

IPC SWIMMING MEDAL EVENTS PROGRAMME AND MQS CRITERIA

As IPC Swimming has received a high number of enquiries from NPCs in relation to how the Beijing Swimming Medal Events Programme and MQS have been identified, the IPC Swimming Sports Technical Committee established a transparent criteria and revised the Medal Events Programme and MQS performance. The Beijing 140 Medal events are based upon the IPC Paralympic Games Sports Programme Guiding Principles and the IPC Swimming rules as follows:

- 1.) IPC Paralympic Games sports programme guiding principles of quality, quantity and universality.
- 2.) Criteria published within the IPC Swimming Rules 2005 – 2008 as follows:

GN7.7.1

The following events are conducted at Paralympic Games, World Championships, and other relevant international events at this present time. A minimum number of seven individual events and two relay events will be offered all the classes of the three recognised groups. For the offering of an event at the Paralympic Games the event must have been conducted at the previous Paralympic Games or the previous World Championships according to the IPC ruling, i.e. ten (10) competitors of Paralympic standard from four (4) nations per event.

In order to ensure six (6) viable entries in the Paralympic Games, quantifiable individual events must demonstrate on the official ranking list a minimum of ten (10) athletes from a minimum of four (4) countries attaining an approved performance standard. The events programme for Paralympic Games is subject to approval by the IPC Governing Board.

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For Paralympic Games a minimum number of six (6) competitors from four (4) nations are necessary to conduct an event.

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A minimum number of four (4) teams for relay events are necessary to conduct the event.

CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING THE SWIMMING MEDAL EVENTS PROGRAMME BEIJING 2008 PARALYMPIC GAMES

1. First round for identification

A relay event must have taken place at the 2006 IPC Swimming World Championships in Durban, South Africa or at the 2004 Paralympic Games,



Athens, Greece with a minimum of ten relay teams from 4 nations per event.

2. Second round for identification

An individual event must have taken place at the 2006 IPC Swimming World Championships, Durban or the 2004 Paralympic Games, Athens with a minimum of 10 competitors from 4 nations per event and these events have a minimum of 10 currently active athletes from four (4) nations on the official ranking list.

3. Third round for identification

Events for athletes with a severe disability: if no events have been identified as laid out in point 2 for athletes with a severe disability (S1, SB1, SM1), (S2, SB2, SM2), (S11, SB11, SM11), then one (1) male and one (1) female event per classification grouping shall be protected as long as the identified events have a minimum of six (6) currently active athletes from four (4) nations on the official ranking list.

3.1 These events shall be identified by the event that has the highest number of currently active athletes on the official ranking list.

3.2 If more than one event per classification grouping has been identified in point 3.1 then the 1 individual event per classification grouping shall be determined by the event per classification grouping that have been identified in point 3.1 that have the closest ranked placing by percentage differential from the 3rd place ranked time on the official ranking list.

4. If more than 140 events have been identified as laid out in points 1, 2 and 3 then the individual events shall be determined by the events that have been identified in point 2 that have the closest 10th place by percentage differential from the 3rd place ranked time on the official ranking list.

5. Fourth round for identification

If less than 140 events have been identified as laid out in points 1, 2, and 3 then the remaining individual events shall be determined by the events that have a minimum of 10 currently active athletes from four (4) nations on the official ranking list.

5.1 If more than 140 events have been identified as laid out in points 1, 2, 3 and 4 then the remaining individual events shall be determined by the events that have been identified in point 5. that have the closest 10th place by percentage differential from the 3rd place ranked time on the official ranking list.



A maximum of three (3) athletes per NPC will be considered in the above calculation.

The official ranking list used for identifying the Medal Events Programme starts 1 January 2005 and closes 31 December 2006.

Revision of MQS

In addition to the revision of the Beijing Medal Events a revision of the MQS was made based upon the following considerations:

1. Take into account the revised list of individual medal events offered
2. GN7.7.1 In order to ensure six viable entries in the Paralympic Games, quantifiable individual events must demonstrate on the official ranking list a minimum of ten Athletes from a minimum of four Countries attaining an approved performance standard.
3. MQS for protected events needs to be more flexible. Additionally Bipartite Commission invitations will be utilised for these events.
4. All recommended changes are based on approximately 14 places on the rankings. In events in which there are less than 14 rankings or large differential in times a revised time has been submitted for consideration. 14th place has been utilised as a base line marker in order to have an objective protocol across all individual medal events

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