

IPC Swimming Summit
Submission by Canadian Paralympic Committee and Swimming/Natation
Canada

Theme: Independence

Topic: Independence – FINA or Stand Alone International Federation

Background/History

- The IPC General Assembly approved the motion that all IPC Sports must be independent by 2016
- 2008 IPC Governing Board disbands the Swimming Working Group
- 2007 IPC Governing Board appoints a Swimming Working Group
- 2006 the IPC Governing Board alters the format IPC Sport Committees and the process for election/appointment
- 1992 to 2006 IPC SAEC SW governance based on IPC Swimming Rule book

Considerations

- Independence linked to FINA
 - Politics
 - Willingness of FINA to include Para Swimming
 - Opportunities for Self Governance
 - Financial support
 - Pre-existing organizational structure
 - Pre-existing office structure
- Independence as a stand alone Federation
 - Self governance
 - Self direction
 - Organisation structure can be tailored to meet the needs of Para Swimming
 - Politics

- Need to create organisational structure
- Need to create office/headquarters infrastructure
- Staffing

Recommendations

- An IPC Swimming Committee should be established in order to review the options and potential strategy for the move forward to independence.
- Committee to review 4 models of independence 2 from sports to complete independence and 2 for sports migrating to existing International Federations.
- Presentation of the outcomes of the reviews and recommendations for the steps to independence to the IPC Swimming Committee.
- Development of the timelines and process for independence.
- Approval by Governing Board.