



**2022 World Para Swimming World
Championships
Madeira**

12-18 June 2022

**Irish Para SwimTeam Selection Principles &
Criteria**



INTRODUCTION

The Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships take place from 12-18 June 2022. The World Championships will provide Irish para-swimmers the opportunity to race against their single classification opponents in a high level competition, also acting as a World level competition for new athletes at this level of competition tracking for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games qualification.

The criteria outlined in this document is designed to ensure the selection of a high performance team of Irish para-swimmers.

As the recognised National Paralympic Committee for Ireland by the IPC, Paralympics Ireland is responsible for all aspects of the participation of the Irish Para Swimming Team at the World Para Swimming World Championships.

This document outlines clearly to athletes and all stakeholders the means by which Paralympics Ireland will select the 2022 Irish Para Swimming Team for the Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships, as well as setting out the procedures that apply to any appeal of an Athlete's non-selection.

This document is subject to the terms and conditions of the World Para Swimming (WPS).

SELECTION PRINCIPLES

The selection of the athletes to represent the Irish Para Swimming team at the Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships will where possible be conducted in accordance with the following underlying principles:

Performance – The selection of the Irish Team will be based on proven performance at major championships and WPS sanctioned events. Criteria will benchmark performances across a range of swimming classes and disciplines in order to ensure selection is fair and equitable to all aspiring team members and to ensure only the most competitive athletes are selected.

Current Form – Athlete eligibility for selection will include the requirement for specific performance level between the Periods of 24th August 2021 – 24th April 2022.

Objective decision making – Every effort has been made to ensure athletes are selected for the 2022 Irish Para Swimming team to compete at the Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships on the basis of 'objective' performance based criteria. Any potential conflict of interest within the selection process will be closely monitored by the CEO (whose decision is final) and the conflict resolved accordingly should one arise.

IRISH TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

Selectors (Subject to change by Paralympics Ireland): The Para Swimming Sport Coordinator, a high performance representative from the PI HP committee, and a high performance professional with expertise from Swim Ireland.

1.0 Notes to Selection Criteria:

1.1 Paralympics Ireland will send a maximum of 8 Swimmers to the Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships.

1.2 As this is a Championship Event run by the WPS, the team nominated is subject to ratification by the Board of Paralympics Ireland before selection is confirmed.

1.3 Athletes will be selected on their best single event performance from the qualifying event listed below . Athletes may be entered into a range of events at the World Para Swimming World Championships once they have achieved an Irish MQS for at least one event and achieved the MET (Minimum Entry Time) in additional events. Once the team is officially ratified by the board of directors of PI, the Performance Director will determine which events athletes will be entered in.

2.0 Eligibility for Selection Consideration:

2.1 Athletes must hold an active WPS Swimming License for the 2022 season.

2.2 Athletes must have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at a World Para Swimming Recognised 50m Competition for an event on the programme between 24th August 2021 and 24th April 2022 (times are only recognised if the athlete was already licensed at the time of the achievement or has a recognised split time World/Regional record in the same length & stroke, that is included in the rankings).

2.3 Be classified with a “Review” (R) or “Confirmed” (C) or “Fixed Date Review” (FDR) sport class status.

2.4 Athletes (and or parents/guardians for minors) must have completed the acceptance and acknowledgement forms as per the Paralympics Ireland Participant Rules as available on www.paralympics.ie as amended from time to time.

3.0 Criteria for selection:

3.1 Each athlete’s best single performance from the following qualifying events will be used for consideration by the selection committee.

3.1.1 Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games (August – September 2021).

3.1.2 Licensed Irish National Meets (McCullagh International Feb 24-26th 2022 & Irish Open Swimming Championships 19-23rd April 2022) - Subject to WPS licensing approval.

3.1.3 Any WPS World Series Events nominated by an athlete and approved by the Performance Director.

3.2 Qualification for selection will only be considered on times achieved in events which are on the program at the Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships and listed in the MQS times in this document.

3.3 Places will be awarded in the first instance on the basis of 'Medal Potential' (Medal Potential is defined as the percentage off the time of the third ranked place in the WPS rankings as of 31/12/2021, to reflect the most recent changes in classification.)

3.3.1 Where the percentage off third ranked place is tied within one percent for eligible athletes competing for the final quota place, the final place will be awarded by the selectors on the basis of their opinion of the eligible athlete most likely to be nearer the medal zone at the World Para Swimming World Championships.

