



# TEAM IRELAND SELECTION POLICY

Madeira 2024 Para Swimming European Open Championships  
21-27 April 2024, Madeira, Portugal

## DEFINITIONS

<b>Appeal Period</b>	means the 48 hours following publication of the nominations for selection by the Selectors, within which athletes must submit a Notice of Appeal in accordance with section 9;
<b>Board</b>	means the Board of Directors of Paralympics Ireland;
<b>CDO</b>	means the Complaints and Disciplinary Officer of Paralympics Ireland;
<b>CEO</b>	means the Chief Executive Officer of Paralympics Ireland;
<b>Championships</b>	means the Madeira 2024 Para Swimming European Open Championships, which takes place between 21 <sup>st</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024, in Madeira, Portugal.
<b>CMO</b>	means the Chief Medical Officer of Paralympics Ireland;
<b>Competitive Readiness</b>	means the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the Championships, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying for the Team.
<b>Event</b>	means the swimming disciplines of freestyle, breast stroke, back stroke, butterfly and individual medley as specified in Appendix A.
<b>MQS</b>	means the Minimum Qualification Standards which is a list of race times per Event as outlined at Appendix A that an athlete must achieve in order to be eligible for nomination for selection to represent the Team at the Championships;
<b>MET</b>	means the Minimum Entry Times, which are the race times for an Event that an athlete must meet at Recognised Competitions, as outlined at Appendix A,
<b>Minor</b>	means an athlete that is under the age of eighteen (18);
<b>Performance Director</b>	means the Para Swimming Performance Director of Paralympics Ireland;
<b>PI</b>	means Paralympics Ireland;



<b>PI Standards of Conduct</b>	means the standards of conduct more particularly set out in the PI Participant Rules as set out in Appendix B.
<b>Pre Participation Criteria</b>	means the criteria set out in section 2 that athletes must meet to be considered eligible for nomination for selection to the Team for the Championships;
<b>Recognised Competition</b>	means a 50m World Para Swimming approved competition as set out in section 3.2;
<b>Respective Event</b>	means any of the events listed in Appendix A;
<b>SDSI</b>	means Sports Dispute Solutions Ireland
<b>Selectors</b>	means the expert panel of selectors which nominates an athlete for selection for the Championships and comprises the PI Para Swimming Coordinator, a high performance professional with expertise from Swim Ireland and the PI Performance Coach / Coach Educator.
<b>Team</b>	means the Irish Para swimming team to represent Ireland at the Championships ;
<b>Qualification Period</b>	means the period between 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>WPS</b>	means World Para Swimming.



## 1. POLICY PURPOSE

This policy sets out the PI process for selecting athletes to represent the Team at the Championships.

The policy confirms how para swim athletes are to be:

- (a) considered eligible for nomination for selection, which involves Pre Participation Criteria and the achievement of MQS or MQS/MET times ;
- (b) nominated for selection; and
- (c) selected.

To be considered eligible for nomination to be selected to the Team to compete at the Championships, athletes must first satisfy certain Pre Participation Criteria. See section 2 for the **Pre Participation Criteria**.

Then the athletes must achieve a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) in an Event at a Recognised Competition prior to the Championships. Athletes' results from the 2023 WPS World Championships will also be taken into account. See the **MQS** in Appendix A.

Athletes who achieve an MQS in one event and an **MET** in an additional event(s) in Recognised Competitions may be entered into those additional **MET** events at the Championships following the selection process, subject to the discretion of the PI Performance Director and the approval of World Para Swimming.

The Selectors comprise an expert panel of three persons which nominate athletes for selection according to selection criteria, which takes into account other factors beside the Pre Participation Criteria and the MQS. See section 4 for **Selection Criteria**.

However the actual **selection** of any athlete to the Team at the Madeira 2024 Para Swimming European Open Championships, is made by the board of PI (the Board).

Prior to the actual selection, athletes will be afforded an opportunity to appeal any non-nomination for selection within a specific period of time, before the Board complete the actual selection. See section 9 for the **Appeal Process**..

