



## World Para Swimming Athlete Advisory Group (AAG) Application

### **World Para Swimming are calling for nominations for the World Para Swimming Athlete Advisory Group.**

World Para Swimming acts as the international federation for the sport of Para Swimming. Whilst World Para Swimming shares the same four athlete focused values of courage, determination, inspiration and equality as the IPC, all World Para Sports share common characteristics which play a key role in the day to day activities and decision making process.

World Para Swimming's vision is to enable Para athletes to showcase their abilities and fulfil their potential at all levels from the grassroots through to the high performance level. Their mission is to develop a long-term competition calendar which encourages and increases athlete participation, provides high levels of professional officiating and classification, fair competition and boosts the profile of the sport and its athletes.

World Para Swimming will elect members to the Athlete Advisory Group later this year and this group will then be responsible for ensuring the athlete views are represented. If you think you have got what it takes to be part of the AAG then please read on to understand if you are eligible and for the roles and responsibilities of the group.

British Swimming in conjunction with the British Paralympic Association will nominate one candidate who will be up for election by World Para Swimming.

#### [Eligibility](#)

To be eligible for election to the AAG an individual must be an active Paralympic athlete. An active athlete is defined as an athlete that is competing in the current edition of the Paralympic Games or Paralympic Winter Games at which the election is taking place or has competed in either of the previous two editions of the Paralympic Games (if the election concerns summer sport athletes).

#### [Roles & Responsibilities of the Athlete Advisory Group](#)

The mission of the Athlete Advisory Group (AAG) is to represent the views of the athletes and make their voice heard within World Para Swimming.

In order to achieve this, the AAG will:



- Consider issues related to athletes and provide advice to the Sport Technical Committee (STC) and World Para Swimming Management Team
- Represent the rights and interests of athletes and to make related recommendations
- Maintain contact with the World Para Swimming Management Team and STC and IPC Athletes' Council

The AAG shall have the following specific tasks and activities:

- To establish a means of seeking athletes' opinion on issues of major importance in Para swimming through as wide a network of enquiry as possible
- To keep the World Para Swimming Management Team regularly informed of athlete opinion on issues of major importance.
- To report to the World Para Swimming Management Team on organizational issues that may arise in connection with athlete participation at the different competitions organized under the World Para Swimming umbrella
- To provide opinions on specific issues of athlete interest that may be entrusted to it by World Para Swimming
- To promote a "healthy image" and "fair play"
- To be the link between active athletes and World Para Swimming Management Team
- To liaise and consult with other Committees and AAG, where appropriate
- To promote and foster the worldwide development of Para swimming
- To attend or host athletes' meetings at major sport competitions.

The working language of the AAG will be English. The majority of the work will be conducted over e-mail, so it is therefore highly recommended that candidates have access to this communication medium. AAG may also organise meetings via conference call that will be facilitated by World Para Swimming Management Team.

#### [Applications](#)

Those wishing to apply for this opportunity are asked to submit a covering letter and CV to: [Claire.davenport@swimming.org](mailto:Claire.davenport@swimming.org) no later than **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** at **5pm**. If you have any immediate queries please contact Claire Davenport on the email address provided above.

