

To: NPCs practicing Swimming

17 September 2010

**Re: London 2012 Paralympic Games list of events and Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS)**

Dear NPC Representatives,

It is our pleasure to present you the 2012 Paralympic Games list of events and MQS, two years before the highest level competition in the Paralympic Movement.

The methodology for selecting the events were announced some months ago, they can be found on the website, and based on these you will find the list of events for the 2012 Paralympic Games programme on the last pages of this document.

We would like to draw your attention to the following matters:

- After careful consideration the women's S1 class has not been allocated an event. This is due to not having enough athletes on the rankings in any of the events.
- The MQS is based on the average result of the 12-14<sup>th</sup> ranked swimmers on the World ranking 2009-2010; when this was not possible due to a low number of swimmers on the ranking, the average of 8-10<sup>th</sup> ranked swimmers was calculated.
- Reaching the MQS does **NOT** mean that a swimmer will be accepted for the Paralympic Games automatically. If the number of swimmers on the World rankings reaching MQS outnumbers the available slots, the process described in the 2012 London Qualification Guide will be implemented to allocate slots to each NPC. It is then the NPC's decision to identify which swimmer(s) will participate in the Games.
- To enhance the depth of competition in the heats at the Paralympic Games, a Minimal Entry Time (MET) is introduced. Swimmers who already received a slot through reaching at least one MQS, can enter other events if MET is reached.  
MET is based on the 20<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> place of the World ranking 2009-2010 depending on the depth of the ranking.



- A decision was also taken to align the male-female ratio to reflect the qualification rankings, and that lead to a conclusion to have 340 male slots and 260 female slots at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

We hope this is helpful for your preparations! Should you have any questions please contact us at [ipcswimming@paralympic.org](mailto:ipcswimming@paralympic.org).

On behalf of the STC,

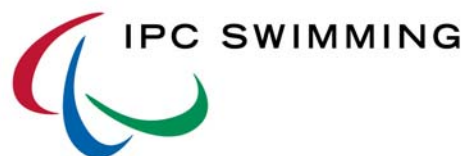
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Jane D. Blaine  
STC Chairperson

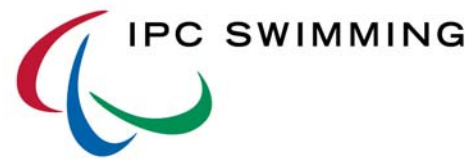


**LONDON 2012 PARALYMPIC GAMES  
MEDAL EVENTS LIST AND MQS**

Events	Class	MQS	MET	MQS	MET
		Men	Men	Women	Women
50m Freestyle	S2	01:21.68	01:31.41	N/A	N/A
	S3	N/A	N/A	01:21.32	01:28.19
	S4	00:46.31	00:55.07	N/A	N/A
	S5	00:40.46	00:44.27	00:46.87	00:51.69
	S6	00:33.92	00:35.45	00:40.28	00:41.71
	S7	00:31.18	00:32.72	00:37.96	00:40.31
	S8	00:28.95	00:29.48	00:34.32	00:37.02
	S9	00:27.11	00:27.53	00:31.17	00:31.90
	S10	00:25.79	00:26.80	00:30.85	00:31.61
	S11	00:28.69	00:29.80	00:36.68	00:41.48
	S12	00:28.08	00:29.69	00:32.50	00:35.69
	S13	00:25.95	00:26.62	00:33.25	00:35.04
	100m Freestyle	S2	02:59.92	03:26.31	N/A
S3		N/A	N/A	02:58.45	03:11.92
S4		01:46.40	02:07.90	N/A	N/A
S5		01:32.57	01:40.93	01:42.06	01:50.46
S6		01:16.34	01:20.44	01:29.08	01:32.44
S7		01:08.97	01:11.75	01:20.90	01:26.75
S8		01:03.85	01:06.06	01:17.44	01:21.70
S9		00:59.84	01:00.47	01:06.87	01:09.27
S10		00:56.54	00:58.97	01:07.01	01:08.22
S11		01:05.73	01:09.29	01:24.99	01:28.11
S12		01:02.32	01:07.86	01:12.89	01:24.28
S13		00:57.50	00:59.49	01:11.31	01:18.52
200m Freestyle		S2	05:37.51	05:39.29	N/A
	S4	04:00.23	04:38.11	N/A	N/A
	S5	03:16.52	03:36.63	03:42.31	04:39.12
	S14	02:10.28	02:13.18	02:42.45	02:52.83
400m Freestyle	S6	06:01.16	06:33.01	06:38.22	07:14.14
	S7	05:34.62	05:54.69	06:02.25	06:22.62
	S8	05:00.61	05:10.71	05:53.82	06:29.98
	S9	04:36.93	04:48.34	05:06.01	05:20.36
	S10	04:28.76	04:38.35	05:04.00	05:15.06
	S11	05:36.02	06:36.50	07:35.09	07:57.84
	S12	05:18.38	05:54.17	06:28.26	06:51.80
	S13	04:36.16	05:01.23	N/A	N/A