## 2. PRE PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

To be considered eligible for nomination to be selected to represent the Team, athletes must meet the following criteria:

- 2.1 Be at least 14 years of age;
- 2.2 Be an Irish citizen;
- 2.3 Hold an Irish passport at the time of nominations being submitted to the board of PI;
- 2.4 Hold an active WPS Athlete License for the 2024 season;
- 2.5 Be a registered PI member for the 2024 season;
- 2.6 Be in good standing with PI;



- 2.7 Have signed the Schedule 2 PI Participant Acceptance Form as per the PI Participation Rules, accompanied by a signed Schedule 1 Participant Acceptance Form if a minor;
- 2.8 Have signed the IPC Athlete Eligibility Agreement.
- 2.9 Be internationally classified in an eligible Sport Class with a Status of (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2025 or later \*

\*In relation to criterion 2.9 above, NPCs are permitted to provisionally select athletes with a Sport Class Status of (i) Review; (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date of 2024 or earlier; and (iii) New, subject to such athletes fulfilling the other qualification requirements above and attending an Evaluation Session prior to or during the Championships (including any required in-competition Observation Assessment).

- 2.10 Not be serving a period of ineligibility from the sport as determined by PI, for example due to misconduct and/or disciplinary reasons;
- 2.11 Not, whether by act or omission, have brought PI into disrepute; or
- 2.12 Not be currently serving a provisional or permanent suspension for a doping violation.

### 3. MINIMUM QUALIFICATION STANDARD

- 3.1 Subject to athletes meeting the Pre Participation Criteria, athletes must then achieve an MQS in an Event as per Appendix A at a Recognised 50m Competition within the Qualification Period.
- 3.2 The Recognised Competitions are:
  - (i) Manchester 2023 WPS World Championships (31<sup>st</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August)
  - (ii). WPS Licensed Meet:
    - Rotterdam Qualification Meet – 2023, 30<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023
    - 2023 Ken Demchuk International Invitational, 1- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023
    - Leinster Open Championships, NAC, 26-28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (*subject to approval of license from WPS*)
    - Citi Para Swimming World Series Great Britain Aberdeen (GBR), 1-4<sup>th</sup> February 2024
    - Citi Para Swimming World Australia Melbourne (AUS), 23-25<sup>th</sup> February 2024
  - (iii). Outside of point (ii), any other WPS Licensed events within the qualification period, nominated by an athlete and approved by the Performance Director
- 3.3 Times are only recognised if the athlete was already licensed at the time of the achievement
- 3.4 Each athlete's best single performance at a Recognised 50m Competition within the Qualification Period will be considered by the Selectors.
- 3.5 Athletes who achieve an MQS in one Event and an MET in additional Event(s) in Recognised 50m Competitions as per Appendix A, may be entered into those additional **MET** Event(s) at



the Championships following the selection process, subject to the discretion of the Performance Director and the approval of World Para Swimming.

#### 4. SELECTION CRITERIA

- 4.1 The Selectors shall take the following into account when nominating an athlete for selection:
- (i) The athlete meets the Pre Participation Criteria;
  - (ii) The athlete has achieved an MQS in an Event as per Appendix A at a Recognised 50m Competition within the Qualification Period;
  - (iii) The athlete has achieved an MET in an Event as per Appendix A at a Recognised 50m Competition within the Qualification Period;
- 4.2 A maximum of ten athletes can be nominated for selection to the Team and accordingly the Selectors may then consider any of the following or any combination of the following criteria: -
- (i) The basis of medal potential (Medal potential is the percentage of the time of the third-ranked place in the WPS rankings as of 31/12/2023, to reflect the most recent changes in classification);
  - (ii) Where the percentage of third-ranked place is tied within one percent for eligible athletes competing for the final quote place, the nomination place will be awarded by the Selectors on the basis of their opinion of the eligible athlete most likely to be closest to the medal zone at the Championships;
  - (iii) The best single performance times;
  - (iv) The form of the athlete during the Qualification Period;
  - (v) Proven performance at major championships and WPS-sanctioned events; and
  - (vi) Discretion of the Selectors taking everything into account.
- 4.3 Athletes should be competitively fit to train/compete at the time of nomination for selection.
- 4.4 All prospective Team members may be subjected to a medical assessment by the CMO at their request or at the request of or the Performance Director. To remain eligible for nomination for selection the CMO must certify to PI that in their opinion, taking into account all the available information at the time, the athlete will be medically fit to compete at the Championships. In making their decision, the CMO may seek further opinions from suitably qualified medical practitioners where appropriate.



