

# SWD RULES

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## SWIMMING RULES FOR SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY IN COMPETITIVE SWIMMING

### INTRODUCTION

Swimming Australia Limited is a full voting member of the Australian Paralympic Committee and as such has responsibility for the Paralympic Preparation Program, which develops athletes for competition in the Paralympic Games and the International Paralympic Committee's biennial world championships. Swimming Australia provides competitive opportunities for athletes with a disability through its Australian Championships, where multi-disability events are conducted. This competition is supplemented by our state swimming associations, which provide similar opportunities at their respective state and regional championships.

In order to have performances swum at state and regional championships registered with the International Paralympic Committee's Swimming Committee, organising bodies should complete a "Competition Information Form". This form is appended to these Rules and can also be found at [www.ipcswimming.org](http://www.ipcswimming.org). Further information about this process can be obtained by calling the Swimming Australia Paralympic Program Coordinator on (02) 6219-5600.

Readers will note these new rules have been renumbered in sequential order. In compiling these rules for athletes with a disability, Swimming Australia recognises the valuable input of the International Paralympic Committee's Swimming Committee. Where applicable each of the following Swimming Australia rules has the corresponding IPC Swimming Rule noted. This is to help those officials wishing to cross reference the IPC and the SAL rules.

### SWD 1 ELIGIBILITY

**SWD 1.1** A competitor is eligible to compete if they have been classified according to the Australian Sport and Recreation Association for Persons with an Intellectual Disability [AUSRAPID] or a member of Special Olympics Australia for persons with an intellectual disability, and shall be referred to as S14, Australian Blind Sports Association [ABSA] for the visually impaired, and shall be referred to as S11, S12 and S13, the Functional Classification System [FCS] for locomotor disability [ie amputee, cerebral palsy, les autre, spinal cord injured and polio] swimmers, and shall be referred as S1 - S10 swimmers, Australian Deaf Sports Federation [ADSF] for persons with a hearing impairment, and shall be known as S15, or Australian Transplant Sports Association, and shall be referred to as S16, for persons with an organ or bone transplant.

**SWD 1.2** If a swimmer is deemed unclassifiable the status allocated is unclassifiable permanent status and will take effect immediately. The swimmer will be withdrawn from all further events in the competition. Swimmers with an unclassifiable classification will

not be allowed to enter any future IPC Swimming competitions and/or events conducted under IPC Swimming rules ie national championships. (IPC Sw Rule GN1.3)

**SWD 1.3** Swimmers with a disability competing in able bodied competition are required to hold an SA ID card. The ID card is to be presented to the referee of the competition prior to the start of each session of the competition.

**SWD 1.4** For swimmers with a visual impairment [class S11, S12 & S13], the intent is to perform all strokes as described by IPC Swimming Rules for the disability, but consideration may be required due to the lack of, or limited amount of sight.

**SWD 1.5** For swimmers with an intellectual disability [class S14] there shall be no exceptions to the FINA and IPC Swimming rules when competing.

**SWD 1.6** For swimmers with a hearing impairment [class S15] there shall be no exceptions to the FINA rules when competing, but consideration may be required for starts due to the lack or limited amount of hearing.

**SWD 1.7** For swimmers with a transplant [class S16] there shall be no exceptions to the FINA rules when competing.

## **SWD 2 DISQUALIFICATION**

**SWD 2.1** S11 swimmers with the exception of those with prosthetics in both eyes shall be required to wear opaque goggles for competition. S11, SB11, SM11 swimmers whose facial structure will not support goggles shall be required to cover the eyes with an opaque covering. The goggles of the S11, SB11, SM11 swimmers shall be checked at the finish of the relevant event. S11, SB11, SM11 swimmers found to be competing without opaque goggles or covering shall be disqualified, from the S11, SB11, SM11 class event. (IPC Sw Rule GN4.3)

**SWD 2.1.1** In the event that the goggles accidentally fall off during the dive, the swimmer shall not be disqualified.(IPC Sw Rule GN4.3.1)

