

# BRITISH PARA-SWIMMING INTERNATIONAL WINTER MEET (50m) 2024 CONDITIONS

#### 1. General Conditions

- a. The British Para Swimming Leadership Team reserves full powers over the 'British Para-Swimming International Winter Meet (50m) known as the 'British Meet'. The British Swimming Event Manager (or nominated substitute) will be the Promoters representative at the event. This British Meet is incorporated into the Citi Para Swimming World Series (50m).
- b. The British Meet will be conducted in conjunction with, but under separate conditions to the Citi Para Swimming World Series Meet (referred to as ('World Series Meet').
- c. The Competition shall be held under World Para Swimming (WPS) Rules and Regulations – apart from any variations contained in these conditions.
- d. Should there be any changes and or additional conditions these will be printed in the Entry Pack.
- e. Where WPS Rules do not provide (e.g., Health & Safety Regulations or Child Safeguarding Guidelines) the requirements of Scotland shall apply to events held.
- f. This Meet is a WPS Approved Competition.

# 2. Protests

 a. WPS Rule 10.13 governs the management of Technical Protests. Whilst for this event the WPS procedure contained within will be followed, the fees referred to in rules 10.13.2.4 and 10.13.6.2 shall in both cases by replaced by the protest fee and appeal fee each being £25.

# 3. Eligibility

- a. S1-S10 All British competitors must have an authorised British Swimming classification which is held on the British Swimming database at the time of entry, except for those on the list for classification immediately preceding the competition.
- b. S1-S10 unlicensed International nationally classified athletes must be entered via their NPC.
- c. S11-S13 All competitors must have an authorised British Blind Sport (BBS) or British Swimming National Equivalent located on the British Swimming database at time of entry.



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- d. S11-S13 unlicensed International nationally classified athletes must be entered via their NPC.
- e. S14 All competitors must have an authorised Virtus Classification, which is held on the British Swimming database.
- f. S14 unlicensed International nationally classified athletes must have an authorised Virtus Classification or their national equivalent and must be entered via their NPC.
- g. All competitors must be at least 11 years of age on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.
- h. Non-British Entries must have a classification recognised by their federation.
- i. Results from International Entries National level athletes will not be uploaded onto World Para Swimming rankings or be recognised for Paralympic qualification at Paris 2024.
- j. Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) will not be required for entry into this event.
- k. Competitors who are not WPS licensed must be a registered member, or equivalent of the club in whose name they are entered at the date of entry. That club must be offered by the National Meet main online entry system.
- *I.* The British Para Swimming Associate Performance Director and Head Coach will consider accepting additional event entries from British athletes.



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# 4. The Events

a. The Following events are open for entry by both male and female swimmers and will be swum as separate male and female events:

Freestyle	Backstroke	Breaststroke	Butterfly	Individual Medley
<b>50m</b> S1 – S13	<b>50m</b> S1 – S13	<b>50m</b> SB1 – SB13	<b>50m</b> S1 – S13	<b>150m</b> SM1 – SM4
<b>100m</b> S1 – S14	<b>100m</b> S1 – S14	<b>100m</b> SB1 – SB14	<b>100m</b> S5 – S14	<b>200m</b> SM5 – SM14
<b>200m</b> S1 – S14				
<b>400m</b> S6 – S14				

# 5. Entries

- a. Entry for British competitors will be by means of an 'online' entry system. Competitors will be required to complete the online entry documentation in full and pay the required fee for their entry to be processed. Full instructions are included in the Entry Pack.
- b. Entry for unlicensed International nationally classified competitors will be by means of an excel spreadsheet. NPCs will be required to complete the entry documentation in full for all respective athletes and pay the required fee via invoice. Full instructions are included in the Entry Pack.
- c. All entries shall be received by the National Entries Administrator ("the Administrator").
  - i. All British Meet Entries shall be received no later than 12:00hrs GMT on 12th January 2024.