## 5. SELECTION

- 5.1 The Board has the sole power to select an athlete to the Team.
- 5.2 Up to a maximum of ten (10) athletes may be selected to the Team by the Board.
- 5.3 The Board will rely on the nominations for selection made by the Selectors.
- 5.4 The Board will require a report from the Selectors to justify their nominations for selection. The report will confirm:
  - (i) that nominated athletes have met the Pre Participation Criteria;
  - (ii) that nominated athletes have met the required MQS for that Event and MET where the athlete has competed in an additional Event at a Recognised 50m Competition;
  - (iii) all other selection criteria taken into account when nominating the athlete for selection.
- 5.5 The Board shall decide on the selection of athletes within 2 days of the expiry of the Appeal Period.
- 5.6 The decision of the Board is final and binding and there shall be no appeal to its decision to select athletes to the Team for the Championships.

## 6. POST SELECTION TEAM COMMITMENTS

- 6.1 All selected athletes will be required to sign and comply with all WPS requirements, rules and regulations.
- 6.2 Selected athletes shall participate in at least two media events or such other media activities as may be agreed from time to time in any athlete agreement with PI.
- 6.3 Selected athletes must ensure that they complete their online weekly monitoring and training log.
- 6.4 Selected athletes must not take holidays or time off for a period longer than three (3) days without prior notification to the Performance Director in writing via email between the date of their selection and the Championships.
- 6.5 Selected athletes must make themselves available for all Team activities designated by the Performance Director.
- 6.6 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 provided by the Performance Director, upon his / her consideration of a request in writing from the athlete.
- 6.7 Team members must comply with WPS rules regarding swimwear, as set out in Article 10.15 of the WPS Rules and Regulations.



## **7. WITHDRAWALS**

- 7.1 The Board retains the right at its discretion to withdraw athletes from selection from the Team in the following circumstances:
- (i) by certification by the CMO of illness or injury which in the opinion of the CMO would prevent the athlete from competing at the necessary high performance competitive level at the Championships;
  - (ii) if the athlete, if requested, fails to prove the fitness or performance capability necessary to compete at the necessary high performance competitive level at the Championships;  
or
  - (iii) if the athlete fails to fully comply with their personal training and competition program as agreed with the Performance Director.
- 7.2 Any Team member who withdraws themselves from the Team, with the exception of a withdrawal on medical grounds, following selection may be liable to PI for the reimbursement of any costs incurred on behalf of that athlete such as flights, accommodation and equipment associated with the Championships.
- 7.3 Athletes who do not remain in a state of Competitive Readiness 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 for that Event to the Performance Director in writing via email.
- 7.4 An athlete will be removed from consideration for selection for the Team or removed after selection for the Team if he/she has failed an initial anti-doping test and/or is found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure.
- 7.5 An athlete or member of staff may, at any time, be disqualified for consideration for selection for the Team or be removed after selection based on current or past behaviour of the athlete/staff member that is inconsistent with PI Standards of Conduct.

## **8. STAFF NOMINATION**

- 8.1 The nomination of the support staff and coaching team is the sole responsibility of the Performance Director.
- 8.2 The Board is responsible for the selection of the support staff and coaching team based on the nomination of the Performance Director.
- 8.3 Any staff team member who is ill/injured prior to selection or becomes ill/injured following selection, where it compromises their capacity to fulfil their role responsibilities at the Championships, must declare this information to the CMO. This is to ensure that there is no additional risk to the staff team member's health and safety, and to ensure that PI has a fully functioning staffing team to support the health and safety of the Team.
- 8.4 All selected staff members must be Garda Vetted and have signed the PI Participation Rules.



## 9. SELECTION APPEALS PROCEDURE

### 9.1 General

The following appeals procedure applies in respect of any appeal by an athlete who has met the selection criteria as per clause 4.1 and who has not been nominated for selection for the Team by the Selectors.

### 9.2 Limitation of Appeal

The grounds for any appeal is limited to an appeal on the basis that:

- 9.2.1 the non-nomination was based on a biased decision of the Selectors; or
- 9.2.2 the non-nomination was irrational having regard to the information relied upon by the Selectors.

