regional Championships).

Individuals can serve a maximum of 2 consecutive 4-year terms as a World Para Swimming ITO, providing they meet the general selection criteria in the respective terms. This is to ensure that there is consistency within the ITOs and to enable new members to be part of the ITO group.

## 4 Language availability of Courses

Course	Languages
IPC Introduction to Para Sport Online Course	Arabic, English, French, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish - can be delivered face-to-face if the required language is not available online
Level 1 TO Online Course	English, French*, Spanish - can be delivered face-to-face if the required language is not available online
Level 2 TO Course	English, French, Portuguese, Spanish - all other languages with simultaneous translation
Level 3 TO Course	English, French, Portuguese, Spanish - all other languages with simultaneous translation

\* will be published in December 2017

## 5 Online course Pricing and Group Rates

5.1 The following is the pricing for a single course registration

Course	Introduction to Para Sport	Technical Officials
Online	Free	€53.50

## 5.2 Group Rates

World Para Swimming and IPC Academy have also Group NPC packages for all of the online courses that are available to purchase directly via World Para Swimming. If you are interested in purchasing packages for your NPC then please contact us on the details indicated on the next page.

## 6 Face to Face Courses and Pricing

A NPC can request to host any of the above mentioned World Para Swimming education courses. World Para Swimming will provide course material, access to online learning courses, certified educators and support where needed to the host of an education course for a course fee. More detailed information on hosting World Para Swimming education courses and prices are available on the [World Para Swimming education website](#). World Para Swimming will always aim to facilitate your requests but cannot guarantee that all requests can be met. World Para Swimming will aim to offer you an alternative date when this situation arises.

## 7 Application Process

To apply for a World Para Swimming course please view all the available courses and download the application form from the World Para Swimming education website: [www.paralympic.org/swimming/education/technical-officials](http://www.paralympic.org/swimming/education/technical-officials).

All applications should be completed fully and submitted to [ipcsummersports@paralympic.org](mailto:ipcsummersports@paralympic.org).

## 8 World Para Swimming Technical Education Contact Information

If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about all of the World Para Swimming and IPC Academy education courses, please contact us at:

<b>World Para Swimming Education and IPC Academy</b>
+49 228 2097 200
<a href="mailto:ipcsummersports@paralympic.org">ipcsummersports@paralympic.org</a>
World Para Athletics education website: <a href="http://www.paralympic.org/swimming/education/technical-officials">www.paralympic.org/swimming/education/technical-officials</a>

If you are interested in learning more about other aspects of World Para Swimming, please use the following email address: [worldparaswimming@paralympic.org](mailto:worldparaswimming@paralympic.org).

## 9 World Para Swimming Educational Partners



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