

## **SWIMMING SUMMIT - DISCUSSION PAPER**

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Dear IPC Swimming,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a paper for discussion at the upcoming summit.

Please find below the views of our athletes, coaches, officials and classifiers.

### **Rules**

#### **Issue**

There always seems to be a long time delay before IPC accepts the FINA rules and they are adopted in IPC Swimming.

#### **Recommendation**

It is our recommendation that IPC respond immediately with any rule changes that FINA may make and communicate this to the NPCs

#### **Issue**

IPC Swimming Rules not produced from changes voted on at 206 World Congress

#### **Recommendation**

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

### **Classification**

#### **Issue**

Identified from athlete - Limited number of opportunities to be classified at International Meetings

#### **Recommendation**

Blind Athletes to be re-tested each year

### **Officials and Classifiers**

#### **Issue**

Currently using revised Officials Manual. Many revised versions and currently there is no final version produced.

#### **Recommendation**

Appoint a sub committee to finalise and publish.

#### **Issue**

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. It is our understanding that there have been too many disappointed willing, keen people who have not passed the assessment process.

#### **Recommendation**

Recommendations required from recognised qualified people for course participation.

**Issue**

Officials / Classifiers not currently working as a team. Criticisms from Classifiers regarding officials, counter productive

**Recommendation**

Officials / Classifiers to work as a team. Officials to be recognised as International Technical Advisors.

**Issue**

Southern Hemisphere currently lacking in opportunities for Classifiers and Officials

**Recommendation**

Education, promotion, investment and expertise plan across all regions.

**Planning****Issue**

Appears to be little progress / planning since the changes made after Beijing re the Swimming Technical Committee.

**Recommendation**

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

We wish you all the best for a successful Summit.

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