### 9.3 Notice of Appeal

- 9.3.1 To appeal a non-nomination, the athlete must lodge a Notice of Appeal, in the form prescribed at Appendix B, together with any supporting documentation.
- 9.3.2 The Notice of Appeal must be submitted within 48 hours of the publication by the Selectors of the team to be nominated for selection.
- 9.3.3 The Notice of Appeal must be submitted by email to (a) the Performance Director at [dave@paralympics.ie](mailto:dave@paralympics.ie), (b) the CEO at [ceo@paralympics.ie](mailto:ceo@paralympics.ie) and (c) the Para Swimming Coordinator at [sarah@paralympics.ie](mailto:sarah@paralympics.ie)
- 9.3.4 An administrative fee of €100.00 must be paid with the Notice of Appeal by cheque or proof of electronic transfer. This fee will be refunded if the appeal is successful.

### 9.4 Confirmation of Validity

- 9.4.1 The Performance Director, Para Swimming Coordinator shall review the Notice of Appeal and any attached documentation in order to determine whether the appeal is valid.
- 9.4.2 If the Notice of Appeal is not fully completed and/or no evidence of the fee being paid is provided and/or the Notice of Appeal is not lodged within the prescribed period then the appeal shall be deemed invalid.
- 9.4.3 If the Notice of Appeal is deemed valid but the athlete has not confined their ground(s) for appeal to bias and/or irrationality then the appeal will be deemed invalid.
- 9.4.4 The Para Swimming Coordinator shall confirm to the athlete within 24 hours of receipt of the Notice of Appeal if the appeal is deemed valid or otherwise.
- 9.4.5 Within two (2) working days of confirmation by Para Swimming Coordinator that the Notice of Appeal is valid, , the CEO shall:
  - (a) appoint an ad hoc Appeals Committee (three persons, two of whom shall be independent of Paralympics Ireland);
  - (b) deliver the appeal documents to the Appeals Committee; and





(c) notify the athlete of the composition of the Appeals Committee.

9.4.6 The athlete shall raise any objection to the composition of the Appeals Committee setting out the reasons for such objection within 24 hours of receipt of the notice of the Appeals Committee composition. If there is any objection to the composition of the Appeals Committee, the Appeals Committee shall have the right to determine whether the objection is upheld or not. If there is any possibility of a perception of bias or actual bias then that member of the Appeal Committee shall stand aside. If the objection is upheld, the CEO shall appoint a new member to the ad hoc Appeals Committee.

## **9.5 Appeal Hearing**

9.5.1 Within two (2) days of the Appeals Committee being appointed, the Chair appointed by the Appeals Committee shall deliver notification to the athlete of the hearing including, where appropriate, the following details: -

- i. the time, date and venue of the hearing, with at least two (2) days' notice of the hearing;
- ii. all documents received by the Appeals Committee;
- iii. an outline of the Appellant's rights at the hearing which includes the following rights: legal representation, to produce additional documents, to deliver submissions, to examine and cross examine witnesses, including expert witnesses; to make statements;
- iv. Each party attending the appeal hearing shall deliver to the Appeals Committee notice of all witnesses and legal representatives and where appropriate, provide copies of all witness statements and written submissions prior to the scheduled appeal hearing; and
- v. where it appears that the interests of a third party may be affected by any decision of the Appeals Committee, the Appeals Committee may invite the third party to make submissions and produce additional documents and make submissions.

9.5.2 The decision of the Appeals Committee, which is by majority, is limited to determining whether either or both of the grounds for appeal have been substantiated.

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

9.5.4 The Appeals Committee shall either uphold or reject the appeal. The Appeals Committee cannot replace the decision of the Selectors. Where the appeal is upheld, then the Appeals Committee shall remit the matter back to the Selectors with directions.

