



Citi Para Swimming World Series

Technical Meeting

Date: 31st January 2024



Introductions



- LOC Meet Director – Barry Saunders
- LOC Event Officer – Isobel Griffiths
- World Para Swimming Competition Coordinator – Xiaoyi Wang
- World Para Swimming Classification Coordinator – Franziska Zenk
- World Para Swimming Technical Delegate – Mark Rieniets
- World Para Swimming Chief Classifier – Jill Gordon

Competition Officials



- Classifier team of:
 - 6 PI Classifiers
 - 2 II Classifiers

- Technical Officials team of:
 - 1 International Technical Official
 - 36 National Technical Officials including 7 WPS Level 3 accredited

Competition Rules and Regulations



- The competition is run under WPS Rules and Regulations June 2023
<https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules>
- Where WPS rules do not provide for it (e.g. health and safety) local event protocols will be implemented.
- WPS Rule 10.13 governs the management of Technical Protests and Appeals. Fines and technical protest fees as per WPS Rules and Regulations. **Only card payments will be accepted.**
- For National Athletes, not competing in the World Series, the Protests and Appeals fee will be £25.00

Citi Para Swimming World Series Rankings



- World Series Points will be calculated using the WPS Points system, further details can be found at: <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/world-series-2024>
- Rankings: after the competition once the result are uploaded, the World Series Performance Scores will be calculated (2 best scores used) and go into the World Series rankings. This can be found at:
<https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rankings>
- Points will only be calculated for swimmers competing in events recognised under rule 10.4.1 of the WPS Rules and Regulations 2023. If athletes swim in more than one World Series Competition, their two best World Series Performance Scores will be added up
- After each World Series event, the updated World Series rankings will be updated on the WPS website <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rankings>

