



This Para Swimming Newsletter is mostly intended to address information related to the schedule of Para-swimming Meets in 2016-2017, Para-swimming Officials Pathway and IPC Approval Para-swimming Meet Process

### **UPCOMING PARA-SWIMMING MEETS - 2016-2017**

November 25-27, 2016	2016 CAN-AM Para-swimming Open in Miami, Florida, USA
March 20-25, 2017	2017 Youth ParaPan AM Games, Sao Paulo, Brazil
March 31 - April 2, 2017	2017 CAN-AM Para-swimming Championship in Windsor, Ontario
April 29-30, 2017	Défi Sportif in Montréal, Quebec
July/August 2017	MAN SASK, Ontario, Quebec, BC, Alberta and East Coast Provincial Championships
July 2017	Para Swimming World Cup, in USA – location/Date TBC
August 4-7, 2017	2017 Canadian Swimming Championship - Para-swimming Events included in Montréal, Quebec
August 7-11, 2017	2017 Canada Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba
Sept. 30 – Oct. 7, 2017	2017 IPC World Championships in Mexico City, Mexico
December 2017	CAN-AM Para Swimming Championship – In Canada - location TBC

### **PARA-SWIMMING OFFICIALS PATHWAY**

Para-swimming Official:	All officials who have completed the Swimming Canada Para-swimming Officials Course
Trainee IPC Technical Official:	All officials who have completed the IPC International Officials Course, but have not been accredited by IPC <b>Requirements:</b> Must be certified within 2 years of the IPC course, otherwise they will lose their Trainee IPC status
IPC International Technical Official:	IPC Officials certified level 1 or 2 as well as International technical and medical classifiers <b>Requirements:</b> must work at IPC approved meets, such as CAN-AM, Parapan AM Games, Pan Pac Para-swimming Champs, Paralympic Trials,



IPC International Meets, etc. AND be re-certified by IPC every 4 years (i.e., taking another course and being assessed on deck). Note that if the re-certification is not done in time, you will lose your IPC level accreditation

To participate to the Swimming Canada Para-swimming Officials Course, you should have already attended the Stroke and Turn clinic and have some experience in this position on the pool deck.

If you want to move up the ladder in para-swimming to become an IPC International Technical Officials Course, you must attend an IPC International Technical Official course and you need the following:

- Have the pre-requisites, prior attending the IPC course
  - Be at least a level 4 (with referee deck experience in able-bodied meet), AND
  - Have already attended the Swimming Canada Para-swimming Officials clinic AND
  - Have complete the on-line IPC Introduction to Para-Sport (this on-line course is free of charge) AND
  - Must also successfully completed the on-line IPC Swimming Technical Official Programme (cost 53.50 Euros)
    - These on-line courses can be found on the IPC Academy website at: [www.ipc-academy.org/?academy=1&area=online](http://www.ipc-academy.org/?academy=1&area=online)

Then you would be eligible to apply to attend the IPC Swimming International Technical Officials Training Course.

- Complete the IPC Application form for the course, which can be found at the [www.ipc-swimming.org/Officials/](http://www.ipc-swimming.org/Officials/) and send the Application form to [Paraofficial@swimming.ca](mailto:Paraofficial@swimming.ca).
  - All applications to the IPC International Technical Officials course must be endorsed by Swimming Canada, this prior a participant being accepted on the IPC International Officials Course.
  - Para-swimming Committee will verify pre-requisites and will endorse or decline the applicant
    - If endorsed by Swimming Canada, the application will be forward to IPC Swimming for acceptance to the course
    - If not endorsed, the participant will be notified of the reasons
  - If endorsed by Swimming Canada, you will receive a confirmation from IPC Swimming of your acceptance or not on the course as places are limited at each ITO course.



- Note: If the application is sent directly to IPC Swimming without the Swimming Canada endorsement, IPC Swimming will send it back to Swimming Canada requesting our endorsement.
- Be advised that all IPC International Technical Officials Courses are conducted in English only. Consequently, you must understand and speak English to participate to the IPC International Official Course.
- Upon receiving Swimming Canada's endorsement and the IPC'S acknowledgement of acceptance
  - You are required to attend a two-day IPC Swimming International Officials Training Course, and
  - Officiate in an IPC Swimming recognized competition, where you will be mentored, observed, and assessed by IPC Swimming Educators
- Upon successful assessment, you will be certified as an IPC ITO; if you are not successful your status will be IPC trainee.