3.4 All prospective team members may be subjected to a medical assessment by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at his request or at the request of the sports selection committee or the Performance Director of Paralympics Ireland. To remain eligible for selection the CMO must certify to Paralympics Ireland that in his opinion, taking into account all the available information at the time, the athlete will be medically fit to compete at Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships. In making his decision, the CMO may seek further opinions from suitably qualified medical practitioners.

3.5 Paralympics Ireland retain the right (at its discretion) to withdraw athletes, from selection consideration or having being selected, from the Irish Para Swim Team by:

3.5.1 certification by the Chief Medical Officer of illness or injury sufficient enough to prevent the athlete from competing at a level commensurate with high performance athletes at Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships.

3.5.2 the athlete, if requested, failing to prove the fitness or performance capability necessary to compete at a high level at the Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships.

3.5.3 failure to fully comply with their personal training and competition programme as agreed with the Para Swimming program.

3.6 Athletes should be fit to train/compete at the time of selection consideration. All prospective team members may be subjected to a full medical assessment by a medical doctor identified by Paralympics Ireland. To remain eligible for selection the medical doctor must certify to Paralympics Ireland that the athlete is fully fit to participate in training at the time of assessment.

3.7 The nomination of team support staff is the sole responsibility of the Performance Director.

4.0 Competitive Readiness:

4.1 Competitive readiness is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the World Para Swimming World Championships, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying for the team.

4.2 Athletes who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the Team after selection. Athletes and home programme coaches are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at this event to the Para Swimming Sport Coordinator and the Performance Director in writing via email.

4.3 An athlete or member of staff may, at any time, be disqualified for consideration for selection to a National Paralympic Team or be removed after selection based on current or past behaviour of the athlete/staff member that is inconsistent with Paralympics Ireland Standards of Conduct.

4.4 An athlete will be removed from being considered for selection to the National Paralympic Team or removed after selection if he/she is found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure.

5.0 Athlete Commitments

5.1 Full Team commitments will be confirmed following selection. All athletes will be required to;

5.1.1 In terms of being considered for Selection, Panel Athletes must ensure that they complete their online weekly monitoring and training log.

5.1.2 Not take holidays or time off for a period longer than 3 days without prior notification to the Performance Director in writing via email between selection and Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships.

5.1.3 Make themselves available for all Team activities designated by the Performance Director. No Team member will be allowed to leave a National Team camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the National Team camp, including any external media, sponsor or social activities. Failure to attend the required activities could result in deselection to the Team. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities can be given by the Performance Director.

6.0 Appeals

6.1 Appeals against selection or non-selection must be submitted by the athlete to Paralympics Ireland within 1 day of being notified of their selection or non-selection.

6.2 Within 1 day of receipt of a decision to grant leave to appeal from the Para Swimming Co-Ordinator and the Complaints & Disciplinary Officer, the CEO shall:

(a) appoint an ad hoc Appeal Committee, (three persons, two of whom shall be independent of Paralympics Ireland)

(b) deliver to that Appeal Committee and the Appellant the appeal documents and

(c) notify the Appellant of the composition of the Appeal Committee

6.3 The grounds upon which a selection decision may be appealed are limited to the following;

6.3.1 That the selection decision was affected by actual bias

6.3.2 There was no basis upon which the PI's decision could be reasonably made;

6.4 Powers of the Appeals Committee;

6.4.1 The Appeal Committee shall have the flexibility to conduct the hearing in any manner it deems fit, subject to the hearing being conducted fairly

6.4.2 The Appeal Committee may, at its sole discretion, disregard any failure by a party to adhere to these Procedures and may give such further directions as may be appropriate

6.4.3 If any party fails to appear at the hearing or comply with the Chair's direction or other communication issued by the Chair, the Appeals Committee may proceed in the absence of that party

6.5 The Appeal Committee shall email a written reasoned decision to the parties attending the hearing within 24 hours of the appeal hearing.

6.6 Throughout any appeals process the Parties must use their best endeavours, acting in good faith, to resolve the dispute through communication. Any such communications may be made on a without prejudice basis and kept confidential between the parties.