Venue Orientation

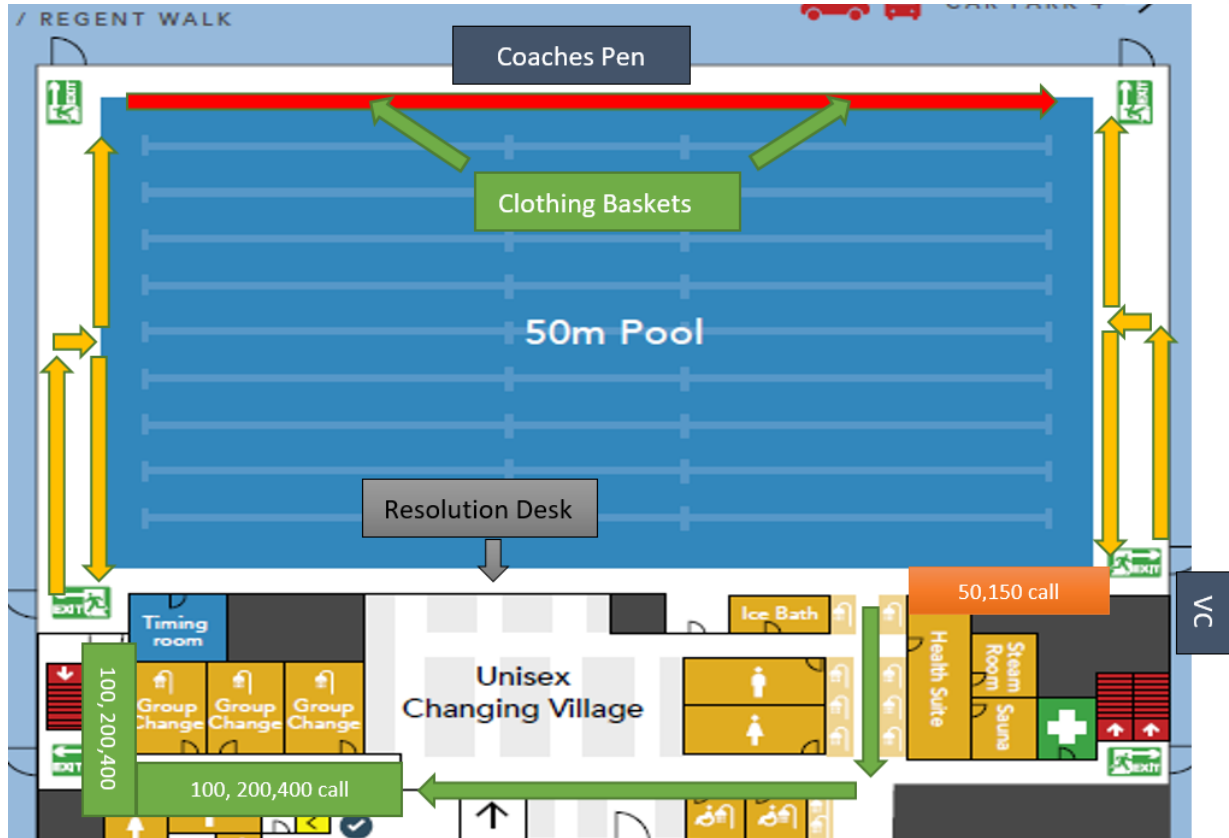


- The following slides identify the key areas of the venue
- Your accreditation will only permit access to areas required for the competition
- Your accreditation is issued on a personal basis and must NOT be swapped around between people
- Lost accreditation must be reported to the Event Officer Isobel Griffiths
- Replacement accreditation will cost £10

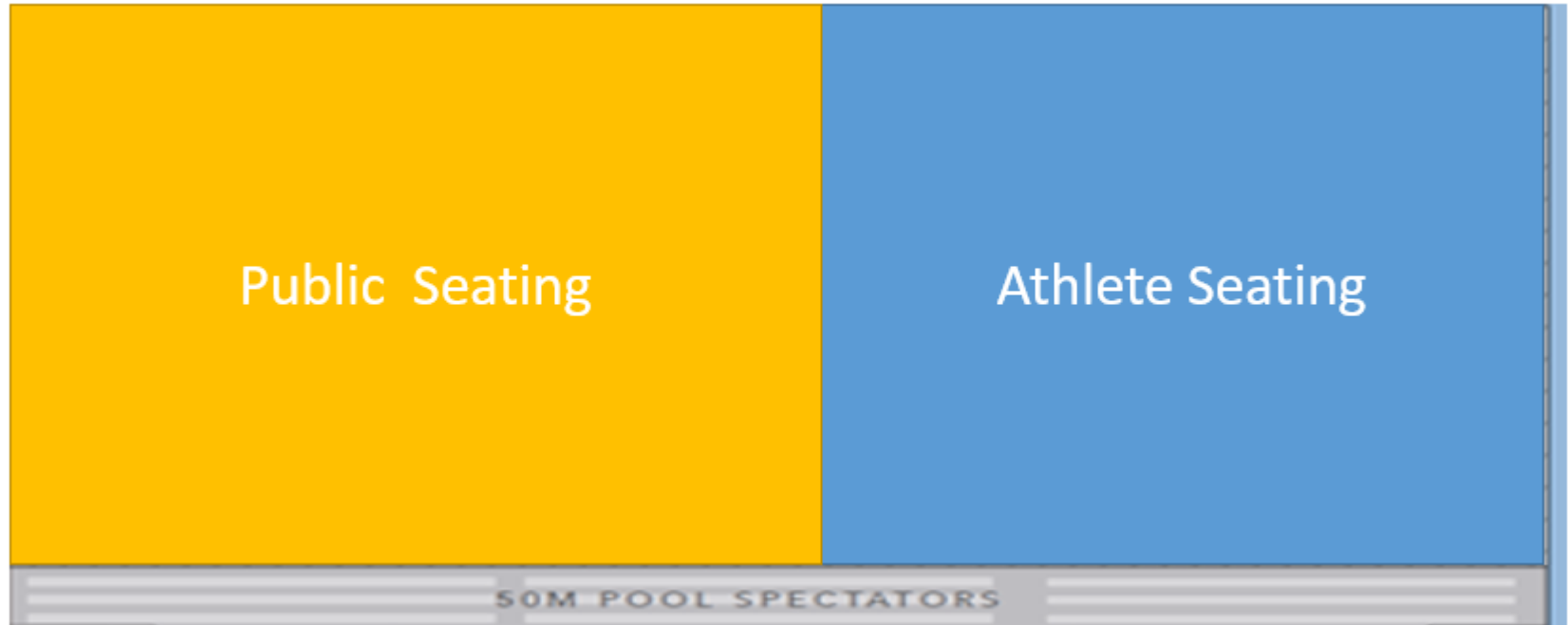
Venue Access



- Coaches are restricted to the team areas and coaches pen, unless requesting to see a referee when they should go to the Resolution Desk.
- Do not enter the Call Room unless you are Support Staff with an athlete who has Code of Exception A, Y or T or you are making your way to the referee.
- Wheelchair access to the spectator balcony is very limited. It is strongly suggested that wheelchair users remain on the ground level to ensure they do not miss their swim due to lift access.