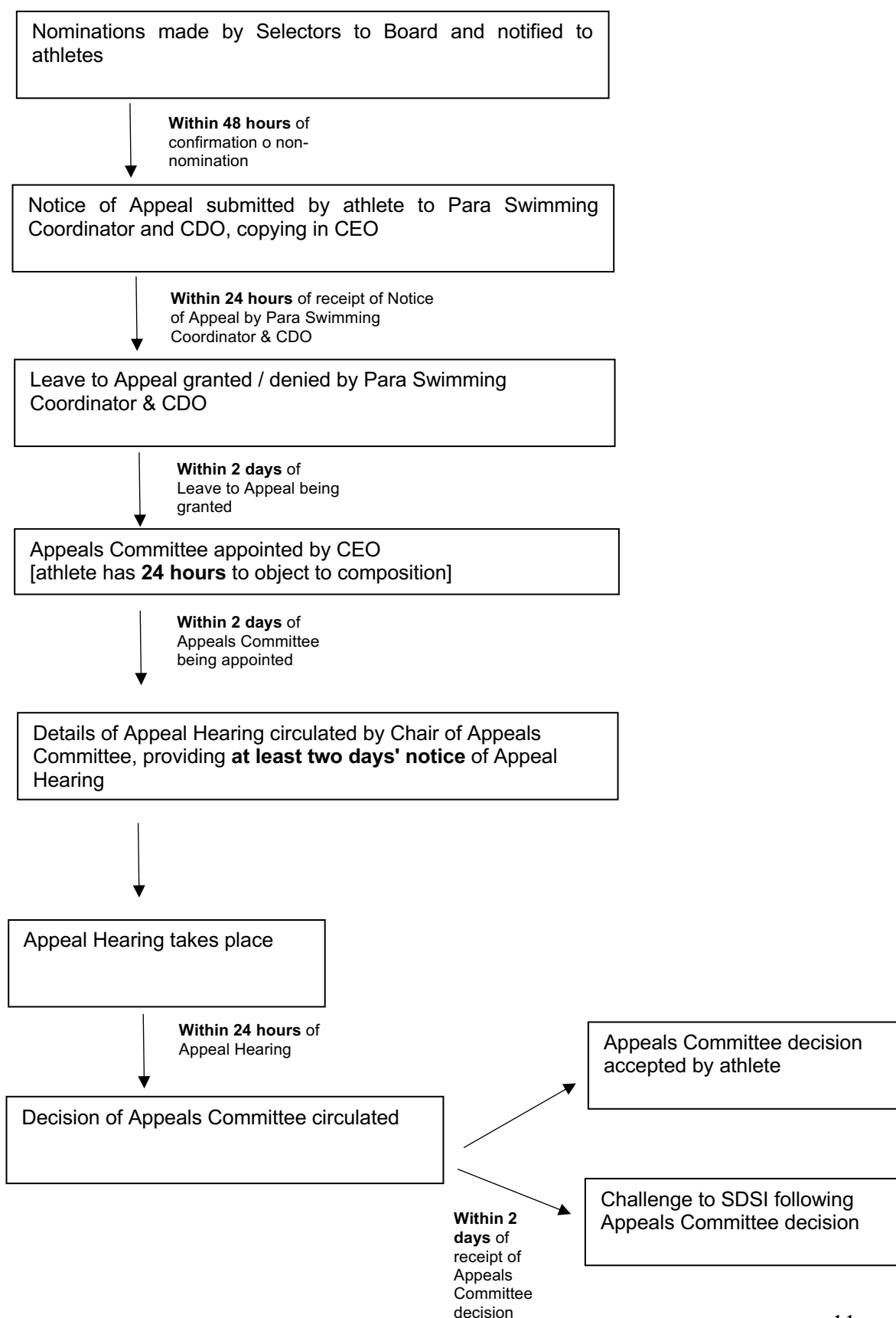
9.5.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be binding on the parties attending the appeal hearing and any affected third party, subject to a right to challenge such decision before SDSI arbitration in accordance with the SDSI arbitration rules and procedures. Any arbitral challenge to the decision of the Appeals Committee must be commenced within two (2) days of receipt by the athlete or his/her representative of the decision of the Appeals Committee. Thereafter the SDSI arbitration rules and procedures shall apply.



## **9.6 Powers of the Appeals Committee**

- 9.6.1 The Appeals Committee shall have the flexibility to conduct the hearing in any manner it deems fit, subject to the hearing being conducted fairly.
- 9.6.2 The Appeals Committee may, at its sole discretion, disregard any failure by a party to adhere to this appeals process and may give such further directions as may be appropriate.
- 9.6.3 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.
- 9.6.4 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 shall be kept confidential between the parties.
- 9.6.5 Each party shall be responsible for their own costs and expenses, including legal costs for the appeal hearing. The Appeals Committee has no power to make an award of legal costs against a party. The Appeals 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.
- 9.6.6 The Appeals Committee, the Selectors and/or any employee or volunteer involved in the selection process shall be immune from suit in respect of any loss or damage caused to the athlete in relation to the selection of athletes to represent the Team at the Championships.

