



2022 Cairo Open International Para Swimming Championship

Competition Invitation Package



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1. General Information

1.1. IPC Membership

The Organizing Committee will only accept entries submitted by the NPC / NF in good standing with the IPC. Furthermore, only those entries submitted by the NPC President, Secretary General, or authorized person will be processed. For further information on the IPC's membership policies or to address general membership issues, please contact the World Para swimming office: info@WorldParswimming.org

1.2. World Para swimming Rules and Regulations

The most current World Para swimming Rules and Regulations published on the website.

1.3. Anti-Doping

The Anti-Doping control / processes will be carried out By EGY NADO and in full accordance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code and the IPC Doping Control Agreement, further details can be found on the WPS website: www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules-and-regulations/anti-doping

1.4. Classification

PI classification will be offered at this event. - The [World Para swimming Classification Rules and Regulations \(August 2022\)](#) published on the WPS website will apply for this competition. All athletes who have a designated sport class status of **New, Review, Review 2022** or earlier will be eligible to undergo International Classification prior to the start of the competition. A detailed classification schedule for Physical impairment will follow after the revision of the final entries by World para swimming.

1.5. Medical services

The LOC will ensure the implementation of all necessary and appropriate on-site medical, emergency ambulance, first aid, and physiotherapeutic services throughout the Championships.

For medical treatment, no medical insurances will be provided to any participant during the Championships.



2. Championships Information

2.1. Championships Dates

The dates for the 2022 Cairo Open Championships are as follows:

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| Teams Arrival | 22 nd November |
| International Classification | 23 rd , 24 th and 25 th November |
| Technical Meeting | 25 th November |
| Opening Ceremony & competition dates | 26 th 27 th -28 th & 29 th November |
| Teams Departures | 30 th November |

2.2. Preliminary Program

The Provisional timetable and events program will be provided after the final entries by name deadline. The competition schedule will remain subject to change until the close of the technical meeting.

2.3. Number of entries per event per NPC

2.3.1. Individual Event

In accordance with the most current World Para swimming Technical Rules and Regulations published upon the World para swimming website <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules>

2.3.2. Team Events (Gender and Mixed)

In accordance with the most current World Para swimming Technical Rules and Regulations published upon the website.

2.4. Event viability

- 1- Competition will be conducted by the Single Class competition format.
- 2- Events that will not meet the Event Viability Criteria outlined below after the Entry by Name will be combined with the nearest single class event and will be included in the Final Event Programme.
- 3- For those combined events, the athletes have to achieve the MQS/MET times for their respective classes and medals will be awarded for each single class



- 4- Individual events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of (4) eligible swimmers
- 5- For classes S1-2 and S11 (4) eligible
- 6- In the exceptional cases where there are not 4 eligible swimmers, the events will be combined with the nearest single class

2.5. Entries and Registration Process

In order for athlete entries to be accepted, they must meet the following criteria and deadlines:

2.5.1. Athlete Eligibility

- Be full registered on the IPC Sport Management System (SDMS) with the correct documentation (IPC Eligibility Form and Medical Diagnostic Form) completed fully, signed, and uploaded to the athlete profile;
- Hold an active world para swimming license for the 2022 Season;
- Be a minimum of 12 year of age on the first day of competition ;
- Have an international classification status of New, confirmed (C) , Review (R), or Fixed Date review (FDR)

NOTE: There is no required Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS) to enter the 2022 Cairo international Open Championships.

2.5.2. Entries and Registration Process

All competition entries must be completed via the IPC Online entry system at www.paralympic.org/sdms by the entry deadlines displayed below. Visa invitations, accommodation applications, accreditation applications, and travel information must be submitted by no later than the deadlines published below.

All Entry Deadline 20th October 2022

2.5.3. Declaration of Participation

By completing and submitting sport entries, NPCs are considered to have officially declared the participation of their athletes in the specified events/categories.

2.5.4. Final Entry Process

All final entries must be completed by **20th October 2022**. Please note that after this deadline no changes to the final entries and or final team delegation be accepted unless under exceptional circumstances. Additionally no classification requests will be accepted after this deadline.



2.5.5. Online Entry System and registration process

The competition and registration process and timelines are outlined below. Athlete entries will only be accepted via the IPC Online Entry System within the published entry deadlines

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| Entry by Name opens | 1st October 2022 |
| Final Deadline to return Visa invitation letter application: | 30th October 2022 |
| Accreditation System Opens | 10th October 2022 |
| Final Online Entry by Name deadline: | 20th October 2022 |
| Final Deadline to Return: | 30th October 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation Application• Travel Information• Complete Online Accreditation Application | |
| Full Accommodation Payment Deadline | 10th November 2022 |

***Accommodations will not be reserved by the LOC until full payment is received**

2.6. Results

Only results of athletes who have active license for the 2022 Season within the given timelines for results recognition and have a sport class status of Review, Review 2023 or later or confirmed will be taken into consideration for rankings. New or Review 2022 athletes' results will go into the annual best performance

Swimmers with a status New, that are not being classified at the competition, can compete in the heats only and may not proceed to finals.

