

## IPC SWIMMING SUMMIT

### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

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#### NEGATIVES. PAST / PRESENT.

1.  
Officials / Classifiers not a team.  
Criticisms from Classifiers regarding  
Officials, counter productive.

#### POSITIVES. TO MOVE FORWARD.

Must work as a team. International  
Officials should be recognised as  
Technical Advisors.

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2.  
Revised Officials Manual. Many revised  
versions – no finality.

Appoint people to get it finalised and  
Put on the web site.

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3  
.IPC Swimming Rules not produced  
From changes voted on at the 2006 World  
Congress.

Finalise rules. Appoint people to do  
this as a priority.

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4.  
No progress / planning since the changes  
Made after Beijing re the Swimming  
Technical Committee.

IPC Swimming needs to announce  
their plans to enable continuing  
planning progress to 2010 and 2012

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5.Southern Hemisphere lacking in  
opportunities for Athletes, Classifiers,  
and Officials. The Northern Hemisphere  
dominates Courses, Competitions and  
opportunities for these people,so Southern  
Hemisphere have the distance and costs  
related to attending.

Education, promotion, investment and  
expertise plan for Southern  
Hemisphere.

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6.  
Online Course for officials. Restriction for  
next step. There needs to be some way of  
knowing the ability / standard of the official  
before acceptance at a practical course.  
There have been too many disappointed  
willing, keen people who have not passed  
the assessment process.

Recommendations required from  
recognised qualified people for course  
participation.

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7.

Public awareness. Lack of understanding Between Olympics, Paralympics and Special Olympics. General public are confused and not aware and appreciative of the achievements that are accomplished. Many believe you cannot rate our Athletes against Olympic achievements. When times swum differ so much from Elite Athletes how can this be rated as world class achievement. Governments criteria of Integration, No Exceptions is not working in some Countries. Elite sports not accepting Disabled Athletes into their programs.

More planning, promotion and exposure is required. What and how is the question. New Zealand has an excellent Television program called Attitude. It is screened on Sunday morning at 10 am and profiles all types of disabilities and people with Special Needs. No one I talk to knows of the program or / and do not watch it. General public are not comfortable watching or knowing about people with disabilities.