

NPCs participating in 2020 World Para  
Swimming European Open Championships

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**Participation Criteria and Deadlines for the 2020 World Para Swimming European Open Championships (50m)**

Dear NPC President / Secretary General,

World Para Swimming is pleased to invite you to the 2020 World Para Swimming European Open Championships to be held in Funchal, Portugal on 17 May – 23 May 2020. Training and classification will be from the 13-16, the Opening Ceremony will take place on 16 May 2020, and the competition dates are 17-23 May.

This competition is providing the opportunity to qualify for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, and above that the last classification opportunity before the Tokyo 2020 classification deadline (all athletes participating in Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games must have a “Confirmed” or “Review with Fixed Date in 2021 or beyond” classification status).

The events on the competition programme are the same events as for 2019 World Para Swimming Championships (Paralympic Games programme plus some additional events), and therefore a great opportunity to experience the competitive level just few months before the biggest event in the Paralympic cycle.

With the information below World Para Swimming is providing details related to the list of events, participation criteria and deadlines for the 2020 World Para Swimming European Open Championships (50m).

**Swimmers Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection by an NPC for the 2020 World Para Swimming European Open Championships (50m) swimmers must:

- hold an active World Para Swimming license for the 2020 Season
- have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at a World Para Swimming Recognised 50m Competition for an event on the programme between 01 January 2019 and 28 March 2020 (times are only recognised if the athlete was already licensed at the

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time of the achievement or has a recognised split time World/Regional record in the same length & stroke, that is included in the rankings)

- be classified with a “Review” (R) or “Confirmed” (C) sport class status
- one relay specific athlete (without MQS) can be added to the NPC Team (no participation in other events is allowed in this case) – please contact the World Para Swimming office for such addition by 21 March 2019. There can be a different relay-specific athlete entered for the different relays on the final programme.

*Note: The MQS was set on 20th place of the official European ranking list 01 January 2018-01 July 2019. If there were not 20 athletes, the average time on the last two on the rankings was used as an MQS.*

*For relay events there are no MQS times, teams can be entered even without previous achievement (they will be seeded with ‘no time’). NPCs that have time for their relay team from the qualification period can enter this result in the final entries.*

## Qualification and Entry Timeline

01 January 2019	Start of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances
22 August 2019	Opening of Online Preliminary NPC Delegation Calculation
20 September 2019	Deadline to submit <b>Preliminary NPC Delegation Calculation</b> Accurate numbers are appreciated so that Preliminary Event Programme can be published at the earliest.
03 February 2020	Accreditation system opens
17 February	Wild Card online application opens
20 March 2020	Open of Online Entry System for Entry by Number per Event
21 March 2020	Deadline to apply for Wild Card(s)
27 March 2020	Deadline for Entry by Number per Event (NPCs will be invoiced based on the number provided in this entry, <b>no</b> withdrawal is possible after this entry deadline, with the exceptions below).  The accurate Entry by Number data is very important so that accurate planning for Championships services and programme can be made; therefore please enter accurate numbers (= qualified athletes) both for women and men events.
27 March 2020	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Name per Event

	(final entry). There can be max. 15% increase compared to Entry by Number. A second invoice for added NPC team members will be sent to the NPC.*
29 March 2020	End of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances
03 April 2020	Deadline for Competition Fee Payment
03 April 2020	Deadline for Online Entry by Name per Event (final entry deadline). No changes in the entries will be accepted after this date.
10 April 2020	Accreditation with Arrivals and Departures information
15 April 2020	*Deadline for payment of additional NPC team members.

## Entry Forms

The Online Entry forms are through the IPC Online Entry System (EBS) <https://db.ipc-services.org/sdms/app/login> Once in SDMS navigate to the “IPC Online Entries System”. Please refer to online manual.

## Wild Card Entry

NPCs without or with only 1 qualified athlete can apply for a Wild Card. For Wild Card entry opportunity please contact the World Para Swimming office by 21 March 2020. The Wild Card slot is allocated to the individual athlete(s), not to the respective NPC.

- A maximum of one (1) male slot and one (1) female slot may be granted if an NPC has not obtained any qualification slot otherwise.
- NPCs who have obtained only one (1) qualification slot may be given one (1) or two (2) extra slots as per:

Qualified swimmer	Wild Card slot
1 female	1 female and/or 1 male slot
1 male	1 or 2 female slot(s)

For Wild Card entries, at discretion of World Para Swimming, the swimmer’s eligibility criteria of being classified with a “Review” (R) or “Confirmed” (C) sport class status may be

waived to allow an athlete with a “New” (N) sport class status to compete if it is due to any of the below criteria outlined for Direct invitations.