No hard copy (printing) results per NPC will be distributed as it will be able to download

After the close of the competition the official competition results book(s) will be compiled and it will be circulated to all participants .

2.8. Records

It will be permitted for athletes to break records in accordance with the most current world para swimming Technical Rules and Regulations.

3.COVID-19

Egypt Paralympic Committee is working closely with the Egyptian government and our main goal is to make a safe and enjoyable competition. Egyptian government guidance will lead our planning to ensure a Covid secure event.



In order to make the event as safe as possible for every attendee we will require the complete support and cooperation of all teams. This may include Covid Testing in your respective country within 48 hours of departure, at the cost of the NPC. And additional 2 Covid Testing in Cairo covered by the team Test on arrival and PCR test on day 3, social distancing, use of face coverings and any other elements of the Event Covid Plan that the LOC puts in place.

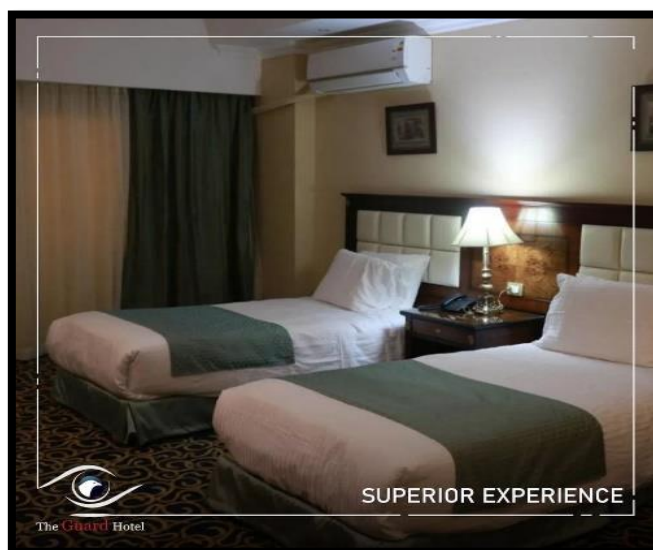
all additional PCR test will be covered by the respective NPC and will take place at the hotel.

4. Accommodation

The Guard Hotel is the official hotel of all athletes and team officials during the Championships.

The hotel offers accommodation in wheelchair friendly single and twin rooms. Training & competition will take place at hotel a 10 KM





Hotel The Guard

Hotel name: Hotel the Guard

- Address: 39MH+8RX, Sheraton Al Matar, El Nozha, Cairo Governorate 4472111
- Cairo, Egypt

4.1. Type and cost of the room:

- **Single Room 120 USA \$** per person per night including 3 meals buffet style with water or juice per day (1 bed)
- **Twin Room 200 USA \$** (100 USA \$ per person) per night including 3 meals style buffet with water or juice per day (2 beds)



4.2. Check-in / Out Times:

The check-in time at the official hotel is from 15:00 and the check-out time is until 12:00. Teams who arrive before midnight when their check-in is the following day will have to pay for an extra night.

Teams will get their meals according to the below:

- First Meal – Dinner on day of Arrival
- Last Meal – Breakfast on day of Departure

Teams that arrange and pay the accommodation fee for early check-in and/or a late check-out will have access to meals provided at the host hotel during the scheduled dining times.

4.3. Payment procedures

All payment must be completed via bank transfer or paid online via credit card by no later than **10th November 2022** to the account detailed below. Please note that cash payments will not be accepted. Should you have any enquiries concerning your Championships participation invoice and or payment please contact the info@egyptparalympic.org

Please transfer the full accommodation invoice amount without any deduction to the follow bank account and identify your payment by stated the invoice number in the reference field. Please note that the payers to bear all bank charges to ensure that the EPC received the completed amount. The invoice will not be considered as settled if the EPC received less than the complete amount. Please note that incomplete payments will result in all athletes from your delegation being ineligible to compete. NO reimbursements will be granted after the final payment is made.

Please note that room bookings will only be reserved and allocated to teams when the accommodation payment has been received in full.

If accommodation is requested after the final payment deadline, please note that availability in the official hotel cannot be guaranteed, and the prices may differ.

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| Beneficiary Bank Name: | Egypt Paralympic Committee |
| Bank Name: | National Bank of Egypt |
| Bank Code: | NBE |
| Beneficiary Account Number: | 1573060433087100027 |
| Swift-Code: | NBEGEGCX157 |



IBAN:

EG79000301573060 4330871000270

Any extra charges and/or fee that may apply to booked rooms other than accommodation (such as laundry, room service, long-distance call, minibar) are each NPC's responsibility. Any damage to the room and the hotel fixtures, fittings, and furnishings will be the responsibility of the NPC and will be charged accordingly.

