



To: NPCCs / IOSDs practising swimming

IPC Swimming Officials (classifiers and technical officials)

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**Re: IPC Swimming Technical Committee Meeting 29-31 January 2010**

Dear All,

The IPC Swimming Technical Committee (STC) had its first annual meeting on 29-31 January 2010 in Bonn, Germany. On behalf of the STC I am pleased to provide you with a summary of the items discussed and decisions made. The information in the Classification Memorandum attached was discussed during the meeting and due to the length of the document is circulated independently.

The STC also revised the rulebook and this has now been published with immediate effect for the year 2010. As you are aware, any proposals to amend this can be submitted for the Sport Forum to be held in August, in Eindhoven. Additional information on the process to submit a proposed amendment and about the Forum itself will be circulated in the next few weeks.

The STC discussed the action points for 2010, and discussed the available information for 2010 World Championships, Sport Forum and 2012 London Paralympic Games. The officials for the World Championships were identified.

Regarding the World Championships it is important that NPCCs are aware of the core event identification process. It is up to NPCCs to bring their low class athletes to the World Championships, as this will influence and identify the eligibility of core events. Only events that meet the eligibility criteria will be included in the programme of future major Championships (Paralympic Games, World Championships). Please check our website for additional information on the core event identification process.



At the request of the London 2012 Organising Committee, the STC agreed to extend the London 2012 Paralympic Games competition programme to ten (10) days.

Progress of the Working Groups (WGs) identified following the Swimming Summit (June 2009) was presented. The STC decided to follow-up with those WGs who have yet to present any report to the STC, and with some others whose work has not been consistent. It was also decided to activate the Independence WG, now that the STC Vice-Chair is in position.

The STC will engage small working groups to deliver the following tasks:

- Explore criteria related to an IPC Swimming World Cup Series;
- The education of trainee classifiers and technical officials was also considered. IPC Swimming will move towards having separate on-line courses available on the IPC Academy platform. The course material for the technical official's practical course shall be updated, to reflect the current Rules and Regulations;
- To finalize the draft document Technical Officials Education Manual;
- The priority was given to finalizing the Technical Officials Operating Manual that is to be published as soon as it is revised;
- In addition to the training of technical officials, the need for a knowledge-transfer and education of Technical Delegates was raised.

Further to matters related to IPC Swimming Officials it was decided to ask for everybody's acknowledgment for the IPC Code of Ethics.

The STC will investigate hosting more courses both for classifiers and technical officials. For this the engagement of LOCs is required, to provide suitable opportunities at approved competitions.

The request of the IPC Swimming community to have a platform where questions could be asked and answered (FAQ) was brought to the table. This tool is now available on the IPC Swimming website.



The STC made a decision to invite a swimmer from the IPC Athletes Committee to its future meetings.

I was also able to report to the STC on the input I received from you through the informal meetings I had with nations and with officials at the 2009 European Championships as well as at the 2009 World Championships 25m. Thanks again to all who participated in these meetings, and to everyone who took the time to speak with me at these events also. The STC values your input through these types of sessions, as well as through other communications you have with us. The next in person STC meeting will take place on 22-23 August 2010, immediately after the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships and Sport Forum.

Should you have any question please contact me or the STC via the office at [ipcswimming@paralympic.org](mailto:ipcswimming@paralympic.org).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JD Blaine".

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