### **Direct Invitation**

World Para Swimming reserves the right to directly invite athletes under the following criteria:

- To enable the greater representation by nation;
- To ensure events featured on the programme have sufficient representation for viability;
- To enable greater representation by gender;
- To ensure the further representation of athletes with high support needs
- To ensure top athletes that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify due to extraordinary circumstances.

To be considered for a direct invite slot, an athlete must hold an IPC Athlete License for the 2019 season. At discretion of World Para Swimming the swimmer’s eligibility criteria of being classified with a “Review” (R) or “Confirmed” (C) sport class status may be waived to allow an athlete with a “New” (N) sport class status to compete if it is due to any of the above Direct Invitation criteria.

### **Competition Format**

The 2020 World Para Swimming European Open Championships will be conducted by the Single Class competition format. Only events that meet the Event Viability Criteria outlined below after the Entry by Name will be included in the Final Event Programme. Sport classes without a viable event will be able to “swim up” to the nearest single class event included in the Programme. These sport classes will be considered Eligible Classes for the respective single class event, and medals will be not allocated separately for these Eligible Classes.

### **Event Viability Criteria**

Individual events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of six (6) eligible swimmers from three (3) NPCs entered through the Entry by Name. For classes S1-2 five (5) eligible athletes from two (2) NPCs through Entry by Name is required.

Relay events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of five (5) eligible NPCs entered through the Entry by Name.

## **Maximum Entry per NPC**

NPCs can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible swimmers per medal event if all have met the MQS. If there is more than one eligible class in the single sport class event, a maximum of five (5) swimmers per event can be entered per each NPC. However, only a maximum of three (3) swimmers per each eligible sport class can be entered if all met the MQS.

NPCs can enter their athletes that have met at least one (1) MQS in an unlimited number of events.

## **Results**

Results from heats and finals will be distributed considering all achievements (regardless of the athlete being from European or non-European NPC), but the start list for finals of each event shall include min. 3 athletes from European NPCs (where available).

## **Medals**

There will be two sets of medals.

The Championships medals will be awarded to the first three (3) European athletes/teams finishing the event (regardless of the sport class) and presented during a Victory Ceremony.

In the exceptional cases where there are not 3 Europeans in the finals (due to lack of sufficient European entries) the 'minus one rule' will be implemented:

- If there is only 1 European in the finals – no medal will be awarded
- If there are only 2 European entries in finals, then only a gold medal would be awarded. To clarify, if one of those 2 in final then gets disqualified, there is still 1 medal awarded as both athletes concluded the race. However, if there is e.g. a medical withdrawal from one of the 2 European athletes, and the race is concluded by 1 European swimmer only, then no medal will be awarded.
- If there are 3 Europeans in the finals all 3 medals are presented. To clarify, if one of those 3 in final then gets disqualified, there are still 3 medals awarded as all three athletes concluded the race. However, if there is e.g. a medical withdrawal from one of the 3 European athletes, and the race is concluded by 2 European swimmers only, then only a gold medal will be awarded.

Additionally, there will be a second complete set of Open medals also available to all competing athletes (includes those from non-European countries) finishing in an overall medal position.

Please find an example for such case:

E.g. Placings from finals:

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|--------|--------|
| 1. AUS | 5. DEN |
| 2. NED | 6. GER |
| 3. CAN | 7. CHN |
| 4. USA | 8. VEN |

In this case the following Championship medals will be awarded on the victory podium:

- gold: NED
- silver: DEN
- bronze: GER

Additionally, the following Open medals will be awarded:

- gold: AUS
- silver: NED
- bronze: CAN

## **Swimwear**

Regulations outlined in the <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules-and-regulations> January 2018 will apply; swimwear (caps, goggles and swimsuits) must be from the approved list.

## **Advertising**

Regulations outlined in <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules-and-regulations> Advertising Guidelines 2018 will apply. World Para Swimming might identify the sponsor to be put on a certain side of the caps and in this case communicate this to the NPCs latest by 21 February 2020.

## **Competition Fee**

The Competition Fee covers Championships services for 12 May – 25 May 2020 (from official arrival to departure date).

The Competition Fee for the 2020 World Para Swimming European Open Championships is 500 EUR per Team Member.

For any arrangements outside of the above period is to be dealt with directly by the LOC.

## **Insurance**

All Team Members are obliged to have their own travel and medical insurance for the duration of the Championships. Organisers will provide only basic medical services in the official venues of the Championships.

## **Financial Regulations**

The Competition Fee is to be paid to World Para Swimming by 17 March 2020 in accordance to the invoice that can be downloaded from the on-line entry system following the Entry by Number submission.

Following the deadline of Entry by Number (27 March 2020) there will be no reimbursement for any team members withdrawn, except for athletes entered into a non-viable event or due to a recent, World Para Swimming verified medical cases (in this case official medical documents are required).

