

Asian National Paralympic Committees

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World Para Swimming Development Project Asia 2019

Dear National Paralympic Committees in Asia,

With the support of the Agitos Foundation and in cooperation with NPC Singapore, World Para Swimming (WPS) will host the WPS Development Project Asia in Singapore, in May 2019.

Currently, Para swimming is not widely spread in Asia. In order to develop athletes from grassroots to elite sport level in this region it is necessary to support NPCs in diverse range of topics. With a primary focus on South Eastern Asia, but open to all Asian NPCs, the WPS Development Project will consist of the following components in 2019:

- **WPS Coaching and Athlete Camp**
- **WPS Talent Programme**
- **WPS Clinics**
- **Singapore 2019 World Para Swimming World Series**

Please find an overview on all components below.

WPS Coaching and Athlete Camp

World Para Swimming will deliver a Coaching and Athlete Training Camp in preparation of the subsequent 2019 Singapore 2019 World Para Swimming World Series.

The training camp will take place in OCBC Aquatic Centre and is aimed at talented young swimmers and their coaches from the South East Asian Region (and beyond to the rest of

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Asia) that aim for an International Para swimming career but don't have the funds to attend international classification opportunities and competitions.

Throughout the 3-day workshop (both in and out of the pool), participants will enhance their skills and knowledge. The training camps will also ensure a lasting sustainable development impact for participating countries and their athletes and coaches.

International Participants (athletes with their coaches) will be supported by the project with travel costs and accommodation and meals during the training camp. Participation at the connecting Singapore 2019 World Para Swimming World Series is mandatory for participants of the workshop and will need to be at the expense of the NPC.

Details about the application process can be found attached.

Training Camp: 7-9 May 2019

Deadline for applications: **27 February 2019**

WPS Talent Programme

To ensure sustainability of the athlete development in the South East Asian Region and build an athlete pathway to Tokyo 2020, WPS will select the best athlete(s) from the training camp and send them to one additional international competition in 2019/2020. The decision will be made based on work at the training camp, competition results and special considerations.

Singapore 2019 World Para Swimming World Series

The Singapore World Para Swimming World Series 2019 will be the first time the tour series is setting foot in Asia. The venue is OCBC Aquatic Centre, and all entry information can be found in the attached [meet package](#). These Championships results will appear in the WPS World Rankings and will be a qualification opportunity for the 2019 World Para Swimming Championships. International Classification will be offered to athletes with physical and intellectual impairment. Athletes applying for Classification must be registered in SDMS, have Medical Diagnostic Forms uploaded, and be licensed for the 2019 season.

Classification Dates: 7-9 May 2019

Competition Dates: 10-12 May 2019

Entry Deadline: 15 or 31 March 2019 (later for athletes not needing classification)

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WPS Clinics

WPS will offer one day Clinics on the following subjects: Introduction to Classification, Introduction to Technical Officiating, and Introduction to Competition Planning during the training and competition days (7-12 May). These clinics are open to participants from all Asian NPCs. Further information will be sent out soon.

We look forward to receiving your applications and towards the continued growth of Para swimming world-wide.

Should you have any questions please contact the World Para Swimming Office:
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Kind regards

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