**SWD 2.2** Tappers deemed to be coaching will result in the disqualification of the competitor. During the relay events, tappers may inform the swimmer[s] of the team position and inform the swimmer of the start of their leg of the relay, but shall not coach. (IPC Sw Rule GN4.4)

**SWD 2.3** Where a swimmer who wishes to compete with an injury that requires taping/strapping, the swimmer is required to receive clearance for the taping/strapping from the SA medical officer for the competition prior to the start of each session. A swimmer competing with taping/strapping who has not received prior clearance will result in the competitor being disqualified from the event that they were competing in. (IPC Sw Rule GN4.6)

Note: The taping/strapping should not aid the swimmers speed, buoyancy, endurance or reduce drag or change/improve the swimmers disability ie strapping knees for stability.

**SWD 2.3.1** A swimmer who competes with an open wound and has not received prior clearance from the SA Medical Officer for the competition, may result in the competitor being disqualified and disallowed from competing in further nominated events in the competition. (IPC Sw Rule GN4.5)

### **SWD 3 SUPPORT STAFF**

#### **Definition of Support Staff:**

Support staff is any person[s] designated to assist a swimmer.

Support staff shall not coach the competitor while assisting or tapping. If such coaching occurs, the competitor shall be disqualified.

**SWD 3.1** FCS swimmers may require support staff on pool deck during competition to assist with entering and exiting the water and during the start. Support staff are in place solely to assist the swimmer on entry, exit and the start and shall not verbally communicate with the swimmer.(IPC Sw Rule GN6.1). Deck access for support staff shall be applied for at SA.

**SWD 3.2** A person may be required to indicate to the visually impaired swimmer that they are approaching the end of the pool in both individual and relay events. Also where necessary, a swimmer may have a touch by a person to indicate the start of their leg of the relay. This procedure is called tapping and the person is referred to as a 'tapper'. For S11, SB11, SM11 competitors tapping is compulsory. (IPC Sw Rule GN6.2)

**SWD 3.2.1** The tapping device must be deemed safe. (IPC Sw Rule GN6.2.1)

**SWD 3.2.2** When tapping is required during competition, each competitor shall have two tappers, positioning themselves at each end of the pool. (IPC Sw Rule GN6.2.2)

**SWD 3.3** In the case of a blind and deaf swimmer, the person tapping shall be permitted to convey the starting signal to the competitor by the use of a non verbal instruction. (IPC Sw Rule GN6.3)

### **SWD 4 THE START**

**SWD 4.1** For a swimmer with a visual impairment, on the long whistle from the referee the swimmer shall be permitted to orientate themselves prior to the starters command 'take your marks'. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.1)

**SWD 4.2** The swimmer who has balance problems ie standing stationary, may have assistance to balance themselves on the starting platform ie hold at the hips, hand, arm etc, by a volunteer only. An assistant may aid the swimmer to remain stationary at the start, however the assistant shall not allow the swimmer unfair advantage ie being held and not exceeding 90 degrees vertical position on the blocks at the start. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.2)

**SWD 4.3** A swimmer may be permitted to start beside the starting platform. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.3)

**SWD 4.4** A swimmer with a lower limb disability may be permitted to take up a sitting position on the starting platform. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.4)

**SWD 4.5** A swimmer may be permitted to start in the water but is required to have one hand in contact with the poolside until the starting signal is given. Standing in or on the gutter or on the bottom is prohibited. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.5)

**SWD 4.6** A visually impaired swimmer due to a medical reason may start in the water. A medical certificate must be presented to the referee or the Technical Manager prior to the commencement of the competition. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.6)

**SWD 4.7** Where a swimmer is unable to grip the poolside, in a water start, the swimmer may be assisted by a support staff or supporting device. The device shall be cleared and deemed safe by the referee or Technical Manager. Giving momentum to the swimmer at the start is not permitted and shall result in a false start. The swimmer shall have part of the body in contact with the wall until the starting signal is given. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.7)