Should there be any additional team members added following the Entry by Number (max. 15% increase of NPC delegation entered with the Entry by Number is allowed) please contact the office. In this case a second invoice will be sent to NPC to be paid no later than 15 April 2020.

## **Championships website**

[To be published in the coming months](#)

## **Qualification for Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games**

The competition will be a qualification opportunity for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games. It will be the last classification opportunity before the classification deadline of 01 June 2020 for athletes going to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games to be classified.

We hope the above information clarifies the competition regulations to be applied for the 2020 World Para Swimming European Open Championships and we wish you good luck for your team!

Should you have any question please contact the office ([info@worldparaswimming.org](mailto:info@worldparaswimming.org)) at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,  
World Para Swimming

## 2020 World Para Swimming European Open Championships MQS

### Qualification Period

01 January 2019 – 28 March 2020

Events	Class	Men	Women
		MQS	MQS
50m Freestyle	S3	01:50.92	N/A
	S4	00:54.95	01:54.03
	S5	00:42.85	01:29.30
	S6	00:37.16	00:49.30
	S7	00:34.22	00:45.33
	S8	00:30.37	00:39.29
	S9	00:27.19	00:34.15
	S10	00:26.73	00:31.90
	S11	00:34.91	00:45.46
	S12	00:35.95	00:38.98
	S13	00:28.05	00:35.12
100m Freestyle	S3	N/A	03:03.68
	S4	02:32.81	03:43.12
	S5	01:32.33	03:14.30
	S6	01:21.02	01:43.10
	S7	01:16.44	01:35.74
	S8	01:06.94	01:26.18
	S9	00:59.86	01:13.02
	S10	00:57.92	01:09.36
	S11	01:14.72	01:42.15
	S12	01:04.41	01:31.26
	S13	01:01.29	01:21.15
200m Freestyle	S2	06:57.64	N/A
	S3	07:29.61	N/A
	S4	05:29.66	N/A
	S5	03:40.86	06:00.55
	S14	02:05.65	02:33.54
	S6	07:03.28	07:26.12
	S7	06:19.11	08:53.54



400m Freestyle	S8	07:47.72	07:37.80
	S9	04:46.31	05:47.31
	S10	05:03.38	05:30.41
	S11	05:47.72	06:55.24
	S13	05:18.31	05:29.10
50m Backstroke	S1	01:22.01	N/A
	S2	01:42.28	01:52.63
	S3	02:25.18	01:52.67
	S4	01:07.82	01:44.37
	S5	00:50.96	01:26.74
100m Backstroke	S1	02:56.25	N/A
	S2	3:37.43	03:59.51
	S6	01:37.63	02:21.95
	S7	01:41.08	02:19.69
	S8	01:26.42	01:45.28
	S9	01:10.42	01:26.21
	S10	01:11.06	01:26.41
	S11	01:41.02	01:43.56
	S12	01:43.77	01:45.72
	S13	01:21.82	01:29.58
	S14	01:07.98	01:24.56
50m Breaststroke	SB2	02:57.81	N/A
	SB3	01:34.32	01:29.42
100m Breaststroke	SB4	02:59.83	04:16.76
	SB5	02:05.13	02:51.92
	SB6	02:03.44	02:19.30
	SB7	01:53.69	03:11.53
	SB8	01:27.03	01:48.93
	SB9	01:19.26	01:34.34
	SB11	01:37.02	01:56.11
	SB12	01:31.97	02:03.15
	SB13	01:29.62	01:46.63
	SB14	01:16.27	01:36.36
50m Butterfly	S5	00:58.37	01:50.72
	S6	00:52.26	01:06.60
	S7	00:47.49	01:08.56

100m Butterfly	S8	01:40.97	02:05.94
	S9	01:07.57	1:32.15
	S10	01:08.61	1:31.85
	S11	01:35.46	N/A
	S12	01:27.97	N/A
	S13	01:27.83	1:28:00
	S14	01:04.98	01:25.94
150m Individual Medley	SM3	04:54.32	N/A
	SM4	04:08.91	04:55.57
200m Individual Medley	SM5	N/A	07:12.92
	SM6	03:52.59	04:19.26
	SM7	04:16.87	04:23.23
	SM8	03:04.23	04:04.41
	SM9	02:32.50	03:02.09
	SM10	02:35.35	02:59.74
	SM11	03:31.04	03:52.82
	SM13	02:49.04	03:04.55
	SM14	02:22.97	02:57.43

Relays*			
4x100m Freestyle	34 points	\	\
4x100m Medley	34 points	\	\
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	S14	\	
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	49 points (VI)	\	
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle	20 points	\	
Mixed 4x50m Medley	20 points	\	