4.4. Cancellation Policy

- **Full payment due by 10th November 2022**
- **Cancellation: Full payment refunded before 5th November 2022**
- **No payment refunded on or after 5th November 2022** (For cancellation participation, changes of dates, decrease of nights and / or number of reserved rooms - except athlete injury). If cancellation is due athlete injury a completed Medical Withdrawal form must be submitted to the LOC and world para swimming.

In case of a team member tests positive to Covid-19 prior travel:

- Proof of a positive Covid-19 test in English must be provided for each individual who cannot travel
- In case of a country official travel ban related to Covid-19 prior travel:
 - Proof must be provided to the LOC before the start of the event

5. Transportation

Transportation will be provided free of charge to all athletes and team officials from/to the official competition airport, **Cairo International Airport** to the official hotel on the official arrival and departure days and from accommodation hotel to the competition venues .

Teams will be greeted by an LOC volunteer to help ensure they are delivered to the host hotel in a timely and safe manner. The distance between Cairo international Airport and the competition hotel is 17 km. Driving by bus or car needs 20 minutes.

The competition and training venue is in 10 Km from the hotel.

6. VISA

For those delegation members who require visas to enter Egypt please visit the <https://www.egyptonlinevisa.com/travel-restrictions/> to determine what type of visa is required. All NPC's that require a visa must complete the Visa Form and provide a passport copy of each individual delegation member and submit it to the LOC via the Competition Portal.



The LOC will provide you with a formal invitation letter together with the list of your delegation to take to your visa's appointment. Please be reminded that it is important you arrange all necessary visas well in advance of the respective deadlines.

6.1. Requirement of Vaccination of Travel to Egypt

passengers are no longer required to take a COVID-19 test to fly to Egypt. Egypt's **COVID-19 entry restrictions were lifted** on June 17, 2022. Previously, travelers who did not have a valid vaccination certificate needed to take a COVID-19 PCR or antigen test before flying.

Entry rules are now the same for vaccinated and unvaccinated international travelers.

COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate to Travel to Egypt

Passengers no longer need to show proof of full vaccination to travel to Egypt. A vaccination certificate for COVID-19 is not a mandatory document to enter Egypt.

Before the rules were changed on June 17, 2022, passengers with a valid vaccination certificate were exempt from testing requirements. The rules are now the same, regardless of vaccination status.

The approved COVID-19 vaccines to travel to Egypt were:

- AstraZeneca
 - Janssen
 - Moderna
 - Pfizer-BioNTech
 - Sinopharm
 - Sinovac
 - Sputnik V
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Travelers arriving from countries of variant concern may be subject to a COVID-19 test on arrival in Egypt, even if fully vaccinated.

There are no special COVID-19 vaccine rules for children.

About Cairo

About Cairo

A city founded on the Nile with an ancient charm

Cairo the City of a Thousand Minarets" is the capital of Egypt and the largest city in Africa, with a name that means "the victorious city."

Cairo, an exotic and fascinating city with a very ancient history, extends along the Nile River, in the north

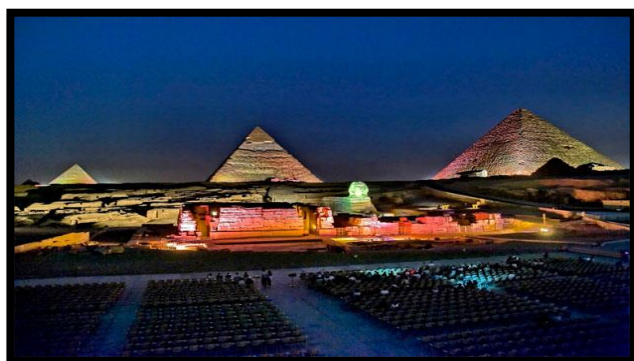


of Egypt, at the point where the river abandons its natural course in the desert and divides into the three branches that form the region of the Delta and serving as the capital of numerous Egyptian kingdoms

Cairo, Egypt's sprawling At its heart is Tahrir Square and the vast Egyptian Museum, a trove of antiquities including royal mummies and gilded King Tutankhamun artifacts. Nearby, Giza is the site of the iconic pyramids and Great Sphinx, dating to the 26th century BC. In Gezira Island's leafy Zamalek district, 187m Cairo Tower affords panoramic city views

There's no other city in the world where modern architecture is topped by such a magnificent 6,000-year-old complex of royal pyramids, temples and causeways. Any trip to the Egyptian capital must start with these majestic creations.

They go from Menakaure, the smallest pyramid, through to Pyramid of Khafre, the second largest, to the Great Pyramid of Giza, commissioned by the pharaoh Khufu.





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