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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Para Swimming Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardized rules and regulations for all Para Swimming competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy, the ISF General Competition Regulations and World Para Swimming rules.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Para Swimming events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to Para Swimming events in 2024.

1.GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and World Para Swimming (International Olympic Committee) technical rules under the direction of the ISF Technical Commission of Para Swimming. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the ISF Technical Commission.

- The ISF Para Swimming events are open to individuals.
- The competition is categorized as: boys categories, girls categories.

AGE CATEGORY

Year	U18* YEAR OF BIRTH
2024	2006-2007-2008-2009



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2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Deputy Head of Delegation - optional
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Team officials - mandatory
- Additional adults - optional
- Safeguarding officer - optional

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

PARA ATHLETES

- All student-parathletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- All student-parathletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only parathletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

Certification of Classification :

- For parathletes with physical and visual disabilities, the National classification will be applied which must be in accordance with the criteria of the International Paralympic Committee - IPC.
- For parathletes with intellectual impairment, the criteria corresponding to VIRTUSII1 will be applied: An IQ of 75 or less, A significant limitation of adaptive behavior expressed in conceptual, social, and practical adaptive skills, The deficiency must have been diagnosed before the age of 18.
- The National medical diagnostic form must be submitted to the registration system (ERAS) by August 23, 2024

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.



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TEAM OFFICIALS

COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per team.

OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representatives, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

YOUNG REPORTER

Each delegation may bring additional young students who will take the role of a young reporter during the ISF event.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- **Boys and Girls**
 - **Single**



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EVENT	CAT.	GENDER	FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION
50m Freestyle	Under 18	F/M	S1/S2; S3/S4/S5; S6/S7/S8; S9/S10; S11 S12/S13; S14.
50m Backstroke	Under 18	F/M	S1/S2; S3/S4/S5; S6/S7/S8; S9/S10; S11 S12/S13; S14.
50m Breaststroke	Under 18	F/M	S1/S2; S3/S4/S5; S6/S7/S8; S9/S10; S11 S12/S13; S14.
50m Butterfly	Under 18	F/M	S1/S2; S3/S4/S5; S6/S7/S8; S9/S10; S11 S12/S13; S14.
200m Freestyle	Under 18	F/M	S1/S2; S3/S4/S5; S6/S7/S8; S9/S10; S11 S12/S13; S14.
200m Medley	Under 18	F/M	S1/S2; S3/S4/S5; S6/S7/S8; S9/S10; S11 S12/S13; S14.



4. TECHNICAL RULES

RULES

- In accordance with the rules of World Para Swimming and the adaptations described in these Regulations

SYSTEM OF PLAY

- The competition system will take place in accordance with articles 11 to 19 of the Para Swimming specific rules.

SPECIFIC RULES

Art. 1

The Paralympic Swimming competition will be held in accordance with the rules of World Para Swimming and the adaptations described in these Regulations.

Art. 2

It is the responsibility of each participating country to guarantee the functional classification of its student athletes with disabilities, in accordance with the criteria of the International Paralympic Committee - IPC, so as not to compose its delegation in disagreement with the general and specific regulations of ISF Paralympic Swimming.

Art. 3

The ISF may have a team of functional classifiers, recognized by the IPC, who will evaluate each of the participating disabled student athletes on a specific day, verifying the functional classification and establishing eligibility, creating the entity's own register.

Art. 4

Eligible disabilities are:

* Physical disability - S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, S10.

- Impaired muscular power;
- Impaired passive range of movement;
- Ataxia;
- Athetosis;
- Hypertonia;
- Leg length difference;
- Disability/loss of limbs;
- Short.

* Intellectual Disability - S14.

- Class II 1

* Visual Impairment - S11, S12, S13.

- Less than 1/10 for the better eye after correction (two categories: totally blind on one side and visually impaired on the other).



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Art. 5

Only student athletes who are fit will take part in the competitions, competing only in events specific to their functional classifications.

Art. 6

The participation of student athletes in the competition will obey the following age groups, male and female, in 2023:

Born in 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Art. 7

The Paralympic Swimming competition will be held in a 50-meter pool.

Art. 8

The Paralympic Swimming events are as follows.*

Each functional classification group competed in one race, each for male and female.

Art. 9

Delegations may be composed of any quantity of parathletes, as long as they are eligible and registered for at least one event, in accordance with the provisions of article 11 of that Regulation.

Art. 10

The number of coaches will be established as follows:

- From 1 to 3 athletes = 1 coach;
- From 4 to 6 athletes = 2 coaches;
- From 7 to 9 athletes = 3 coaches;
- From 10 to 12 athletes = 4 coaches.

One guide will be allowed for each visually impaired athlete.

Art. 11

Each student-athlete can take part in a maximum of 3 different events.

Art. 12

There is no limit in registration to the number of athletes per country per event per gender and a number of team officials.

Art. 13

The swimming events will be contested by functional classification and the prizes will also be awarded. **ATRT** accordance with the IPC (International Paralympic Committee) regulations.

Art. 15

If we have up to 50 entrants in the whole of Paralympic Swimming, all the athletes will be able to take part in the events they want and not just up to the limit of 3 that is laid down in article 11. However, even if they take part in all the events, they will only score points for their country in those 3 events in which they have previously, in accordance with the regulations, entered. In those other events in which they take part without having registered in advance, they will be considered as unattached. In the same way, if they are up to 50 entrants in all of Paralympic swimming, there will no longer be specific events for each of those 7 functional classification groups. Each event will be contested with the different classes together and the final result will be established by applying the formula provided by World Paralympic Swimming on its website.



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Art. 16

All events will be contested in a direct final, by time, so there will be no final series and they will be contested on the same schedule as the Olympic swimming events (non-disabled student athletes).

Art. 17

In events where there is not a minimum of 4 (four) student athletes per functional classification, they will swim together with those of the class above, until the minimum number defined in this article is completed, also respecting article 13.

Art. 18

After the registration process and confirmation of functional classification at the start of the competition, each student athlete must compete in all the events they have entered. Failure to do so will result in a fine to be paid for non-participation in the event, in amounts to be established by the ISF. If the athlete is injured and cannot compete in any of the confirmed events, they must present themselves to the Competition Medical Delegate, who will assess them and, if necessary, issue a medical certificate attesting to their non-participation in the event in question, and this document must be delivered to the Competition Secretariat by the time of the last call for the competition.

Art. 19

The scoring of the events will follow the same criteria as the Olympic swimming competition (students without disabilities).

Art. 20

Any cases not covered by these Regulations will be resolved by the Swimming Coordination and Technical Management.

5. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Appeals involving results or any matter not concerning discipline will be heard by the Appeal Jury. The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the incident and be submitted in English to the TC. The payment of the amount of 50€ must accompany the appeal and is to be paid to LOC in cash. This payment will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Appeal Jury. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, the payment will be retained by the ISF.

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