

Athlete Allocation System



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1 OVERVIEW

The core characteristics of the Para Swimming Athlete Allocation System focus on two (2) key methods of qualification;

1. **IPC World Ranking Database**
(Ranking period 31 October 2016 to 31 October 2017)
2. **Universality**
CGF/IPC Invitation with universality as the key driver

2 MEDAL EVENTS (12)

Men's Medal Events (6)	Additional Eligible Classifications
• S9 100m Freestyle	• S8
• S9 100m Backstroke	• S8
• S7 50m Freestyle	• S6
• SB8 100m Breaststroke	• SB7
• SM8 200m IM	• SM7
• S14 200m Freestyle	

Women's Medal Events (6)	Additional Eligible Classifications
• S8 50m Freestyle	• S7
• S9 100m Freestyle	• S8
• SB9 100m Breaststroke	• SB8
• SM10 200m IM	• SM9
• S7 50m Butterfly	• S6
• S9 100m Backstroke	• S8

3 ATHLETE ALLOCATION SYSTEM (PARA SWIMMING)

a) Field Size by event

Men's Medal Event	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
• S9 100m Freestyle	• 8
• S9 100m Backstroke	• 8
• S7 50m Freestyle	• 8
• SB8 100m Breaststroke	• 8
• SM8 200m IM	• 8
• S14 200m Freestyle	• 8
Women's Medal Event	Maximum Possible Slot Allocations
• S8 50m Freestyle	• 8
• S9 100m Freestyle	• 8
• SB9 100m Breaststroke	• 8
• SM10 200m IM	• 8
• S7 50m Butterfly	• 8
• S9 100m Backstroke	• 8

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The maximum possible slot allocation does not necessarily represent the maximum field size or number of unique athletes to compete. Slots will be allocated in accordance with the process below.

b) Maximum Number of Athletes by Commonwealth Games Association (CGA)

Gender	Event Specific
Men	3 per event
Women	3 per event

4 QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

IPC World Ranking Database	Universality
Qualification slots shall be drawn from the IPC World ranking database and issued to the CGA (in the name of a specific athlete) for transferable allocation. The slot is transferable to another athlete as long as this athlete competes in all events the athlete who qualified the slot was competing in.	Universality slots may be issued to athletes' of widely and regularly practicing CGAs. Such invitation slots will be issued to the CGA (in the name of a specific athlete) for allocation.
Slot-Allocation	Slot-Allocation
CGA (with restrictions)	CGA by Athlete by Name

5 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

a) IPC World Ranking Database

The IPC World Ranking database will be used to allocate seven (7) slots per medal event.

- CGA Nations will be extracted from the IPC World Ranking Database to create the Commonwealth-adjusted Ranking List.
- CGAs will be capped at three athletes per event within the IPC world ranking database.
- In the event the final slot of qualification has been achieved by more than one athlete with the same result, the IPC and CGF will at their sole discretion determine who receives the final slot.
- These slots are only transferable to an athlete who is eligible to compete in all events the athlete who qualified the slot to the CGA was competing in. In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the reallocation policy.
- Only IPC sanctioned events will be recognised for the purpose of the IPC World ranking database. The qualification period is as follows:
 - 31 October 2016 to 31 October 2017

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- IPC sanctioned events are outlined via the IPC website (www.paralympic.org).

In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at the IPC sanctioned events (i.e. competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated-organisation) shall be extracted by the relevant CGA designation.

b) Universality

In recognition of widely and regularly practicing Para Swimming athletes whose CGAs have not otherwise earned a slot-allocation, one invitational position per event may be issued.

This method may be actioned in circumstances where:

- Less than three (3) CGF regions are represented within an event at the end of the qualification period. Best endeavours will be made to ensure regional representation; or –
- An extenuating circumstance has occurred resulting in an athlete being unable to register a result within the qualification period; or when –
- An athlete who, in the opinion of the Bipartite Commission, has demonstrated a previous level of performance commensurate to participation at the Commonwealth Games but has not otherwise attained a slot-allocation via the methods outlined within the Athlete Allocation System.

All applications for a Universality slot-allocation must be submitted by the CGA. Athletes to be considered by the Bipartite Commission shall have competed in at least one (1) IPC sanctioned event within the qualification period. These slots are non-transferable and in the event the CGA is unable to confirm the Games-time entry/participation of the specific athlete, the slot will be redistributed via the reallocation policy.

