



To: NPCs Participating in 2010  
IPC Swimming World Championships

Bonn, 18 December 2009

**Re: Participation Criteria and Deadlines for the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships (50m)**

Dear NPC Representatives,

Following the 2009 European (50m) and World Championships (25m), IPC Swimming would like to provide information related to the Participation Criteria and Deadlines for 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships (50m) to be held in Eindhoven, The Netherlands on 15-21 August 2010.

**Swimmers Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection by an NPC for the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships (50m) swimmers must:

- hold an active IPC Swimming license for the 2010 Season,
- have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at an IPC Swimming Recognised Competition (50m) for the respective event between the 1 January 2009 and 1 July 2010; and
- be internationally classified with a "Review" (R) or "Confirmed" (C) sport class status before 02 July 2010.

*Note: the MQS criteria have been determined based on the top 16 performances of the official world ranking list (December 2009. For those events that didn't have 16 performances on the official world ranking an MQS lower than the latest performance in the ranking has been adopted to ensure the possibility of raising the number of swimmers competing in the event.*



## Entry Deadlines

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| 1 | NPC Delegation Calculation Form  | 05 February |
| 2 | Entry by Number per Event (NPCs will be invoiced based on the number provided in this entry) | 23 April    |
| 3 | Entry by Name (no changes in the entries will be accepted after this date)                   | 02 July     |

## Regulations

- **Competition Format**

The 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships (50m) will be conducted by the Single Sport Class competition format. Only single sport classes' events that meet the Event Viability Criteria outlined below after the Entry by Number will be included in the Final Event Programme. Other sport classes without a viable event will be able to "swim up" to the nearest single Sport Class event included in the Programme. These sports classes will be considered Eligible Classes for the respective single sport class event. Combined events will not be offered.

- **Event Viability Criteria**

Individual events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of five (5) eligible swimmers from two (2) NPCs entered through the Entry by Number.

Relay events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of four (4) eligible NPCs entered through the Entry by Number.

- **Maximum Entry per NPC**

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



- **Medals**

Only one set of medals per event will be awarded with independence of the number of eligible classes included in the single sport class event.

In the case that exceptionally an event is only finalised by three (3) or fewer swimmers medals will be awarded following the “minus one rule”.

**Competition Fee**

The Competition Fee for the 2010 IPC Swimming World Championships (50m) is 605 EUR.

The Competition Fee covers all the Championships services including meals (lunch and dinner) and transport (to/from airport, official Championships hotels to venues) from the 11 to the 21 August 2010 (Official Championships period).

The Competition Fee is to be paid to IPC Swimming by 4 May 2010 in accordance to the invoice that will be sent by IPC Swimming to each NPC following the Entry by Number deadline.

Those NPCs whose athletes compete only in the open water event will be invoiced based on the number of days of their stay during the Official Championships period (55 EUR/day/person). This daily Competition Fee will cover the same Championships services.

Following the Entry deadline by Number (23 April 2010) there will be no reimbursement for any team members withdrawn, with the following exception:

- Athletes that can not be entered due to the non-viability of an event.

We hope the above information clarifies the competition regulations to be applied for this Championships and we wish you good luck for your team!

IPC Swimming