IAPS PARA-SWIMMING RACE REGULATIONS

Competitor eligibility

Pupils can only take part in one age group throughout the whole competition. The competition is defined as both qualifying events and the finals.

Competitors ages must be taken from 1 September.

All competitors must attend an IAPS school.

Schools will self-classify the competitor.

Championships regulations

Competitors will compete in categories by class, stroke and gender. This is not a multi-classification category.

Schools will classify their own pupils into a group depending on their impairment (entry criteria below). Whilst we understand that particular areas of disability are vague, we trust that schools will enter competitors appropriately.

Competitors must swim at a qualifying round gala to qualify for the finals.

Competitors will be invited by IAPS to compete at the finals.

Competitors must be classified on the date of the qualifying round.

Finals regulations

Swimmers must be invited by IAPS to swim at the finals.

All para swimmers will compete in one race which will take place at the same time (during the finals of the morning session). This part of the finals is about participation.

The finals format will work as follows:

- Results will be decided by the time swam per class, stroke and gender.
- Times swam will be displayed on the screen.
- The results and winners will not be displayed on the screen.
- Winners will be announced as soon as possible on the day after the race.
- Competitors will not be awarded points.
- Competitors will swim 25m and may swim one of any of the four recognised strokes (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly).

Additional regulations

Swimmers may dive into the pool providing the Team Manager is aware of their capabilities.

IAPS requires the following information in advance of the competition:

- Will they have a carer/helper with them?
- If visually impaired, is a taper required?
- If audially impaired, is a light required?
- Is a hoist required?
- Will any swimmer be using a wheelchair and need extra space on poolside?
- Will you require any additional access support/requirements?