Venue plan



Sport Information Desk



- Located on the ground floor (Reception level)
- Protest forms, Appeal forms, Medical Withdrawal forms and Team Declaration forms are available at the Sport Information Desk (SID)
- All start lists and results can be found on-line. There are NO PAPER copies available.
- Results/Start Lists Link: <https://results.swimming.org/disability/results/2024/bpsm/>
- QR code for the website is available at the SID.
- General enquiries and Information.

Athlete Preparation



- Warm Up and Swim down is available throughout the competition in the Diving Pool.
- Coaches and Support Staff must supervise their athletes at all times.
- Athletes must ensure they are dry and have appropriate footwear when moving around the venue.
- Please consider other athletes sharing the facilities.

Warm Up Procedure During Competition



- Venue opens at 07:00
- Warm-up in competition pool commences at 07:30 during Heats, and 15:00 during Finals
- Warm-up in the competition pool will finish at 09:15 during Heats, and 16:45 during Finals
- Warm up protocol will be distributed in a separate document.
- Warm-up marshals and lifeguards will be on duty
- The Warm-up marshals work under the direction of the TD and their instructions must be followed.
- The diving pool will be available for warm-up and swim-down during competition and until 30 minutes after each session.
- Equipment - no bungies, snorkels, fins or hand paddles.
- Athletes in the swimming pool must be accompanied by a coach and support staff

Competition Format



- This is a Multi Class Event and British Para Swimming Points will be used to determine the athletes ranking.
- Heats will be competed in the 10 lanes and will commence at 09:30
- Finals will be competed in the 8 lanes and will commence at 17:00

Competition Format Con't



Only international classified and licensed athletes can proceed to World Series Finals.

- Multi Class Events
 - World Series A Final
 - Top 8 point scorers by BPSP in the morning heats.
 - World Series Youth Finals
 - Where there are more than 4 entries on the youth category, there will be a Youth Final.
 - World Series B Final
 - Position 9 – 16 point scorers of the heats following the BPSP.
 - Limitation on this based on 12 Entries

Competition Format Con't



- Finals Priority order is outlined below.
 - ❖ Where a swimmer has made the B finals and Youth final, they will be only entered into the Youth Final. The Youth final will be prioritised over the B final
 - ❖ Where a swimmer has made the A finals and Youth final, the A final will be prioritised over the Youth Final.
- British Meet Final
 - ❖ Top 8 point scorers

Competition Procedures Con't

Relay Declaration and Medical Withdrawals



- Relay Declaration are available from the SID. These must be submitted, to SID 1 hour before the session start time.
- A Medical Withdrawal is the **ONLY** withdrawal possible
- Medical Withdrawal Request Forms must be submitted at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the session, of the relevant event.
- Withdrawal forms are available at the Sports information desk

Swimwear



- Only swimwear approved by World Para Swimming will be permitted to be worn
- Athlete swimwear and caps must comply with the advertising restrictions detailed in World Para Swimming Rules
- Any modified costumes must be approved by the TD or his appointed substitute.
- To gain approval, for modified costumes, go to the Resolution Desk outside the timing suite 45 minutes before the start of the session. Personnel will be present for 30 minute for such inspections.

Tapping and Starting Devices



- All tapping and starting devices must be prior approved, recorded, and deemed safe for use.
- Unapproved devices will lead to disqualification
- Get your devices checked, at the Technical Meeting, and issued with an approval sticker , at the Technical Meeting, or during designated equipment check times.

Advertising



- NPCs/Teams are responsible for ensuring compliance with World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations and the specific guidelines published for this competition.
- Only swim caps approved by World Para Swimming will be permitted to be worn.
- One (1) manufacturers logo of a maximum size of 20 sq cms on the front.
- The left and right sides can be branded with one of the following options (you may use the same or different on each side):
 - WPS logo of size 20 sq cms
 - Flag and/or country code of size 32 sq cms
 - Athlete's name of size 20 sq cms
 - World Series Event Logo of size 52 cms

Advertising Con't



- Any exceptions must be brought to the WPS Technical Delegate for approval.
- The Referee has the authority to exclude any competitor whose swimsuit or body symbols do not comply with these rules.
- Refer to Regulation 3.6 and the World Para Swimming Advertising Guidelines

Protective Medical Taping



- All protective medical taping is to be approved by the Referee prior to the start of the session and shall only be used for permitted medical purposes, as defined in 6.6.2.1 (not for covering tattoos)
- Unapproved medical taping will lead to disqualification
- A Referee will be available on poolside at the Resolution Desk, during the last half hour of each warm up, to check any medical taping.
- Taping must be approved prior to **every session**