**SWD 4.8** Class S1, S2 and S3 swimmers are permitted to have their foot/feet held to the wall until the starting signal is given. Giving momentum to the swimmer at the start is not permitted and shall result in a false start. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.8)

**SWD 4.9** To prevent abrasion, one layer of towel, or the like, may be placed on the starting platform. The article shall not dramatically increase the height of the starting platform. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.9)

**SWD 4.10** In the case of a swimmer who is blind and deaf, the person tapping shall be permitted to convey the starting signal to the competitor by the use of a non verbal instruction. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.10)

**SWD 4.11** In the case of a swimmer who swims in the FCS and is deaf, the swimmer shall be permitted, when no starting light is available, to have conveyed the starting signal by the use of a non verbal instruction. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.2.11)

**SWD 4.12** No swimmer shall be permitted to use a starting device that will enhance the swimmers true ability above their classification level. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.3)

**SWD 4.13** The start in Backstroke and Medley Relay races shall be from the water. At the referee's first long whistle, the swimmers shall immediately enter the water. At the referee's second long whistle the swimmers shall return without undue delay to the starting position. When all swimmers have assumed their starting positions, the starter shall give the command "take your marks". When all swimmers are stationary, the starter shall give the starting signal. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.4)

**SWD 4.14** For swimmers with a visual impairment to ensure a satisfactory start for S11 swimmers, spectators shall be requested to remain silent until the swimmers have passed the false start rope. Noises created by hooters, whistles, etc may be mistaken for the false start signal. (IPC Sw Rule SM4.7.1)

## **SW 5 FREESTYLE**

**SWD 5.1** During each complete one stroke cycle some part of the swimmer must break the surface of the water, except it shall be permissible for the swimmer to be completely submerged during the turn and for a distance of not more than 15 metres after the start and each turn. By that point, the head must have broken the surface.

**Definition:** One stroke cycle is defined as one full rotation of the shoulder joint/s and/or one complete up and down movement of the hip joint/s. (IPC Sw Rule SM5.3)

## **SW 6 BACKSTROKE**

**SWD 6.1** Prior to the starting signal, the swimmers shall line up in the water facing the starting end, with both hands holding the starting grips. The feet, including the toes, shall be under the surface of the water. Standing in or on the gutter or bending the toes over the lip of the gutter is prohibited. (IPC Sw Rule SM6.1)

**SWD 6.1.1** Swimmers unable to use the starting grips shall be permitted to use the end of the pool. (IPC Sw Rule SM6.1.1)

**SWD 6.1.2** Where a swimmer is unable to grip the poolside, the swimmer may be assisted by a support staff or supporting device. This device shall be cleared and deemed safe by the referee or Technical Manager. Giving momentum to the swimmer at the start is not permitted and shall result in a false start. The swimmer shall have part of the body in contact with the wall until the starting signal is given. (IPC Sw Rule SM6.1.2)

**SWD 6.1.3** Class S1, S2 and S3 swimmers are permitted to have their foot/feet held to the wall until the starting signal is given. Giving momentum to the swimmer at the start is not permitted and shall result in a false start. (IPC Sw Rule SM6.1.3)

**SWD 6.2** At the signal for starting and after turning the swimmer shall push off and swim upon his back throughout the race except when executing a turn. The normal position on the back can include a roll movement of the body up to, but not including 90 degrees from horizontal. The position of the head is not relevant. (IPC Sw Rule SM6.2)

**SWD 6.3** During each complete one stroke cycle some part of the swimmer must break the surface of the water, except it shall be permissible for the swimmer to be completely submerged during the turn and for a distance of not more than 15 metres after the start and each turn. By that point, the head must have broken the surface.

