

Main Goal

- The Dutch want to improve attractiveness of Paralympic Swimming. Attractiveness for all involved parties i.e swimmers, coaches, organizers and the general public. In order to reach this goal we need higher level of competition (more competitors per event, closer races = more value to a medal). We have discussed different methods to do this:

Governance

- Status of IPC Swimming STC
- Possibilities of transfer to FINA as IF?

Classification

- Should swimming continue being a sport for all levels of disability?
- One class for visually impaired (swimming with dark goggle)
- Should S14 be included in the Paralympic program?
- Reducing the number of classes? (short term and long term effects)

Events

- Max of 3 to 5 events per class
- Events should match the disability (look at length and strokes)
- How and when will be decided about Paralympic events.

Growth of Paralympic Swimming worldwide

- How can we develop swimming together? Stronger countries adopt weaker countries.
- What role has IPC to help the growth of Paralympic Swimming.

Competition

- What minimum criteria should be used for candidates organizing international competitions?
- How can we make competition days attractive for public? (medal ceremonies, different setup for heats)
- How can IPC make most out of 2010 IPC World Swimming Championships?
- Organizing abled bodied international competition at same time (or following each other) in the same pool (in partnership with FINA)

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