6.7 Each party shall be responsible for their own costs and expenses, including legal costs for the appeal hearing. The Appeal Committee has no power to make an award of legal costs against a party. The Appeal Committee has the power to order a party to pay for the costs of the appeal hearing, such as room hire, travel, catering, legal assessor and other expenses incurred because of the hearing.

6.8 The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be binding on the parties attending the appeal hearing and any affected third party, subject to a right to challenge such decision before Sports Dispute Solutions Ireland (SDSI) arbitration in accordance with the SDSI arbitration rules and procedures. Any arbitral challenge to the decision of the Appeals Committee must be commenced immediately of receipt by the Appellant of the decision of the Appeals Committee.

TIMELINES:

DATE	ACTION	ACTION BY
24 August 2021 – 24 April 2022	Qualification period for Irish athletes to achieve eligible Minimum Qualification Standards for the Madeira 2022 World Para Swimming World Championships.	Athletes
24 th April 2022	Selection meeting for Madeira 2022 WPS World Championships.	Selection Committee
24 th April 2022	Closing date for submission of athlete and staff selection nominations to Paralympics Ireland. Submission to include copy of selection meeting minutes.	Para Swimming Sport Coordinator
24 th April 2022	Paralympics Ireland Board ratification and selected athletes notified in writing by the Paralympics Ireland President.	Paralympics Ireland Board and President
24 th – 25 th April 2022	Period for athletes to appeal decision in writing.	Athletes
26 th April 2022	Appeal Committee to meet if required	Appeals Committee
27 th April 2022	Any challenge to Appeals Committee decision to SDSI arbitration to be notified within 1 day of Appeals Committee decision.	Athletes
28 th April 2022	SDSI arbitration takes place within one day of notice received.	SDSI
22 April 2022	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Name per Event (Final entry).	Para Swimming Sport Coordinator
29 April 2022	Deadline for Online Entry by Name per Event (final entry deadline)	Para Swimming Sport Coordinator

Madeira World Para Swimming Championships IRISH Team MQS standards.

24th August 2021 to 24th April 2022

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50m Freestyle	S3	01:00.70	01:08.83	01:27.28	01:27.28
	S4	00:43.66	00:46.21	00:54.10	01:03.25
	S5	00:36.21	00:37.80	00:53.64	00:58.76
	S6	00:32.76	00:33.06	00:39.45	00:40.54
	S7	00:31.32	00:32.98	00:37.10	00:38.95
	S8	00:29.68	00:30.33	00:34.31	00:35.10
	S9	00:26.65	00:26.79	00:31.15	00:32.28
	S10	00:25.83	00:26.32	00:29.90	00:30.77
	S11	00:28.77	00:29.40	00:37.90	00:46.06
	S12	00:26.65	00:28.31	00:31.68	00:37.50
	S13	00:25.42	00:25.72	00:28.87	00:29.98
100m Freestyle	S3	02:40.12	03:25.18	03:03.15	03:03.15
	S4	01:39.20	02:17.04	03:21.46	03:41.82
	S5	01:24.81	01:29.44	01:55.46	02:21.43
	S6	01:11.65	01:14.50	01:24.72	01:29.24
	S7	01:10.62	01:12.73	01:19.95	01:22.36
	S8	01:03.32	01:04.88	01:14.02	01:17.87
	S9	00:57.96	00:58.78	01:06.24	01:07.60
	S10	00:56.33	00:57.17	01:04.88	01:05.68
	S11	01:03.95	01:06.02	01:24.19	01:38.30
	S12	00:58.34	01:00.64	01:09.28	01:12.59
	S13	00:57.00	00:58.05	01:07.38	01:11.70
200m Freestyle	S1	06:26.32	06:26.32	N/A	N/A
	S2	07:27.13	07:27.13	05:31.50	05:31.50
	S3	05:09.76	06:39.27	05:33.98	05:33.98
	S4	03:34.80	04:04.62	05:38.07	05:38.07
	S5	03:13.43	03:28.82	05:08.70	05:08.70
	S14	02:01.67	02:03.00	02:19.56	02:21.89
400m Freestyle	S6	05:34.28	05:45.16	06:43.86	07:35.38
	S7	05:21.42	05:58.44	06:02.55	06:20.43
	S8	05:02.19	05:11.99	05:45.95	06:23.70
	S9	04:30.75	04:41.00	05:04.29	05:11.95
	S10	04:34.33	04:49.19	05:19.11	05:36.71
	S11	05:26.66	06:29.00	06:24.49	06:24.49