**Definition:** One stroke cycle is defined as one full rotation of the shoulder joint/s and/or one complete up and down movement of the hip joint/s. (IPC Sw Rule SM6.3)

**SWD 6.4** During the turn the shoulders may be turned over the vertical to the breast after which a continuous single arm pull or a continuous simultaneous double arm pull may be used to initiate the turn. Once the body has left the position on the back, there will be no kick or arm pull that is independent of the continuous turning action. The swimmer must have returned to a position on the back upon leaving the wall. When executing the turn there must be a touch of the wall with some part of the swimmer's body. IPC Sw Rule SM6.4)

**SWD 6.4.1** For the swimmer who has no arms or use of his/her arms during the turn, once the body has left the position on the back, there shall be no kick that is independent of the continuous turning action. The swimmer must have returned to a position on the back upon

leaving the wall. When executing the turn there must be a touch of the wall with some part of the swimmer's body. (IPC Sw Rule SM6.4.1)

**SWD 6.5** Upon the finish of the race the swimmer must touch the wall while on the back. The body may be submerged at the touch. (IPC Sw Rule SM6.5)

## **SW 7 BREASTSTROKE**

**SWD 7.1** From the beginning of the first arm stroke after the start and after each turn, the body shall be kept on the breast. It is not permitted to roll onto the back at any time. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.1)

**SWD 7.1.1** After the start and after each turn, a swimmer who is unable to push off with the leg/s, may perform one arm stroke that may be simultaneous or on the horizontal plane stroke to attain the breast position. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.1.1)

**SM 7.2** All movements of the arm/s shall be simultaneous and in the same horizontal plane without alternating movement. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.2)

**SM 7.3** The hand/s shall be pushed forward together from the breast on, under, or over the water. The elbows shall be under the water except for the final stroke, before the turn and for the final stroke at the finish. The hand/s shall be brought back on or under the surface of the water. The hand/s shall not be brought back beyond the hip line, except during the first stroke after the start and each turn. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.3)

**SWD 7.4** All movements of the leg/s shall be simultaneous and in the same horizontal plane without alternating movement. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.4)

**SWD 7.4.1** A swimmer who has affected leg/s and/or foot/feet must show intent of simultaneous movement and the swimmer who has affected leg/legs and/or foot/feet must show intent to kick in the same horizontal plane. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.4.1)

**SWD 7.5** The feet must be turned outwards during the propulsive part of the kick. A scissors, flutter or downward dolphin kick is not permitted. Breaking the surface of the water with the feet is allowed unless followed by a downward dolphin kick. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.5)

**SWD 7.5.1** A swimmer who is unable to use one or both legs and/or feet to gain normal propulsion shall not be required to turn the affected foot outwards during the propulsive part of the kick. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.5.1)

**SWD 7.5.2** A swimmer who is unable to use both legs and/or feet to gain normal propulsion may trail or drag the leg/s. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.5.2)

**SWD 7.6** At each turn and at the finish of the race, the touch shall be made with both hands simultaneously at, above, or below the water level. The head may be submerged after the last arm pull prior to the touch, provided it breaks the surface of the water at some point during the last complete or incomplete cycle preceding the touch. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.6)

**SWD 7.6.1** At each turn and the finish of the race where a swimmer has different arm lengths only the longer arm must touch the wall, but both arms must be stretched forward simultaneously. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.6.1)

**SWD 7.6.2** A swimmer with upper limbs too short to stretch above the head shall touch the wall with any part of the upper body when turning and finishing. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.6.2)

**SWD 7.6.3** At each turn and the finish of the race, where a swimmer uses only one arm for the stroke cycle the swimmer shall be required to touch with one hand/arm only. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.6.3)

**SWD 7.6.4** At each turn and the finish of the race, where the swimmer who uses both arms but has restriction in the shoulder/elbow only the longer arm must touch the wall, but both arms must be stretched forward simultaneously. IPC Sw Rule SM7.6.4)

**SWD 7.6.5** Swimmers with a visual impairment classification SB11 and SB12 may have difficulty making a simultaneous touch at the turn and the finish if he/she is restricted due to contact with the lane rope, the swimmer shall not be disqualified provided that no advantage was gained. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.6.5)

