



Committee Summary Report

Para Development Committee

May – September 2026

Terms of Reference for the Competitions Committee can be found [here](#).

Committee Members

Chair	Savannah King (Swim BC)
Acting Members	Alexx Greenfield (UVPCS) Jy Lawrence (PSW) Naomi Antler (KISU)
Swim BC Representative	Carrie Matheson

Committee Meeting Dates

May 25, 2026
August 10, 2026
September 21, 2026

Implemented Actions

1) Ken Demchuk International Support

- a. Swim BC secured a Canadian Paralympic Committee grant to support Team BC participation at the Ken Demchuk International.
- b. A tiered funding model was developed to accommodate eligible athletes while recognizing different levels of available support.
 - Athlete and coach selections were reviewed and communicated.

2) Para Inclusion at North & Interior Divisionals

- a. North & Interior Divisionals (NID) was identified as the preferred competition for para inclusion, creating a stronger racing opportunity for all para-athletes while using available schedule capacity of the smallest Divisionals
 - The proposed schedule focuses on one para event per day, targeting one SB, one SM, and one S race.
- b. A Level 2 Classification has been requested for the day preceding NID to facilitate para-athletes moving along the pathway.

3) Athlete Support and Pathway Inclusion

- a. The committee continues to explore ways to strengthen recognition and support for para-athletes across Swim BC programs.



- Pacific Peaks Pathway inclusion for AAP-carded para-athletes was updated with recognition and smaller pathway benefits included, even where LA28 funding is not available.
- Swim BC is exploring how RaceTek analysis could be adapted to better support para-athletes and provide useful technical and tactical racing feedback.

Ongoing and Upcoming Discussions

1. International Travel Support

- a. Updates to the World Para Swimming regulations require athletes to compete in up to 3 para world series events between September 1, 2026, and June 30, 2028, to be eligible for the LA 2028 Paralympics.
 - A Para-athlete funding opportunity outside of the Swim BC LA28 funding, as well as camps and initiatives supported by Swimming Canada, remains under development to provide support for the extensive additional costs of travel.

2. Para Development Camp

- a. The committee supports reintroducing a standalone para development camp that can include athletes across development levels and provide leadership opportunities for senior athletes.
 - With classification being planned alongside Divisionals, May was identified as the preferred target month for a separate development camp.

3. Understanding Barriers to Para Inclusion

- a. The committee continues to consider barriers to para participation and inclusion, including logistical, educational, and club-support factors.
 - Improved club education and support, competition opportunities, and camp opportunities remain core committee priorities.