

To: NPCs participating in 2018 World Para
Swimming European Championships

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Participation Criteria and Deadlines for the 2018 World Para Swimming European Championships (50m)

Dear NPC President / Secretary General,

World Para Swimming is pleased to invite you to the 2018 World Para Swimming European Championships to be held in Dublin, Ireland on 13 August– 19 August 2018.

With the information below World Para Swimming is providing details related to the list of events, participation criteria and deadlines for the 2018 World Para Swimming European Championships (50m).

Championship Dates

9 August 2018 -Team Arrival dates

10-12 August 2018 - Classification dates (all athletes undergoing classification must be available for classification on the morning of 10 August- travel plans should be made accordingly)

10-12 August 2018 - Training dates

13-19 August 2018 - Championships dates

20-21 August 2018 - Team Departure dates

Swimmers Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC for the 2018 World Para Swimming European Championships (50m) swimmers must:

- hold an active World Para Swimming license for the 2018 Season
- have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at a World Para Swimming Recognised 50m Competition for an event on the programme between 01 January 2017 and 2 July 2018 (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 World Para Swimming office for such addition by 26 June. There can be a different relay-specific athlete entered for the different relays on the final programme.

Note: The MQS was set on 18th place of the official European ranking list 1 January 2016- 30 June 2017. The Minimum Entry Time (MET) was set on 22th place of the official European ranking list. If there were not 18 or 22 athletes, the average time on the last two on the rankings was used as an MQS. For MQS and MET please see the list at the end of this document.

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 2017	Start of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances
19 January 2018	Open of Online Preliminary NPC Delegation Calculation
13 February 2018	Deadline to submit Preliminary NPC Delegation Calculation Accurate numbers are appreciated so that Preliminary Event Programme can be published at the earliest.
18 June 2018	Open of Online Entry System for Entry by Number per Event
25 June 2018	Deadline for Entry by Number per Event (NPCs will be invoiced based on the number provided in this entry, no withdrawal is possible after this entry deadline, with the exceptions below). 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.
25 June 2018	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Name per Event (final entry).
26 June 2016	Deadline to apply for Wild Card(s)
1 July 2018	End of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances

02 July 2018	Deadline for Online Entry by Name per Event (final entry deadline). No changes in the entries will be accepted after this date.
	Deadline for Competition Fee Payment

Entry Forms

The Online Entry forms are through the **IPC Online Entry System (EBS)**: <https://db.ipc-services.org/sdms/entries/default/login>. Please refer to online manual.

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 World Para Swimming office by 26 June 2018. 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 2018 World Para Swimming European 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 four (4) 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.

Medals

Medals will be awarded to the first three (3) athletes finishing the event (regardless of the sport class).

In the exceptional case an event is completed by only three (3) or fewer swimmers medals will be awarded following the “minus one rule”.

Swimwear

Regulations outlined in the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations 2018-2021* will apply; swimwear (caps, goggles and swimsuits) must be from the approved list.

Advertising

Regulations outlined in the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations 2018-2021* will apply. World Para 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 13 May 2018.

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Competition Fee

The Competition Fee covers Championships services (such as part of catering, transport and basic medical services in the official Championships venue) for 9 August - 21 August 2018 (from official arrival to departure date).

The Competition Fee for the 2018 World Para Swimming European Championships is 500 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 World Para Swimming by 04 July 2018 in accordance to the invoice that can be downloaded from the on-line entry system following the Entry by Number submission; however payment as soon as possible after submitting the Entry by Number per Event is encouraged.

Following the deadline of Entry by Number (25 June 2018) 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, World Para Swimming verified medical cases (in this case official medical documents are required).

Championships website

Further information can be found on the Championships website:
<http://www.paralympic.org/swimming/events>

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

We hope the above information clarifies the competition regulations to be applied for the 2018 World Para Swimming European Championships and we wish you good luck for your team!

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

Kind regards,

World Para Swimming

2018 World Para Swimming European Championships MQS

Qualification Period

01 January 2017 – 2 July 2018

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50m Freestyle	S3	01:41.34	01:41.34	N/A	N/A
	S4	01:38.55	01:38.55	01:13.05	01:13.05
	S5	00:53.98	01:01.46	01:09.36	01:21.61
	S6	00:38.75	00:42.19	00:46.82	01:09.28
	S7	00:34.61	00:35.19	00:44.40	00:47.01
	S8	00:30.89	00:32.32	00:38.49	00:40.84
	S9	00:27.95	00:28.53	00:32.92	00:33.08
	S10	00:26.91	00:27.28	00:31.41	00:31.80
	S11	00:39.87	00:39.87	00:37.22	00:37.22
	S12	00:30.10	00:34.27	00:47.27	00:47.27
	S13	00:29.91	00:29.91	00:33.12	00:34.97
100m Freestyle	S3	N/A	N/A	04:47.35	04:47.35
	S4	02:37.59	02:37.59	N/A	N/A
	S5	02:17.35	02:21.99	02:52.55	03:06.19
	S6	01:27.71	01:41.90	01:49.82	03:01.26
	S7	01:14.77	01:16.50	01:41.00	01:50.45
	S8	01:08.42	01:11.67	01:25.91	01:28.70
	S9	01:01.23	01:01.78	01:11.89	01:12.68
	S10	00:58.94	00:59.14	01:07.93	01:09.71
	S11	01:27.5	01:27.5	01:22.58	01:22.58
	S12	01:18.57	01:18.57	01:43.48	01:43.48
	S13	01:06.44	01:06.44	01:15.16	01:18.71
200m Freestyle	S2	06:44.05	06:44.05	N/A	N/A
	S3	06:11.05	06:11.05	N/A	N/A
	S4	05:20.65	05:20.65	N/A	N/A
	S5	05:20.94	05:20.94	06:43.32	06:43.32
	S14	02:10.38	02:12.69	02:37.41	02:39.91
400m Freestyle	S6	09:15.17	09:15.17	08:15.96	08:15.96
	S7	06:00.48	07:00.52	08:18.21	09:02.05
	S8	05:36.28	05:45.51	06:48.64	07:24.75
	S9	04:54.80	05:03.56	05:30.45	05:43.08
	S10	04:32.65	04:46.21	05:25.18	05:38.21
	S11	06:40.73	06:40.73	06:16.61	06:16.61
	S12	05:25.44	05:25.44	08:02.73	08:02.73
	S13	04:47.18	04:47.18	06:09.66	06:09.66