<b>50m Backstroke</b>	S1	02:44.64	02:44.64	N/A	N/A
	S2	01:22.85	1:38.17	01:58.63	02:02.53
	S3	01:12.62	01:30.20	N/A	N/A
	S4	00:56.20	01:06.57	01:14.70	01:15.55
	S5	00:48.03	00:50.24	N/A	N/A
<b>100m Backstroke</b>	S6	01:33.84	01:41.37	01:44.66	01:50.19
	S7	01:20.99	01:26.01	01:41.03	01:44.04
	S8	01:14.46	01:16.89	01:30.67	01:41.03
	S9	01:07.83	01:09.68	01:17.62	01:20.68
	S10	01:06.52	01:10.60	01:17.40	01:20.90
	S11	01:18.98	01:23.73	01:40.22	01:46.11
	S12	01:24.38	01:34.90	01:33.90	01:38.59
	S13	01:07.75	01:18.83	N/A	N/A
<b>50m Breaststroke</b>	SB2	01:32.35	01:36.97	N/A	N/A
	SB3	00:59.49	01:05.72	N/A	N/A
<b>100m Breaststroke</b>	SB4	01:59.69	02:03.53	N/A	N/A
	SB5	01:54.11	02:15.56	02:21.83	02:24.77
	SB6	01:37.14	01:44.59	01:57.09	02:06.47
	SB7	01:35.15	01:42.28	02:01.81	02:10.25
	SB8	01:21.22	01:23.85	01:31.69	01:36.25
	SB9	01:14.81	01:19.29	01:28.33	01:31.64
	SB11	01:26.43	01:34.05	01:51.23	01:54.98
	SB12	01:24.68	01:35.82	01:33.11	01:56.10
	SB13	01:19.44	01:26.73	01:47.54	01:52.92
	SB14	01:16.89	01:19.65	01:34.42	01:41.79
<b>50m Butterfly</b>	S5	00:48.24	00:57.76	00:59.34	01:05.28
	S6	00:36.96	00:39.87	00:44.91	00:49.63
	S7	00:35.58	00:37.79	00:43.41	00:51.15
<b>100m Butterfly</b>	S8	01:09.46	01:14.21	01:24.39	01:38.71
	S9	01:04.17	01:06.60	01:14.34	01:17.41
	S10	01:03.23	01:06.30	01:16.69	01:25.97
	S11	01:14.09	01:31.20	N/A	N/A
	S12	01:09.00	01:16.64	01:20,02	1:24.02
	S13	01:06.62	01:17.52	N/A	N/A
<b>150m Individual Medley</b>	SM3	03:53.32	04:55.28	N/A	N/A
	SM4	03:09.78	03:37.46	N/A	N/A
<b>200m Individual Medley</b>	SM5	04:18.65	03:37.46	05:12.67	05:28.30
	SM6	03:18.68	03:31.47	03:39.72	03:56.65
	SM7	02:56.89	03:08.44	03:34.90	04:07.62
	SM8	02:37.61	02:50.89	03:12.78	03:32.03
	SM9	02:27.24	02:32.75	02:46.28	02:53.83



	SM10	02:25.28	02:31.01	02:46.05	02:55.50
	SM11	02:54.68	03:12.58	03:45.08	03:56.33
	SM12	02:50.94	03:13.57	03:08.20	03:23.79
	SM13	02:29.49	02:40.71	02:53.02	02:55.08
<b>Relays *</b>					
4x100 Free	34 points	04:39.97		05:01.34	
4x100 Medley	34 points	04:56.79		05:36.21	

\* Relay teams can only reach MQS by swimming in the respective relay event at IPC Swimming recognized competition.