



Paralympic Games Programme Working Group

Methodology for Selecting 2nd Tier Events

The purpose of this paper is to outline the concept of selection of the 2nd tier Medal Events for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The event schedule for the Paralympic Games Swimming Programme for London 2012 contains 148 medal events. Out of 148 events 6 are assigned to swimmers in class S14 and these are not part of this procedure.

In order to ensure the most robust and viable event list for the London 2012 Paralympic Games, the following caveats will be applied following the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships:

A) Core events

In the [1st tier the 112 core events were selected through the medal selection process](#) that has been published in January 2010. If after the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships an identified core event fails to meet the criteria for eligibility as core medal event, it may be taken off the core events list.

The criteria for core events were identified as following:

- Fifteen (15) athletes ranked on the aggregate IPC Swimming World Ranking 01 January 2009 – 21 August 2010.
- Eight (8) NPCs represented within the top 15 ranked athletes in the men's events and six (6) NPC represented within the top 15 ranked athletes in the women's events.
- Three (3) IPC Regions represented within the top 15 ranked athletes.

Any of the core events that were originally identified and that no longer meet the criteria, will be added to the list of events that will receive consideration to be included in the final London 2012 IPC Swimming Paralympic Medal events list through the 2nd tier procedure.

B) 2nd tier events

In order for an event to be eligible for 2nd tier procedure it must meet the following criteria:

- Twelve (12) athletes ranked on the aggregate IPC Swimming World Ranking starting 1 January 2009 - 21 August 2010.
- Six (6) NPCs represented within the top 12 ranked athletes in the men's events and five (5) NPC represented within the top 12 ranked athletes in the women's events.
- Two (2) IPC Regions represented within the top 12 ranked athletes.

The selected events will then be ranked based on a competitiveness ratio within the event by:

- Measuring the difference between the average of the times of the top five ranked athletes and the average of the times of the sixth through tenth ranked athletes from the aggregate IPC Swimming World Ranking list starting 1 January 2010 - 21 August 2010.

This method will be applied to all events with the consideration that the rankings are corrected to show a maximum of three swimmers per NPC per event in rank order. The list ranked based on this system will be the base for selecting the 2nd tier events.

Step 1: Securing minimum event opportunities

Each sport class must receive a minimum of two events with the exception of classes S1 women, S2 women and S1 men; where based on the depth of the rankings 2007-2009 it did not allow the allocation of two (2) core events; and therefore only one (1) core event was identified.

If a class, after the eligibility check for medal events on 21 August 2010, does not meet the minimum number of event opportunities it will still receive its minimum event(s) regardless of the position of the event on the list of eligible 2nd tier events.

Step 2: Assigning relay events

- A maximum of four events will be assigned to relay events, with a maximum of three per gender.

- For a relay event to be considered there must be a minimum of eight (8) relay teams at the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships Eindhoven.
- At the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships in Eindhoven the relay events with the highest competitiveness ratio within the event by measuring the difference between the average of the times of the top four ranked teams and the average of the times of the fifth through eighth ranked teams, will be selected.

Step 3: Assigning remaining individual events

The remaining events will be assigned to sport classes based on their rank order on the 2nd tier event listing, until the event quota of 142 for the Paralympic Games programme is filled, as per the Swimming Qualification Criteria for London 2012.