50m Backstroke	S1	01:47.33	01:47.33	N/A	N/A	
	S2	02:32.89	02:32.89	01:24.22	01:24.22	
	S3	01:34.31	01:34.31	02:10.91	02:10.91	
	S4	01:34.71	01:34.71	01:27.19	01:27.19	
	S5	00:56.14	01:11.78	01:21.82	01:39.52	
100m Backstroke	S1	03:53.17	03:53.17	N/A	N/A	
	S2	03:28.35	03:28.35	03:02.43	03:02.43	
	S6	02:42.84	02:42.84	03:21.66	03:21.66	
	S7	01:28.97	01:35.07	02:31.67	02:37.12	
	S8	01:29.00	01:37.46	01:39.19	01:45.75	
	S9	01:12.35	01:13.06	01:24.80	01:25.08	
	S10	01:07.92	01:09.74	01:23.75	01:27.16	
	S11	01:59.32	01:59.32	02:02.67	02:02.67	
	S12	01:50.12	01:50.12	02:01.83	02:01.83	
	S13	01:18.32	01:18.32	01:28.41	01:31.38	
	S14	01:11.96	01:14.87	01:29.47	01:38.76	
	50m Breaststroke	SB2	01:55.96	01:55.96	N/A	N/A
		SB3	01:35.31	02:30.57	01:54.64	01:54.64
	100m Breaststroke	SB4	03:04.75	03:04.75	03:49.86	03:49.86
SB5		03:01.81	03:12.29	02:47.78	02:59.28	
SB6		01:58.67	02:23.86	02:23.25	02:53.75	
SB7		02:00.73	02:14.39	02:26.10	02:26.10	
SB8		01:34.27	01:38.77	01:50.74	01:58.16	
SB9		01:22.47	01:23.68	01:37.72	01:42.88	
SB11		01:59.37	01:59.37	02:00.78	02:00.78	
SB12		01:44.47	01:44.47	01:59.34	01:59.34	
SB13		01:25.03	01:25.03	01:41.66	01:41.66	
SB14		01:18.65	01:24.02	01:33.12	01:39.90	
50m Butterfly	S5	01:07.87	01:07.87	01:21.05	01:21.05	
	S6	01:20.54	01:20.54	01:50.90	01:50.90	
	S7	00:40.18	00:48.54	01:19.32	01:26.07	
100m Butterfly	S8	01:37.82	01:37.82	01:52.76	01:52.76	
	S9	01:10.73	01:12.10	01:24.16	01:30.12	
	S10	01:06.92	01:08.09	01:25.14	01:31.49	
	S11	01:37.35	01:37.35	01:21.75	01:21.75	
	S12	01:16.94	01:16.94	01:36.37	01:36.37	
	S13	01:11.16	01:11.16	01:31.36	01:31.36	
	S14	01:14.79	01:23.66	1:33.37	1:33.37	
150m Individual Medley	SM3	05:36.80	05:36.80	N/A	N/A	
	SM4	06:10.19	06:10.19	04:14.65	04:14.65	

200m Individual Medley	SM5	N/A	N/A	06:43.29	06:43.29
	SM6	06:03.01	06:03.01	05:00.99	05:25.68
	SM7	03:46.56	04:52.52	05:08.65	05:08.65
	SM8	03:14.76	03:53.53	04:13.87	04:13.87
	SM9	02:40.84	02:46.71	03:03.79	03:15.29
	SM10	02:31.95	02:35.73	03:02.15	03:17.03
	SM11	03:04.30	03:04.30	03:13.62	03:13.62
	SM12	02:42.26	02:42.26	03:01.05	03:01.05
	SM13	02:49.51	02:49.51	03:03.86	03:14.28
	SM14	02:28.24	02:36.24	03:00.90	03:27.08
Relays*					
4x100m Freestyle	34 points	/	/	/	/
4x100m Medley	34 points	/	/	/	/
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	S14	/	/	/	/
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	49 points	/	/	/	/
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle	20 points	/	/	/	/
Mixed 4x50m Medley	20 points	/	/	/	/

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