**SWD 7.7** During each complete cycle of one arm stroke and one leg kick, in that order, some part of the swimmer's head shall break the surface of the water, except that after the start and after each turn the swimmer may take one arm stroke completely back to the legs and one leg kick while wholly submerged. The head must break the surface of the water before the hands turn inward at the widest part of the second stroke. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.7)

**SWD 7.7.1** In the case where there is a non functional arm, one arm stroke shall constitute a full stroke when completed with the remaining parts. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.7.1)

**SWD 7.7.2** When a swimmer does not have any legs or arms or parts thereof, either the kick or the respective arm stroke shall constitute a complete stroke. (IPC Sw Rule SM7.7.2)

## **SW 8 BUTTERFLY**

**SW 8.1** From the beginning of the first armstroke after the start and after each turn, the body shall be kept on the breast and both shoulders shall be in line with the normal water surface. Underwater kicking on the side is allowed. It is not permitted to roll onto the back at any time.(IPC Sw Rule SM8.1)

**SWD 8.1.1** In the case where a swimmer has completed the dropped shoulder test and has been deemed unable to maintain the shoulders in line with the normal water surface, the swimmer shall not be required to keep both shoulders in line with the normal water surface. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.1.1)

**SWD 8.1.2** After the start and after each turn, a swimmer who is unable to push off with the leg/s may perform one arm stroke that may not be simultaneous or on the horizontal plane stroke to attain the breast position. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.1.2)

**SWD 8.2** In the stroke cycle both arms must be brought forward together over the water and brought backward simultaneously throughout the race, subject to rule SWD 8.5. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.2)

**SWD 8.2.1** Swimmers with a visual impairment classification of S11 and S12 may have difficulty making simultaneous recovery of the arms during the stroke cycle if they are restricted due to contact with the lane rope, the swimmer shall not be disqualified provided that no advantage was gained. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.2.1)

**SWD 8.2.2** In the case where an arm or part of an arm is missing, one arm stroke shall constitute a full stroke when completed with the remaining parts. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.2.2)

**SWD 8.2.3** In the case where there is a non functional arm, one arm stroke shall constitute a full stroke when completed with the remaining parts. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.2.3)

**SWD 8.2.4** In the case where there are non functional arms all movements of the legs shall constitute a full stroke. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.2.4)

**SWD 8.3** All movements of the feet must be executed in a simultaneous manner. Simultaneous up and down movements of the legs and feet in the vertical plane are permitted. The legs or feet need not be at the same level, but no alternating movements are permitted. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.3)

**SWD 8.3.1** In the case where there are no legs or non functional legs, the legs shall drag. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.3.1)

**SWD 8.4** At each turn and at the finish of the race, the touch shall be made with both hands simultaneously, at, above or below the water surface. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.4)

**SWD 8.4.1** At each turn and the finish of the race where a swimmer has different arm lengths only the longer arm must touch the wall, but both arms must be stretched forward simultaneously. The shoulders shall remain in the horizontal plane until the touch has been made. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.4.1)

**SWD 8.4.2** A swimmer with no or non functional upper limbs or upper limbs too short to stretch above the head, the swimmer shall touch the wall with any part of the upper body when turning and finishing. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.4.2)

**SWD 8.4.3** At each turn and the finish of the race, where a swimmer uses one arm for the stroke cycle the swimmer shall be required to touch with one hand/arm only. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.4.3)

**SWD 8.4.4** At each turn and the finish of the race, where the swimmer who uses both arms but has restriction in the shoulder/elbow only the longer arm must touch the wall, but both arms must be stretched forward simultaneously. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.4.4)

**SWD 8.4.5** Swimmers with a visual impairment classification S11 and S12 may have difficulty making a simultaneous touch at the turn due to contact with the lane rope, the swimmer shall not be disqualified provided that no advantage was gained. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.4.5)

**SWD 8.4.6** At the turn and finish, swimmers with no leg function may perform a half stroke with the arm/s recovering forward under the surface of the water, in order to contact the wall. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.4.6)