	S13	04:59.99	05:20.67	05:48.76	05:48.76
50m Backstroke	S1	01:53.32	01:53.32	N/A	N/A
	S2	01:30.58	01:53.22	01:43.17	01:43.17
	S3	01:03.72	01:11.81	01:23.74	01:23.74
	S4	00:52.00	00:55.71	01:06.77	01:14.60
	S5	00:42.76	00:44.85	01:03.24	01:03.63
100m Backstroke	S1	04:02.72	04:02.72	N/A	N/A
	S2	03:10.33	03:10.33	03:38.84	03:38.84
	S6	01:26.10	01:28.70	01:38.54	01:47.61
	S7	01:21.09	01:29.99	01:33.91	01:38.78
	S8	01:18.93	01:23.57	01:28.96	01:32.88
	S9	01:08.70	01:09.74	01:20.35	01:22.28
	S10	01:06.34	01:09.56	01:17.03	01:19.46
	S11	01:17.08	01:21.06	01:41.10	01:41.10
	S12	01:19.86	01:19.86	01:29.26	01:35.70
	S13	01:06.56	01:10.46	01:21.01	01:27.26
	S14	01:04.08	01:04.64	01:15.30	01:16.24
50m Breaststroke	SB2	01:58.27	02:12.20	01:58.48	01:58.48
	SB3	01:02.34	01:13.45	01:14.80	01:24.78
100m Breaststroke	SB4	02:01.17	02:11.46	03:30.40	03:30.40
	SB5	01:46.57	01:50.73	02:13.93	02:47.85
	SB6	01:29.61	01:33.36	01:57.88	02:01.57
	SB7	01:40.50	01:44.86	01:52.55	02:02.12
	SB8	01:22.00	01:24.26	01:40.64	01:45.14
	SB9	01:15.48	01:16.86	01:25.67	01:27.19
	SB11	01:28.24	01:31.00	01:57.09	01:57.09
	SB12	01:31.06	01:31.06	01:33.45	01:47.97
	SB13	01:13.53	01:20.83	01:30.37	01:44.04
	SB14	01:10.74	01:11.32	01:25.70	01:28.39
50m Butterfly	S5	00:39.90	00:44.26	01:36.38	01:36.38
	S6	00:35.94	00:36.61	00:42.55	00:46.23
	S7	00:34.65	00:37.68	00:42.62	00:48.26
100m Butterfly	S8	01:08.86	01:14.28	01:41.79	01:41.79
	S9	01:03.12	01:04.41	01:18.37	01:26.00
	S10	01:02.94	01:04.61	01:22.86	01:33.88
	S11	01:19.38	01:29.24	N/A	N/A
	S12	01:05.87	01:17.71	01:15.62	01:15.62
	S13	01:02.34	01:05.08	01:16.09	01:27.59
	S14	00:59.62	01:00.32	01:13.63	01:15.42

150m Individual Medley	SM3	04:53.26	04:53.26	04:44.83	04:44.83
	SM4	03:19.57	03:39.03	03:50.50	04:22.54
200m Individual Medley	SM5	05:25.94	05:25.94	06:04.87	06:04.87
	SM6	03:04.83	03:10.95	03:37.25	04:29.11
	SM7	02:59.11	03:13.10	03:37.80	03:46.69
	SM8	02:42.89	02:54.68	03:23.48	03:48.97
	SM9	02:28.06	02:31.13	02:51.13	02:54.38
	SM10	02:29.21	02:33.11	02:49.82	03:06.85
	SM11	02:50.49	03:24.08	03:32.64	03:32.64
	SM13	02:23.12	02:28.98	02:44.43	03:01.59
SM14	02:18.72	02:19.84	02:41.00	02:46.50	
Relays*					
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	34 points	\			
Mixed 4x100m Medley	34 points	\			
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	S14	\			
Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle	S14	\			
Mixed 4 x 100m Medley	49 Points (VI)	\			
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	49 points (VI)	\			
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle	20 points	\			
Mixed 4x50m Medley	20 points	\			

The Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS) set by World Para Swimming was based on the average of 15th -17th place of the official World ranking list 1 January 2020- 31st July 2021. The Minimum Entry Time (MET) was set based on the average of 19th -22nd place of the official World ranking list.