

**Guidelines for Home Nations hosting National, Regional, District and County level competitions - 2017/18**

**Para-Swimming Conditions & Entry Standards**

The general conditions below are guidelines that can be applied to Multi-Classification Swimming events:

**The Events**

Event	Male	Female	IPC recognised events
50m Freestyle	S1-S14	S1-S14	S1-S13
100m Freestyle	S1-S14	S1-S14	S1-S13
200m Freestyle	S1-S5 & S14	S1-S5 & S14	S1-S5 & S14
400m Freestyle	S6-S14	S6-S14	S6-S13
50m Backstroke	S1-S5	S1-S5	S1-S5
100m Backstroke	S1,S2 & S6-S14	S1,S2 & S6-S14	S1,S2 & S6-S14
50m Breaststroke	SB1-SB3	SB1-SB3	SB1-SB3
100m Breaststroke	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14	SB4-SB9, SB11-	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14
50m Butterfly	S1-S7	S1-S7	S1-S7
100m Butterfly	S8-S14	S8-S14	S8-S13
150m Individual Medley	SM1-SM4	SM1-SM4	SM1-SM4
200m Individual Medley	SM5-SM14	SM5-SM14	SM5-SM14

**Event Guidelines**

- A full MC programme offer as above is advised, with a strong preference for the provision of Heats and Finals. Heats may be integrated into able bodied events.
- All competitors must have an authorised IPC Swimming, British Swimming, INAS-FID or British Blind Sport classification, which is held on the British Swimming or IPC Swimming classification database at the time of entry.
- All competitors must be registered as members of a swimming club affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) Scottish ASA (SASA) or Welsh ASA (WASA) at the time of entry.
- Minimum age to be 11 years old as at 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.
- Suggested that qualifying period is 12 months preceding the event closing date.
- Consideration times as per British Para-Swimming consideration time guidelines. These can be achieved in Long Course or Short course competitions.
- In some cases times from time trials may be used for entry purposes at the discretion of event organizer.
- All events should be swum as separate Male and Female, however all classes of swimmers will swim together (Multi-Classification).
- Finalists shall be determined by the top-British Para-Swimming (BPS) points scorers from the heats according to the competitors classification, the stroke and the distance (top x swimmers BPS points based on the number of lanes available).
- There will be the appropriate number of heats (dependent upon entries) and a final for each event where required (no semi-finals or B finals will be held).
- Consideration may be given to limiting the number of athletes progressing from heats to finals

in each classification, to allow progression across a range classifications and you may limit it to those events recognised by IPC Swimming as shown above.

- We recommend where possible that heats be integrated with the able-bodied events, with progression to a separate final as indicated above. In the instance whereby an MC swimmer qualifies for an able bodied final the MC swimmer should be allowed to compete in the AB final only, but will be eligible for an MC medal as calculated by the British Para-Swimming points.
- In the event of a dead heat of equal points which results in the number of finalists exceeding ten a swim-off shall take place to determine which of those swimmers shall go forward to the final.

### **Accreditation**

- All coaches and personal care attendants must have accreditation. Personal care attendants will only be permitted for swimmers where assistance is permitted on their code of exceptions. Such attendants will be excluded from any restrictions and will be given the same accreditation as the swimmer for whom they have personal care responsibilities.
- A swimmer who has assistance as specified above may have both a coach and a personal care attendant present. The personal care attendant accreditation will be free of charge.

### **Medals**

- Medals should be awarded on a multi-class basis to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each event. Medals shall be awarded to the top three BDP scorers in each event. If there are less than four competitors in any one event then a minus one ruling shall apply. If there is only one competitor in an event then a medal shall be awarded if he/she breaks the British/ Home Nation record, for their classification. Medals shall be awarded during the relevant session that the event has taken place. All swimmers shall be required to present themselves to the awards steward when notified.