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- d. Entry Fee
  - i. All entries for the British Meet entries are charged at £20 per event entered
- e. Entry times must be recorded on their National Governing bodies database; or in official meet results from a National Governing Body sanctioned competition held in accordance with WPS Rules.
- f. Split Times, either intermediate distance or first leg of a relay race are not acceptable for entry.
- g. Entries from International National level athletes will only be accepted if submitted via their federation.

# 6. Meet Procedure

- a. All Events will be competed as Multi-Classification (MC) events.
- b. All Events Heats up to 10 lanes will be used.
- c. If seeded to an outside lane visually impaired athletes will be allocated to an inside line.
- d. All Events Finals up to 8 lanes will be used.
- e. All Results will be determined by the highest points score utilising the British Para-Swimming Points (BPSP) system.
- f. In accordance with WPS rule 10.10.1.2.1 for Approved Competitions heats will be held for all events regardless of the number of Athletes entered.

# 7. Heats

- a. Heats will be seeded by entry time.
- b. Heats will be conducted with the British Meet and World Series Meet heats combined within the Heats session.
- c. Lane allocation in all heats will be, slowest entered swimmer in lane 0 (or lowest numbered lane where there are less than 10 lanes occupied) through to fastest entered swimmer in lane 9 or highest numbered occupied lane.

# 8. Finals

- a. British Meet Final
  - i. There will be a British Meet Final for each event.
  - ii. This will be contested by the top 8 points scorers.
  - iii. 2 International, British Meet entries will be able to qualify per Final.



- iv. There will be 2 reserve swimmers for British Finals
- v. In the interests of competition management combined British Meet Finals may be implemented at the discretion of the Meet Director.
- b. Swim Order of Finals
  - i. Finals will be swum in the order of

British Meet Final World Series A Final World Series Youth Final World Series B Final

If necessary, a swim-off may be used to determine swimmers for a final, where point's scores are equal, unless the swimmers are the same class then the fastest swimmer shall progress.

c. Lane allocation in all Finals will be seeded by qualification time each final in accordance with WPS rule 10.10.1.3.1.

#### 9. Withdrawal from Heats

a. Withdrawals for events competed on Day 1 must be made by the end of the Team Leader Meeting. For Days 2, 3 & 4 by 12:00 hours GMT on the day before the event is due to take place.

#### **10. Withdrawal from Finals**

- a. Finalists not wishing to swim, shall notify the Chief Recorder of their intention to withdraw no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last event in the session in which they have qualified for the next round. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.
- b. Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure as detailed in conditions 9 and 10.

#### 11. Call Room

- a. For heats and finals, swimmers must report to the first call-room in accordance with WPS Rules no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published start time of their respective event or final.
- b. Swimmers must report to the competition stewards in the call room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is the swimmer's



responsibility to report on time.

- c. Swimmers must enter the Call Room 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in its confines until lead onto the pool deck for their race.
- d. Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area at any time, with the exception of those swimmers with the relevant classification and exception code allowing Support Staff.

#### 12. Medals

- a. Awards Ceremonies will be combined with the World Series Meet.
- b. Awards will be made to the 3 highest BPSP scoring swimmers across the World Series Final A competed in each Event.
- c. Awards will be made to the 3 highest scoring WPS Youth swimmers across all Finals competed in each Event.
- d. An award will be made to the highest BPSP points scoring GBR Swimmer across all Finals competed in each Event.
- e. An award will be made to the highest BPSP points scoring GBR Junior Swimmer across all Finals competed in each Event.
- f. A GBR Junior Swimmer will be 16 years old or younger (Age at 31st December of competition year).

# **13. Doping Control**

a. Competitors taking part in the Meet may be subject to random doping control. They must ensure that they have their accreditation with them always for identification purposes.

#### 14. Team Leader Meeting

 a. It is a recommended that a representative from all clubs/countries with swimmers entered in this Meet to attend the Team Leader Meeting. Details of the time and location of the meeting will be included in the Confirmation Pack.

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