**SWD 8.5** At the start and at turns, a swimmer is permitted one or more leg kicks and one arm pull under the water, which must bring him/her to the surface. It shall be permissible for a swimmer to be completely submerged for a distance of not more than 15 metres after the start and after each turn. By that point, the head must have broken the surface. The swimmer must remain on the surface until the next turn or finish. (IPC Sw Rule SM8.5)

## **SW 9 MEDLEY SWIMMING**

**SWD 9.1** In the 150m individual medley events, the swimmer covers three swimming strokes in the following order: Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. (IPC Sw Rule SM9.1.1)

## **SW 10 THE RACE**

**SWD 10.1** Should a swimmer with a visual impairment inadvertently surface in the wrong lane after a start or executing a turn and the swimmer has surfaced in a lane not in use, the swimmer shall be permitted to complete the race in that lane. If it is necessary for the swimmer to return to the correct lane the 'tapper' may give verbal instructions, but only after clearly identifying the swimmer by name to prevent distraction or interference to other competitors. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.3.1)

**SWD 10.2.1** FCS swimmers shall not be permitted to wear prostheses and/or orthoses during a race. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.8.1)

**SWD 10.2.2** A person may be required to indicate to the visually impaired swimmer that they are approaching the end of the pool in both individual and relay events. Also where necessary, a swimmer may have a touch by the person to indicate the start of their leg of the relay. This procedure is called tapping and the person is referred to a 'tapper'. For S11 competitors tapping is compulsory. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.8.2)

**SWD 10.2.3** A FCS swimmer may be tapped for safety reasons. A FCS swimmer shall be required to obtain a medical certificate. This information is to be presented to the referee or Technical Manager prior to the start of the competition. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.8.3)

**SWD 10.3** Any competitor swimming breaststroke in a freestyle relay event shall note the following:

i] When the SB class [ie SB7] is lower or the same as the S class [ie S7 or S8] the swimmer may swim breaststroke in the freestyle relay event but the swimmer must maintain the S class.

ii] If the SB class [ie SB7] is higher than the S class [ie S6] the swimmer may only swim in the equivalent higher class [ie S7] for the freestyle event. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.10.1)

**SWD 10.4.1** In relay events, the team of a swimmer whose feet/part of the body loses contact with the starting platform before the preceding team member touches the wall, shall be disqualified, unless the swimmer in default returns to the original starting point at the wall, but it shall not be necessary to return to the starting platform. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.11)

**SWD 10.4.2** A swimmer, in a relay event, may commence in the water. The swimmer may not lose hand contact with the wall until such time as the preceding team mate touches the wall otherwise the swimmer shall be disqualified. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.11.1)

**SWD 10.5** A swimmer, in a relay event, who is to commence with a water start, may enter the water only when the preceding swimmer is swimming their length. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.12.1)

**SWD 10.6** For FCS swimmers only classification S5 and below may stay in their lane until the last swimmer of the team has completed the race. A swimmer remaining in the water shall move a short distance away from the end of the pool, close to the lane rope but shall not obstruct another swimmer in another lane. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.14.1)

**SWD 10.7** For swimmers with visual impairment, should an accidental foul occur during a race, caused by a swimmer either surfacing after the start or turn, in a lane that is in use by another competitor, or by swimming too close to the lane rope, etc, the referee, shall have the power to allow one or all swimmers to reswim the event. If the foul occurs in a final event, the referee may order the final to be reswum. (IPC Sw Rule SM10.15.1)

## **SWD 12. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS**

**SWD 12.1** There shall be three classes of records each for men and women swimmers with a disability recognised by Swimming Australia:

(a) Australian Records for Swimmers with a Disability for the best times recorded in a 50m pool anywhere in the world by a swimmer or team having Australian Citizenship, currently registered with a State Association, holding a current classification recognised by Swimming Australia and as defined in SWD 12.3

(b) Australian Short Course Records for Swimmers with a Disability for the best times recorded in a 25m pool in the world by a swimmer or team having Australian Citizenship, currently registered with a State Association, holding a current classification recognised by Swimming Australia and as defined in SWD 12.3

(c) Australian Age Records for Swimmers with a Disability for the best times recorded in a 50m pool in the world by a swimmer or team having Australian Citizenship, currently registered with a State Association, holding a current classification recognised by Swimming Australia and as defined in SWD 12.4

**SWD 12.2** The general requirements and conditions for records detailed in SW12.1 will apply to all Australian Records for Swimmers with a Disability except for National meets advertised prior to 24 March 2001.

