



## Para-Swimming Bulletin

**TO: All Provincial Sections, SNC Clubs and Coaches**

**FROM: Craig McCord, National Coach**

**Date: January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**RE: IPC Competition Approval Process and Paralympic Team Slot Qualification**

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Greetings to all

As we move towards the 2010 IPC Swimming Worlds Championships (50m) and the 2012 Paralympic Games, it is important that we ensure that all of our swimmers LC Times make into the World Rankings. With the times in the Worlds Rankings, we can ensure our swimmers are entered with their fastest times at Worlds and in London and also ensure that we optimize our Paralympic Team size through the World Ranking Process of Paralympic Games Qualification Process.

The qualifying periods of note are as follows:

- ❖ 2010 LC Worlds                      January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010
- ❖ 2012 Paralympic Games            August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

IPC Swimming will only allow entry times done at IPC Approved Competitions during the qualification period can be used as entry times for Worlds and Paralympic Games. This means that if the meet is approved and times are not submitted, then the times will not be able to be used.

Please be aware of the following procedural changes to those that are currently in use or may have changed since SNC has last updated you:

1. Competition Approval must be submitted to IPC Swimming 45 days prior to the first day of competition.
2. Competition Approval Forms must be signed by both the LOC Meet Manager and Swimming/Natation Canada prior to being submitted to IPC Swimming
3. Minimum water depth of 1.35m at the start end is required, no exceptions.
4. The most current pool survey form must be submitted with all documents to SNC.
5. Individual events must be swum as male and female events (as per the new FINA rule)
6. All information provided to IPC Swimming must be translated into English.

In order to simplify the process SNC is making the following recommendations:

- ❖ Only LC competitions where Para-swimmers are competing need to apply for competition approval.
- ❖ It is recommended that Meet organizers who have Para-swimmers in their region, check with the coaches of Para-swimmers to see if they will be attending the competition.
- ❖ It is recommended that all coaches of Para-swimmers as a courtesy to the host club notify the host club that they will be bringing Para-swimmers to the meet a minimum of 75 days prior to the first day of the meet.



- ❖ It is recommended that the PSO's ensure that all Provincial LC Championship meets attain competition approval.
- ❖ Meet packages must include the line that, "The Para-swimming events shall be governed by the most current IPC Swimming Rules"

The procedure for IPC Swimming Competition Approval Applications shall be as follows:

1. 65 days out of the meet or earlier, the LOC begins the process by submitting a copy of the meet package and pool survey (if available) with the completed (signed by Meet Manager) IPC Competition Approval Application to the Para-swimming National Coach via email ([cmccord@swimming.ca](mailto:cmccord@swimming.ca)) for review and edits.
2. Once reviewed and edits are complete, package is sent back to LOC for approval.
3. Once edits are approved by LOC or if there were not edits, SNC will sign application form and submit it to IPC Swimming for approval. SNC will copy the meet manager on the email to IPC Swimming.
4. Should IPC Swimming require additional information on the application, they will be in touch with the LOC and Meet Manager. Should the Meet Manager need assistance with the IPC questions, please be in touch with the National Coach at [cmccord@swimming.ca](mailto:cmccord@swimming.ca) or call at 778-8377328.
5. IPC Swimming will notify the LOC and SNC when competition approval has been granted.
6. Once IPC Approval is granted, SNC will invoice the LOC for the equivalent of the 50 Euros Sanction Fee.

Post meet requirements for the LOC are as follows:

- ❖ **Results** containing the necessary information in the proper formats must reach the IPC Swimming office no later than **15 days** after the competition concludes.
- ❖ Failure to provide the above information in the required time frame may result in future approvals being withheld

Please review the 2010 Competition Approval Guidelines and the sample Competition Approval Application form. Should you have any questions, please get in touch with Craig McCord at [cmccord@swimming.ca](mailto:cmccord@swimming.ca) or call 778-837-7328.