

SPORTS SELECTION CRITERIA – PARA-SWIMMING¹

TOKYO 2020 PARALYMPIC GAMES

Sport	PARA-SWIMMING
Team Leader	Hayley Burke
Selection Committee	<p>The following are the Members of the Swimming Selection Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hayley Burke • James Lavery • High Performance Representative from Swim Ireland (TBA) <p>This Selection Committee shall nominate athletes to Paralympics Ireland for ratification to the 2020 Games Team in accordance with the provisions of this selection criteria and the “2020 Irish Paralympic Team Selection Principles and Criteria policy” (the PI Policy).</p>
Notes to Selection Criteria	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Additional notes specific to Para-Swimming:</u></p> <p>These criteria have been amended following the re-scheduling of the Tokyo 2020 Games to 2021, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>(i) These criteria are subject to gender specific athlete quota slots being issued by World Para Swimming to Paralympics Ireland. Meeting the criteria in this document does not guarantee selection to compete for Team Ireland at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games rescheduled to take place in August & September 2021.</p> <p>(ii) Note: Paralympics Ireland is the recognised National Paralympic Committee for Ireland and therefore has the sole and exclusive power to determine participation at the Games. Therefore, any reference to “selection” in these criteria, means a selection process which is subject to review and ratification process by PI as set out in the Irish Paralympic Team “Selection Principles and Criteria” document.¹</p> <p>(iii) Paralympics Ireland will be the final decision-making body in ratifying the position of all athletes and support staff on the 2020 Irish Paralympic Swimming Team.</p> <p>(iv) The acceptance of all athlete quota slots issued to Ireland is at the sole discretion of the PI Board. For clarity, PI may not select more athletes</p>

¹ This document should be read in conjunction with the “2020 Irish Paralympic Team Selection Principles & Criteria”

	<p>than are permitted to be selected under the quota system but may select fewer athletes in its absolute discretion.</p> <p>(v) Athletes may be entered into a range of eligible events. Once selection has taken place, the specific events athletes will be entered into will be finalised by the Team Leader prior to the deadline of final sports entries by the Chef de Mission. Alterations after the close of final entries are not permissible.</p> <p>(vi) Bi-partite Commission invitations for swimming athlete will only be considered if athletes have achieved the Minimum Qualifying Standard. Bipartite Commission invitations will also be considered in accordance with 2.7 of the 2020 Paralympics Ireland Criteria.</p>
<p>Eligibility for Selection Consideration</p>	<p><u>Additional eligibility criteria specific to swimming:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athletes must be a minimum of 14 years of age on the 25th of August 2021 - Athletes must hold an active WPS Athlete License for the 2020 & 2021 season - Athletes must have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at a WPS Recognised 50m Competition (WPS Competition, WPS Sanctioned Competition or WPS Approved Competition) for the respective event between 1st July 2019 and 26th June 2021, and have competed in at least one (1) of the following competitions between 1st July 2019 and June 26th 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) any WPS World Series event, (ii) 2019 WPS World Championships, (iii) any WPS Regional or Regional Open Championships, - Athletes must be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2021. - Athletes must register an eligible performance within the Irish Qualification Period from the 1st of July 2019 – June 26th 2021.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athletes must have completed the Paralympics Ireland Tokyo Team Member Agreement - Athletes (and parents/guardians for minors) must have completed the acceptance and acknowledgement forms as per the PI Participant Rules available on www.paralympics.ie
<p>Criteria for Selection</p>	<p>A) Athletes will be considered for selection based on their best single performance in the Irish Team Qualification Period (1st July 2019 – June 26th 2021). This performance must have been achieved at a WPS 50m Recognised Competition (WPS Competition, WPS Sanctioned Competition, WPS approved Competition.)</p> <p>B) Places will be awarded firstly to eligible athletes who achieved gold and silver placing in the WPS World Championships in 2019.</p> <p>C) Places will be awarded in the second instance to eligible athletes on the basis of ‘Medal Potential’. (Medal Potential is defined as a percentage off the bronze medal winning performance in the event at the 2019 WPS World Championships).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) Where the ‘Medal Potential’ is tied within one percent for eligible athletes competing for the final quota place available per gender, the 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 Paralympic Games.</p> <p>D) In determining selection, consideration may also be given (at the discretion of the selection committee) to the factors set out in section 8 (the “General Selection Principles”) of the 2020 Irish Paralympic Team Selection Principles document.</p> <p>E) 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 the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at his request or at the request of Paralympics Ireland. To remain eligible for selection the CMO must certify to Paralympics Ireland that the athlete is fully fit to participate in training at the time of assessment and that following</p>

	<p>consultation with the coach and management of the Paralympic swimming squad that in all probability the athlete will be medically fit to compete at the Tokyo Paralympic Games.</p> <p>F) Nomination of Team Support Staff</p> <p>The Nomination of team support staff in camp and competition prior to and during the Paralympic Games 2020 is the sole responsibility of the appointed Team Manager by Paralympics Ireland and subject to ratification by Chef de Mission and Paralympics Ireland.</p>
<p>Sport Specific Timelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st July 2019 – 26th June 2021 • 1st July 2019 – June 26th 2021 • July 2nd 2021 • July Tbc 2021 • July Tbc 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification period for Irish Athlete to achieve eligible Minimum Qualification Standards for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games • Qualification period for Irish Athletes to achieve performances for consideration by the sports selection committee • Sports Selection Committee Meeting to nominate athletes for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games to Paralympics Ireland. • Paralympics Ireland Board Meeting to ratify the selection of the 2020 Irish Paralympic Team week of July 5th 2021 Tbc • Athlete appeals period to Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland (SDSI) as set out in the 2020 Irish Paralympic Team Selection principles and criteria section 10.