**SWD 12.3** The recognised distances, strokes and disabilities for both men and women Australian Records (long course and short course) for Swimmers with a Disability shall be: *See Attachment A*

**SWD 12.4** The recognised distances, strokes and disabilities for both boys and girls Australian Age Records (long course only) for Swimmers with a Disability shall be:  
*See Attachment B*

**SWD 12.5** In the case of a swimmer having a change in classification the following shall apply:

**SWD 12.5.1** Visually impaired swimmers shall retain records held in their previous Classification

**SWD 12.5.2** Functional Classification System – If the reclassification is due to changes in the degree of disability of the swimmer, then record/s will be retained in the swimmer's previous classification.

**SWD 12.5.3** If the reclassification is due to any reason other than described in SWD 12.5.2, a swimmer is ineligible to hold record/s in their previous classification. The swimmer's historical times shall be considered for record/s in their new classification.

## **Attachment A**

# **AUSTRALIAN LONG COURSE SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY AND AUSTRALIAN SHORT COURSE SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY RECORDS**

12/6/00

## **Distance**

**Strokes S1-S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15 S1 – S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15**

**50m Freestyle** S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15 S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15

**100m Freestyle** S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15 S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15

**200m Freestyle** S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15 S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15

**400m Freestyle** S6 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15 S6 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15

**800m Freestyle** S6 - S10 S11 – S13 Wom S14 Women S15 S6 - S10 S11 – S13 Wom S14 S15

**1500m Freestyle** S7 - S10 S11 – S13 Men S14 Men S15 S7 - S10 S11 – S13 Men S14 S15

**50m Backstroke** S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15 S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15

**100m Backstroke** S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15 S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15

**200m Backstroke** S6 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S15 S6 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S15

**50m Butterfly** S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15 S1 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15

**100m Butterfly** S5 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15 S5 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S16 S15

**200m Butterfly** S8 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S15 S8 - S10 S11 – S13 S14 S15

**50m Breaststroke** SB1 – SB9 SB11 – SB13 SB14 SB16 SB15 SB1 – SB9 SB11 – SB13 SB14 SB16 SB15

**100m Breaststroke** SB1 – SB9 SB11 – SB13 SB14 SB16 SB15 SB1 - SB10 SB11 – SB13 SB14 SB16 SB15

**200m Breaststroke** SB4 – SB9 SB11 – SB13 SB14 SB15 SB4 - SB10 SB11 – SB13 SB14 SB15

**100m Ind Medley**

(SC Only)