## 9.7 Summary of Appeals Timeline



**APPENDIX A**

**List of MQS & MET times for the Madeira 2024 Para Swimming European Open Championships**

Qualification Period – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50m Freestyle	S3	01:00.94	01:06.00	02:16.24	02:16.24
	S4	00:45.08	00:49.93	01:03.04	01:19.73
	S5	00:36.60	00:38.01	00:45.04	00:48.13
	S6			00:38.05	00:39.34
	S7	00:31.62	00:32.38		
	S8			00:34.76	00:35.43
	S9	00:26.76	00:26.96		
	S10	00:26.07	00:26.15	00:29.51	00:30.12
	S11	00:28.73	00:29.23	00:34.18	00:35.96
	S13	00:25.86	00:26.39	00:30.69	00:31.40
100m Freestyle	S3			05:01.97	05:01.97
	S4	01:43.81	02:04.61		
	S5	01:22.41	01:26.33	01:38.34	01:46.02
	S6	01:13.29	01:14.22	01:26.24	01:28.91
	S7	01:09.84	01:10.84	01:19.78	01:21.25
	S8	01:02.28	01:03.62	01:16.86	01:18.05
	S9	00:58.61	00:59.03	01:06.61	01:07.52
	S10	00:56.67	00:57.15	01:04.79	01:05.41
	S11	01:05.27	01:09.18	01:17.02	01:24.59
	S12	01:00.92	01:02.48	01:10.77	01:16.47
S13	00:56.59	00:57.32	01:08.78	01:10.51	
200m Freestyle	S2	07:33.78	07:33.78		
	S3	05:10.72	06:02.06		
	S4	03:58.50	04:33.40		
	S5	03:05.50	03:16.54	03:42.85	03:50.21
	S14	02:00.31	02:01.37	02:18.15	02:19.87
400m Freestyle	S6	05:43.45	06:06.08	06:39.25	07:03.76

	S7	05:29.63	05:46.55	06:06.96	06:20.81
	S8	05:01.59	05:10.05	05:48.70	06:00.71
	S9	04:36.81	04:38.72	05:11.24	05:24.57
	S10			05:01.35	05:02.73
	S11	05:38.03	06:04.89	06:54.36	09:09.42
	S13	04:41.43	04:52.91	06:00.93	06:00.93
50m Backstroke	S1	01:59.74	01:59.74		
	S2	01:43.60	01:43.60	01:59.73	01:59.73
	S3	01:02.32	01:12.74	02:13.90	02:13.90
	S4	00:54.04	00:58.26	01:19.64	01:21.20
	S5	00:42.51	00:44.89	00:52.44	00:55.32
100m Backstroke	S1	04:34.83	04:34.83		
	S2	03:43.31	03:43.31	04:17.63	04:17.63
	S6	01:26.64	01:30.61	01:46.32	01:55.73
	S7	01:23.65	01:26.36		
	S8	01:15.00	01:16.21	01:28.47	01:30.31
	S9	01:08.90	01:09.31	01:20.20	01:21.01
	S10	01:07.98	01:09.27	01:17.29	01:18.24
	S11	01:18.18	01:22.00	01:34.28	01:46.73
	S12	01:14.49	01:20.73	01:40.72	01:44.34
	S13	01:07.24	01:14.04	01:27.03	01:36.39
S14	01:03.11	01:03.82	01:14.05	01:15.32	
50m Breaststroke	SB2	01:48.57	02:23.46	03:19.40	03:19.40
	SB3	01:04.55	01:09.22	01:22.98	03:03.62
100m Breaststroke	SB4	02:10.93	02:18.51	02:37.08	02:48.15
	SB5	01:49.95	01:53.63	02:30.72	02:48.48
	SB6	01:30.83	01:32.73	01:52.48	01:54.69
	SB7	01:39.93	01:44.52	01:53.81	01:59.53
	SB8	01:20.34	01:22.25	01:34.90	01:38.11
	SB9	01:14.59	01:15.92	01:29.44	01:31.41
	SB11	01:28.42	01:30.67	01:51.79	02:09.51
	SB12	01:24.32	01:27.10	01:38.52	01:46.55
	SB13	01:18.23	01:24.66	01:45.34	01:45.34

