

This para-swimming newsletter is mostly intent to address some reminders and the schedule of upcoming para-swimming meets.

IMPORTANT:

- Swimming Canada/FINA Rules changes that are in effect since September 2013 are not changed in the IPC rule book; consequently, these new rules don't apply to para-swimmers.
- All Swimming Canada designated Competitions (CAN-AM Para-swimming Championships, Paralympics Trials and Pan Pacific Para-swimming Championships) as well as National Games (Canada Games) are required to have a Para-swimming Coordinator or a Technical Advisor appointed by the Technical Swimming Committee – Para-swimming (TSC-PS).
- **All Provincial Championships** need to have a Technical Advisor (IPC Certified Official) present at the meet, but if unavailable, should have a Para Technical Official. The Provincial Section or Local Organizing Committee is responsible of getting someone.
 - The list of active Canadian Para Technical Officials can be found at: www.swimming.ca/Paraofficials
- On the Swimming Canada website, there is a new section under the Officiating tab for para-swimming officials, where you can find IPC Rules and Regulations as well as all para-swimming newsletters, para technical official swim log, different forms related to para-swimming and other related documents.

IPC APPROVAL

- Swimming Canada asks Provincial Sections or Local Organizing Committees to request an IPC approval for **all long course** Provincial Championships.
- For **long** course (50 metres) Provincial Championships and other long course meets, the IPC approval request must be sent to Emma Van Steen within Swimming Canada (e.vansteen@swimming.ca) at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the meet, as the request must be endorsed and sent to IPC for final approval 6 weeks prior to the beginning of the meet.

- For **short course** (25 metres) Provincial Championships and any other short course meets, Swimming Canada will not endorse the application for an IPC approval.
- 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 approval for these records.
- Canadian Para-swimming records will be ratified even though there is no IPC approval. Canadian Record Application form, which is located at www.swimming.ca must be completed and sent to Emma Van Steen at e.vansteen@swimming.ca

OFFICIAL SPLIT

Retroactive to September 2013, Swimming Canada will not be permitting the automatic recognition of splits within races to be established as “official” and therefore permitted for use as proof of time or official records. Coaches will be required to request an “Official Split” from the session referee or meet management prior to the race as set forth in rule CSW 13.3.1.1 cited below. The result of “Official Split” will be displayed in results as a separate and distinct event.

- **CSW 13.3.1.1 Official Split Times:** A time achieved by a swimmer for an interval shorter than the total distance shall be official under the following conditions and may be used for entry or record purposes:
 - The referee/Meet Management must be advised prior to commencement of the event
 - The swimmer must complete the full distance of the event, see CSW 12.19.4
 - The official split shall be reported as a separate event in the meet results.

The split for the lead-out leg in relays will still be regarded as an official split and therefore the status of these times will not change. Please note that lead-outs in the new “mixed gender” relays are not considered official splits are per international practice.

APPOINTMENTS IN 2013:

There is a correction to the 2013 appointments list that was issued in the last Para-swimming newsletter. Technical Officials who were assigned during the Canada Games in Sherbrooke in August 2013 were Nicole Normandin and Diane Lefebvre, both from the province of Quebec.

IPC INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS IN 2013/2014:

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been appointed by the International Paralympic committee to different events:

- Glennis Mossey, Edmonton, Alberta, Chris Margetts, Eliot Lake, Ontario and Daniel Leduc, Montréal, Quebec – IPC 2013 World Swimming Championships in Montréal, Quebec in August 2013
- James Hood, Edmonton, Alberta, Classifier – IPC Youth Para Pan Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2013
- Lockie Lister, Canmore, Alberta – IPC Youth Para Pan Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2013
- Kim Grotveld, Toronto, Ontario, Classifier – Asian Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in October 2013
- Annette Gillis, Calgary, Alberta, Sheila Guenther, Estevan, Saskatchewan and Nicole Normandin, Mascouche, Quebec – Asian Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in October 2013
- Diane Lefebvre, Montréal, Quebec - South America Para Games in Santiago, Chile, in March 2014.
- James Hood, Edmonton, Alberta, Classifier – German Open in Berlin, Germany in April 2014
- Kim Grotveld, Toronto, Ontario, Classifier – British International Disability Swimming Championships in Glasgow, Great Britain in April 2014
- Jocelyne Mc Lean, Gatineau, Quebec, ITO Course Educator – Fadesir Open Competition in Buenos Aires, Argentina in June 2014
- James Hood, Edmonton, Alberta, Classifier – Pan Pacific Para-swimming Championships in Pasadena, California, USA in August 2014

UPCOMING PARA SWIMMING MEETS**(Swimming Canada designated meets, Regional/Provincial Championships)**

March 27-29, 2014	2014 Spring CAN-AM Para-swimming Championships in Miami, Florida, USA
May 3 and 4, 2014	Défi sportif in Montréal, Quebec
July 2014	MAN/SASK, Ontario, Quebec, BC and Alberta Provincial Championships as well as East Coast Championships
August 6-10, 2014	Pan Pacific Para-swimming Championships in Pasadena, California, USA

December 5-7, 2014

CAN-AM Para-swimming Championships in Edmonton,
Alberta

March 20-22, 2015

CAN-AM Para-swimming Championships in Toronto,
Ontario**Good Websites:**

For a list of Para
Technical Officials in
Canada -
[https://www.swimming.
ca/Paraofficials](https://www.swimming.ca/Paraofficials)

Upcoming Para-swimming Technical Officials Course

- Swimming Canada Domestic Para-swimming Officials Clinic (1 day) – Toronto, Saturday, March 22, 2014
- **Planned** IPC International Officials course (2 days) in Edmonton, Alberta (December 2014 prior to the CAN-AM Para-swimming Championships – to be confirmed)

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