SM1 – SM10 SM11 – SM13

**200m Ind Medley** SM3 – SM10 SM11 – SM13 SM14 SM16 SM15 SM3 - SM10 SM11 – SM13 SM14 SM16 SM15

**400m Ind Medley** SM8 – SM10 SM11 – SM13 SM14 SM15 SM8 - SM10 SM11 – SM13 SM14 SM15

**Relays**

**4x100m Freestyle** Max 34 points S11 – S13 S14 S15 Max 34 points S11 – S13 S14 S15

**4x100m Medley** Max 34 points S11 – S13 S14 S15 Max 34 points S11 – S13 S14 S15

**S1 – S10 Functional**

**S11 – S13 Blind**

**S14 Intellectual disability**

**S15 Deaf**

**S16 Transplant**

## Attachment B

### AUSTRALIAN AGE SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY RECORDS – LONG COURSE ONLY

#### Distance Strokes 17 YEARS 16 YEARS 15 YEARS 14 YEARS 13 & UNDER

**50m Freestyle** S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10

S15 S15 S15 S15 S15

S11 – S13 S11 – S13 S11 – S13 S11 – S13 S11 – S13

S14 S14 S14 S14 S14

S16 S16 S16 S16 S16

**100m Freestyle** S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10

S15 S15 S15 S15 S15

S11 – S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13

S14 S14 S14 S14 S14

S16 S16 S16 S16 S16

**200m Freestyle** S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10

S15 S15 S15 S15 S15

S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13

S14 S14 S14 S14 S14

S16 S16 S16 S16 S16

**400m Freestyle** S6 - S10 S6 - S10 S6 - S10 S6 - S10 S6 - S10

S15 S15 S15 S15 S15

S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13

S14 S14 S14 S14 S14

S16 S16 S16

**100m Backstroke** S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10 S1 - S10

S15 S15 S15 S15 S15

S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13

S14 S14 S14 S14 S14

S16 S16 S16 S16 S16

**200m Backstroke** S15 S15 S15 S15 S15

S14 S14 S14

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#### Distance Strokes 17 YEARS 16 YEARS 15 YEARS 14 YEARS 13 & UNDER

**100m Breaststroke** SB1 - SB9 SB1 - SB9 SB1 - SB9 SB1 - SB9 SB1 - SB9

SB15 SB15 SB15 SB15A SB15

SB11-SB13 SB11-SB13 SB11-SB13 SB11-SB13 SB11-SB13

SB14 SB14 SB14 SB14 SB14

SB16 SB16 SB16 SB16 SB16

**200m Breaststroke** SB15 SB15 SB15

SB11-SB13 SB11-SB13 SB11-SB13 SB11-SB13 SB11-SB13

SB14 SB14 SB14

**100m Butterfly** S5 - S10 S5 - S10 S5 - S10 S5 - S10 S5 - S10

S15 S15 S15 S15 S15

S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13 S11-S13

S14 S14 S14 S14 S14

S16 S16 S16

**200m Butterfly** S15 S15 S15 S15 S15

S14 S14

**200m Ind Medley** SM3 - SM10 SM3 - SM10 SM3 - SM10 SM3 - SM10 SM3 - SM10

SM15 SM15 SM15 SM15 SM15

SM11-SM13 SM11-SM13 SM11-SM13 SM11-SM13 SM11-SM13

SM14 SM14 SM14 SM14 SM14

SM16 SM16 SM16 SM16 SM16

**400m Ind Medley** SM15 SM15

SM14 SM14

## COMPETITION INFORMATION FORM



IPC Swimming has set in place a Swimming Calendar of Events. Please complete the following information. It is necessary to complete this form to gain IPC Swimming approval for the competition. Only approval competitions will have world/regional records ratified and times performed by the swimmers recorded into the IPC Swimming rankings.

**NAME OF COUNTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF CHAMPIONSHIPS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE/S OF SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION OF SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Town and Country)

**DURATION OF SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Long Course / Short Course**  
(Delete one)

**Competition to be conducted under IPC Swimming Swim Rules:** Yes/No  
(Delete where not applicable)

**OR**

**Are Multidisability events being offered for swimmers with a disability and the MD events are conducted under IPC Swimming Swim Rules:** Yes/No  
(Delete where not applicable)

<b>Disability Groups Include:</b> (Delete where not applicable)	<b>Class S11 – S13 (Blind)</b> <b>Class 14 (Intellectual disability)</b> <b>Transplants</b>	<b>Class S1 – S10 (FCS)</b> <b>Class S15 (Deaf)</b>
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**Heats and Finals to be offered** Yes/No      **Direct Finals only offered** Yes/No

**Are International Competitors Invited to Compete?** Yes/No

**Open or by Invitation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing Date for Entries:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are International Classifications to be conducted?** Yes/No

**Name, address, telephone, fax and email of Contact for Competition:**

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For approval this information sheet is to be returned to:

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