Support Staff



- Any accredited person designated to assist a swimmer
- Swimmers with an A, Y or T rule exception are allowed Support Staff
- Exceptions will be checked in the call room and by Technical Officials when on the Field of Play (FOP)
- Support Staff on the FOP when no A/Y/T exception code is present will result in the athlete being disqualified

Support Staff Con't



- When on the deck or in the call room. Support staff are **not permitted** to use or carry
 - Stopwatches, radio communication devices, back packs or bags
 - Cameras, clipboards etc
- Support Staff shall not coach or massage the athlete while assisting or taping. If such acts occurs, the competitor shall be disqualified

Backstroke Ledges



- Backstroke Ledges are available at this event.
- They will be fitted to the starting platform by the technical official
- It is the responsibility of the swimmer to ensure that the ledge is appropriately fitted and is adjusted/set to the correct level
- In the event of malfunction or other such occurrence, the technical official will not be held liable

Victory Ceremonies



- Medals will be given to the best 3 swimmers by BPSP for the A Final and Youth Final following the -1 rule.
- For the relays, Medals will be given following the -1 rule to the team by time.
- An award will be made to:
 - 3 highest BPSP points scoring swimmers across the World Series Final A competed in each Event.
 - 3 highest BPSP points scoring WPS Youth swimmers across the World Series Finals competing in each Event.
 - highest BPSP points GBR Swimmer across all Finals competed in each Event.
 - highest BPSP points scoring GBR Junior Swimmer across all Finals competed in each Event.
- Please ensure your athlete is in the CV area in good time for their presentation, the presentation(s) will not be delayed if the athlete is not present.

Start Sheets and Results



- Start Sheets and results will be posted on-line.
- Link: <https://results.swimming.org/disability/results/2024/bpsm/>
- This is the posting place and the time of posting will relate to the 30 minute Protect window.
- Swiss Timing Quantum and the SportsSystem software will be used.
- QR codes for the Start Sheets and results link will be provided at SID where results can be found online.

Call room information



- During the morning **HEATS** athletes must report to the first Call Room no later than **3 heats** in advance of their event (from the start sheets)
- During **FINALS** athletes (including reserves in the finals) must report to the first call-room no later than **fifteen (15) minutes** prior to the published start time of their respective event (from the start sheets).
- Support staff must accompany the athlete to the call room at the same time as the athlete, if permitted.
- Athletes will **not** be allowed to progress to the Field of Play without registering and going through the formal check in the call room.

Call Room Con't



- First Call Room – report race ready
- There are no toilets in the call room area. Should the athlete wish to use the bathroom, the Technical Official must be informed and the athlete, upon return, will be required to repeat the inspection process.
- Final Call Room – Athlete's will be invited to take up their positions in their allocated lanes.
- Accreditations will be taken from the athletes before leaving the Call Room and retrieved at the kit collection area.

Disqualification Protest and Appeals



- Disqualifications will be posted on-line as an official result.
- Technical Protests must be submitted to the Referee. The Referee can be accessed via the Resolution Desk.
- Must be submitted on the Official Meet Technical Protest Form, by the responsible Team Leader together with a deposit of 150 Euros by card payment only.
- Must be submitted within 30 minutes following the publication of the official results being posted on the web page
 - *Official Meet Technical Protest Form available from the Sports Information Desk (SID)*

Appeals



- An Appeal must be submitted to the TD.
- Must be submitted on the Official Meet Technical Appeal Form, together with a deposit of 200 Euros by card payment only.
- A receipt will be issued upon request.
- Must be submitted within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the result of the protest, submit to SID who will contact the TD or Event staff.
 - *Official Meet Technical Appeal Form available from the Sports Information Desk (SID)*

Medical Services



- Lifeguards will be responsible for basic first aid and emergency evacuation of the unwell athlete from the pool (where they will be met pool side by the medical team).
- A Doctor, Paramedic, Technician and, an Ambulance will also be at the venue throughout the duration of swimming activities during competition.
- The Event Medical Room will be in Store Room 1 next to the Timing Suite.

Additional Information



- All sessions of the event will be livestreamed on the British Swimming Youtube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/BritishSwimming>)
- Free public Wi-Fi will be available within the Venue. The network is called Aberdeen-City-Connect.

Any Questions



- Submit your questions in writing to the Event Swimming Office or via e-mail to isobel.griffiths@swimming.org by 12.00hrs on Tuesday January 30th.
- All questions will receive a written response.
- The Technical Meeting will take place, in person at the Aquatics Centre in the Aquatics Studio at 6:00pm on Wednesday January 31st, 2024

Questions