	SB14	01:11.54	01:11.92	01:24.45	01:25.84
50m Butterfly	S5	00:41.95	00:45.48	01:02.44	01:06.87
	S6	00:36.19	00:36.77	00:46.47	00:51.85
	S7	00:37.08	00:37.58	00:43.19	00:44.42
100m Butterfly	S8	01:09.14	01:12.20	01:29.20	01:40.05
	S9	01:05.04	01:05.87	01:16.52	01:18.33
	S10	01:02.90	01:04.03	01:16.40	01:19.38
	S11	01:22.79	01:30.32		
	S12	01:11.49	01:18.09		
	S13	01:02.84	01:04.40	01:38.00	01:38.00
	S14	00:59.24	00:59.99	01:10.99	01:12.32
150m Individual Medley	SM3	05:10.44	05:10.44		
	SM4	03:25.96	03:41.51	05:36.16	05:36.16
200m Individual Medley	SM5			04:44.06	05:19.31
	SM6	03:11.54	03:19.69	03:51.76	04:03.65
	SM7	03:05.58	03:14.42	03:33.26	03:40.10
	SM8	02:41.83	02:44.48	03:08.09	03:16.76
	SM9	02:28.96	02:32.13	02:53.09	02:55.46
	SM10	02:27.44	02:31.01	02:47.55	02:51.01
	SM11	02:54.36	03:00.91	04:04.78	04:10.22
	SM13	02:27.67	02:34.61	02:58.63	03:11.64
	SM14	02:17.61	02:18.76	02:38.56	02:40.46
Relays*					
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	34 Points			\	
Mixed 4x100m Medley	34 Points			\	
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle	S14			\	

Mixed 4 x 100m Medley	S14	\
Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle	49 Points (VI)	\
Mixed 4x100m Medley	49 points (VI)	\
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle	20 points	\
Mixed 4x50m Medley	20 points	\

For MQS and Minimum Entry Time (“MET”) details please see the list at the end of this document. The MQS was set based on the average of 19 -21 placed athletes on the official World ranking list 1 January 2022 - 6th August 2023. The MET was set based on the average of the 23 - 26 placed athletes on the official World ranking list 1 January 2022 - 6th August 2023. If there were not enough athletes on the rankings to meet the above criteria, the average times of the last two athletes included on the rankings were used as an MQS and MET. The exception to this may be the S1 and S2 MQS standards which are set to increase the number of qualifying athletes for these events. For MQS and MET details please see the list at the end of this document.

For relay events there are no MQS times; teams can be entered even without previous achievement (they will be seeded with ‘no time’). NPCs that have a time for their relay team from the qualification period can enter this result in the final entries.



**APPENDIX B**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

**1. DETAILS OF THE PERSON APPEALING (the "Appellant")**

**Name of Appellant**

**Date of Birth**

**Over 14**

**Address**

**Email**

**Phone**





**Name of Barrister/Solicitor or other representative of Appellant (if applicable)**

**2. PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN'S DETAILS (if Appellant is under 18):**

**Name**

**Address**

**Email**

**Phone**

**3. INTERESTED PARTIES**

**Are there any other persons who may be directly affected by, or who has a sufficiently close interest in your selection?**

**Name**



**Address**

**Email**

**Phone**

**4. DETAILS OF NON-NOMINATION DECISION BEING CHALLENGED:**

**Date of non-nomination decision (if date notified of non-nomination decision is different, please state)**

**Person(s) responsible for non-nomination**

**5. GROUNDS OF APPEAL: (see section 9 above):**

**Please state whether your appeal is based on section 9.2.1 or 9.2.2:**

9.2.1 *the non-nomination was biased; or*

9.2.2 *the non-nomination was irrational having regard to the information relied upon by the Selectors.*



**Provide a summary of the nature of this appeal**

**Please provide details of outcome and/or relief sought**

**Please provide details of any documents relied on (explaining the relevance of any document relied upon)**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



**Please provide the names of witnesses (if any)**

**Signed:**

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**If signatory is someone other than the Appellant, please outline signatory's relationship with the Appellant)**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **CHECKLIST**

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