In order to be endorsed by the Para-swimming Committee, you must:

- Have all the pre-requisites
- Prior to being evaluated as a level 2, participant must have held level 1 accreditation in the position for which they have applied for evaluation for a minimum of 12 month AND have officiated at a minimum of 2 competitions or more held under IPC Swimming rules prior to be evaluated for advancement
- If a technical official (TO) does not receive a recommendation for IPC Swimming approval of certification after two successive assessments, they will be required to:
  - Wait for a period of 24 months before applying for further evaluation in that position

Remember: You are responsible to cover your travel cost, meals and accommodation costs for the IPC Swimming International Technical Officials Training Course as well as all your expenses for the duration of the meet as well (if these are not covered by a third party)

### **IPC SWIMMING APPROVAL PARA-SWIMMING MEET PROCESS**

- For **long** course (50 metres) and **short** course (25 metres) meets, the IPC approval request must be sent directly to James Hood at Swimming Canada ([j.hood@swimming.ca](mailto:j.hood@swimming.ca)) at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the meet, as the request must be endorsed and send to IPC for final approval 6 weeks prior to the meet; competition approval fee is – 80 EUR



- You only request an IPC approval for a meet, if para-swimmers attending the meet are classified by IPC Swimming at the International level and they are licensed by IPC Swimming
- Note that it is not necessary to have doping control on site to get an IPC World or Regional Record ratified; however, you still need to have an IPC Swimming approval.
- Canadian Para-swimming Records will be ratified when a para-swimmer is attending the competition and the application for records is completed.

Web Links: [Competition Approval Fee](#) / [Competition Approval Guidelines](#) / [IPC Swimming Downloads – Records Application & Results Template](#)

**IMPORTANT:**

- All Swimming Canada designated Competitions (CAN-AM, Paralympics Trials as well as Parapan American and Pan Pacific Para-swimming and National Games (Canada Games) are required to have a Para-swimming National Meet Referee or a Technical Advisor recommended by the Para-swimming Committee and appointed by the Officials, Competitions and Rules Committee (OCRC).
- **All Provincial Championships** need to have an IPC Certified Official present at the meet, but if unavailable, should have a Para –swimming Technical Official. The Provincial Section or Local Organizing Committee is responsible for getting someone qualified in para-swimming.
  - The list of active Canadian Para-swimming Technical Officials can be found at: <https://swimming.ca/en/para-swimming-forms/> by selecting Para-swimming Officials
- **Integrated Meet:** If you are hosting an Integrated Meet, i.e. having para-swimmers with able-bodied swimmers, para-swimmers of a lower classification (classes S5 and below) and novice para-swimmers are encouraged to swim their longer events during an able-bodied event of the same stroke of a similar time duration
  - This can mean swimming their event in the able-bodied event twice the distance, for example a lower class 100m back will swim in a 200m back
  - Another example will be: if a para-swimmer S2 swim 50 m freestyle in a time of 3:45.34, it would be preferable to have this swimmer in an able-bodied event heat of 200m freestyle rather than a heat of 50m freestyle



- Don't forget this needs to be flagged so that officials, timers, electronic operator are aware in advance of the event and the results people need to ensure that the swimmer's results do not appear as "Did not finish" since they did not complete the whole distance.

### **NEW IPC OFFICIALS INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Congratulations to the following officials who have been certified IPC International Technical Officials level 1 in March 2015 (in Toronto), December 2015 (in Singapore and in Bismark, USA) and July 2016 (in Gatineau).

- Heather Stein from Maple Ridge, BC , Lyne Laprade from Gatineau, Quebec, Charles Montpetit from Ottawa, Ontario, Sandra Rousseau from Milton, Ontario and Mary Jane Smith from Peterborough, Ontario, who are now certified IPC level 1- Stroke

- Jennifer Monyo-Maina from Edmonton, Alberta, Gary Thronberg from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and Dwayne Armstrong from Selkird, Manitoba, are IPC level 1 – Starter.

Also Congratulations to Sheila Guenther who is now an IPC International Educator since December 2015.

### **INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN 2015/2016:**

Congratulations to the following individuals who were appointed by the IPC Swimming to officiate at different events:

- Heather Stein, Maple Ridge BC – INAS Global Games in September 2015 in Guayaquil, Ecuador
- Jocelyne Mc Lean, Gatineau, Quebec – Technical Delegate – 2015 Mexican Para-swimming Open in November 2015 in Méridan, Yucatan
- Jocelyne Mc Lean, Gatineau, Quebec – ITO Course Educator – 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Para Games in December 2015 in Singapore
- James Hood, Edmonton AB – Classifier – Winter Open Polish Championship in Szczecin, Poland in December 2015
- James Hood, Edmonton AB – Classifier 2016 Croatian Open in Split, Croatia in January 2016
- James Hood, Edmonton AB – Classifier 2016 Nedbank Championships in Bloemfontein, South Africa in March
- Sheila Guenther, Estevan SK – Assistant Technical Delegate – IPC European Open Championship in May 2016 in Funchal, Portugal
- Sheila Guenther, Estevan SK as Assistant Technical Delegate and Annette Gillis, Calgary AB, and Simon Merkosky, Regina, SK – 2016 Paralympics Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in September 2016



**SWIMMING CANADA PARA SWIMMING COORDINATORS ASSIGNMENTS IN  
2015/2016**

- Cynthia Pincott, Brigham QC and Glennis Mossey, Edmonton AB for the CAN-AM Para-swimming Championship in March 2015 in Toronto
- Jocelyne Mc Lean, Gatineau QC and Lockie Lister, Canmore AB were the coordinators for the Para-swimming Trials in April 2016 in Toronto
- Cynthia Pincott, Brigham QC and Heather Stein, Maple Ridge BC were the coordinators for the CAN-AM Para Swimming Championship in July 2016 in Gatineau

Generic e-mail address for anything related to Para-swimming:  
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