At the cessation of the qualification period, the following procedure will be implemented:

- GOLDOC will advise CGAs of the slots attained from the IPC World Ranking database;
- CGAs will confirm their intention to accept the slots attained drawn from the IPC World ranking database;
- All slots awarded via the IPC World Ranking database will be issued to the CGA (in the name of a specific athlete) for allocation;
- These slots are binding to the event and classification in which they were attained;
- CGAs to nominate to GOLDOC for a Universality place;
- Bipartite Commission to determine the allocation of Universality places;
- GOLDOC to advise CGAs of the Universality places attained;
- CGAs to confirm their intention to accept the Universality places offered;

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- In the event a CGA is unable to accept the award of any and/or all slots earned via this method, the slot(s) will be redistributed via the reallocation policy.

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ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for endorsement by a CGA, an athlete must;

- Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review 2019;
- Hold an active IPC Para Swimming license;
- Have competed in at least one (1) sanctioned / approved IPC Para Swimming competition between a compulsory period 31 October 2016 and 31 October 2017;

* IPC and CGF may consider any valid, personal, and or extenuating circumstances for not being compliant with the above eligibility requirements. All decisions made by IPC and CGF are final with no opportunity for protest or appeal;
- Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the CGF, or their respective Affiliated CGA or IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, IPC and the World Anti-Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the Federation to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed. In the case of any inconsistency, CGF rules and regulations will prevail;
- Have met the CGF's eligibility standards in accordance with the CGF Constitution;
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations as stipulated by the IPC.

At the sole and absolute discretion of the Bipartite Commission, where an athlete has not competed in at least (1) IPC sanctioned event within the IPC World Ranking database period but would otherwise be deemed eligible, the Bipartite Commission may grant an exemption on the grounds of extenuating circumstances. This exemption is granted at the sole discretion of the Bipartite Commission, having consideration for any matter they deem relevant.

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7 TIMELINES

22 September 2017	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive Entries by Number information
31 October 2017	CGA deadline to submit Universality Invitation nominations to GOLDOC
31 October 2017	IPC Para Swimming Qualification period closes
7 November 2017	GOLDOC to confirm with CGAs qualified slots
21 November 2017	CGA deadline to confirm acceptance of qualified places
21 – 24 November 2017	Re-allocation of returned places
24 November 2017	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive accreditation application forms submitted by CGAs
1-22 December 2017	Pre-Delegation Registration Meetings
7 March 2018	Deadline for GOLDOC to receive entry forms submitted by CGAs and Sport Entries into GOLDOC Sport Entries system
20 March – 3 April 2018	Delegation Registration Meetings

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REALLOCATION POLICY

1 Governance

1.1 The CGF Executive Board shall establish a three (3) person ad-hoc committee comprising of Chairman of the Sports Committee, Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Corporate Services to assess, evaluate and oversee the management of the reallocation policy. The CGF Sports Services Manager shall serve as the Secretary to the ad-hoc Committee.

1.2 Any disputes shall be addressed by the CGF Executive Board.

2 Purpose

2.1 The purpose of the reallocation policy is to ensure a clear framework exists whereby any unused slots are redistributed within the prescribed sport allocation.

2.2 The CGF reallocation policy refers only to individual sports of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

3 Gender

3.1 The reallocation of unused slots is only transferable to/from the same gender of the respective sport.

4 Method Application

4.1 The Para Swimming reallocation policy shall be applied from those unused slots drawn from the following methods:

- IPC World ranking database
- Universality

5 IPC World Ranking Database

5.1 Any unused slots earned from the IPC World ranking database shall be reallocated by the same method and to the next highest ranked eligible athlete.

6 Universality

6.1 Any unused slots drawn from the Universality method shall be reallocated by the Bipartite Commission.

BIPARTITE COMMISSION

1 Governance

1.1 The membership of the CGF/IPC Bipartite Commission shall comprise of the CGF Director of Sport & IF Relations (or appointed designate) and the IPC Director Summer Sports (or appointed designate).

1.2 Any disputes shall be addressed by the CGF Executive Board.

1.3 All Universality applications approved by the CGF Executive Board shall be deemed final with no opportunity for protest or appeal.

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2 Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the Bipartite Commission will be to assess, evaluate and recommend to the CGF Executive Board Universality applications submitted by CGAs. Applications must address the respective criteria outlined within the Athlete Allocation System.