Dear Swimmers & Coaches,

With regard the 2022 World Para Swimming Championships, we continue to await details from World Para Swimming (WPS).

To assist you with your planning and preparations, I want to share key information concerning selection for Team Canada with you.

Importantly, the following information is to be used as a Guide Only for planning purposes only and does not seek to act as an Approved Team Selection Criteria.

The important information that, at the time of preparation, World Para Swimming have not been provided is:

1. A list of Eligible events and Meet Program
2. The Minimal Qualification Standards (MQS) and Meet Entry Times (MET)
3. What, if any, High Support Needs (HSN) events may be “ring fenced” by World Para Swimming to assist with event viability
4. 2022 Classification Event Schedule

Further, the 2021 Amended World Rankings will not be established until the beginning of November of this year.

**2022 WORLD PARA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS – FUNCHAL, ISLAND OF MADEIRA, PORTUGAL**

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| **Tour Dates:** | May 21 to June 19, 2022 |
| **Competition Dates:** | June 12 to 18, 2022 |
| **Locations:** | Performance Preparation Camp tbc  Competition Funchal, Island of Madeira, Portugal |
| **Team Size:** | Maximum 30 Swimmers |
| **Team Leader:** | Swimming Canada Associate Director of High Performance will be the Team Leader |
| **Team Coach/es:** | Swimming Canada may appoint Team Coaches as required. |
| **Group Coaches:** | Up to eight (8) Coaches may be appointed for nomination. |
| **Selection Event:** | 2022 Canadian Swimming Trials, April 6 – 10, 2022  Saanich Commonwealth Place, Victoria, British Columbia |
| **Entry:** | *Individual*: Maximum of 3 swimmers per event, per Sport Class, per country.  *Relays:* Maximum of 1 team per event per country |

**SWIMMER SELECTION**

In order to satisfy the requirements for selection to Canada’s 2022 WPS Championship Team, all swimmers must:

1. compete at the 2022 Canadian Swimming Trials.
2. be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by the Canadian Paralympic Committee, Swimming Canada (CGR 1.2.1) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).
3. hold a Canadian passport as of May 1, 2022 and which expires no earlier than January 18, 2023.
4. be registered directly with Swimming Canada or with a Swimming Canada registered swim club in accordance with Swimming Canada eligibility (CGR 1.2.1).
5. declare themselves available for nomination prior to the 2022 Canadian Swimming Trials.
6. sign the 2021-2022 Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement no later than May 1, 2022.
7. attend all Swimming Canada’s Paralympic Team preparation activities including Post Trials Meetings commencing at 9am on Monday April 11, 2022, in Victoria, British Columbia. Swimmers must plan and book flights accordingly. Swimming Canada is not responsible for the cost of flight changes.

**CLASSIFICATION**

1. hold an active World Para Swimming Athlete License for the 2022 season and a valid WPS Sport Class for:
2. PI in Sport Class 1-10; or
3. VI in Sport Class 11-13; or
4. II in Sport Class 14.
5. be internationally classified before April 6, 2022, with a ‘Confirmed’ sport class status or a ‘Fixed Review’ Date sport class status with a review date after 2022.
6. any swimmer with a Canadian Domestic Level III SportClass who wishes to be considered for selection must undertake a Classification Review between Dec 1, 2021, and April 6, 2022. This review must be requested from the National Classification Lead no later than the Trials Entry Deadline

**SWIMMER PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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| **PRIORITY** | **CRITERION** |
| **Priority 1** | At the conclusion of the Selection Event, each eligible swimmers’ performances shall be ranked in priority order based on their amended world ranking (1 January 2021 – 31 March 2022) for that event.  All performances, in eligible events, provided they meet the MQS for that event, shall be ranked and the top 26 performances shall be selected to the Team |
| Selection of the first 26 positions on the team will be completed using Priority 1. Four positions will be held in reserve for Extenuating Circumstances. | |
| **Priority 2 – Extenuating Circumstances** | All requests for consideration of performance that meet the Extenuating Circumstances clause of the Selection Criteria when published will be considered.  Priority 2 shall not be used to unseat any swimmer previously achieving the Performance Requirements through Priority 1.  Should there be no Extenuating Circumstances, the final four positions on the team would be filled following the methodology described in Priority 1. |

**COACHES SELECTION**

1. The Swimming Canada Associate Director of High Performance (ADHP) has the authority and sole discretion to appoint up to eight (8) Group Coaches for nomination.
2. The final number of Coaches selected is dependent upon the needs of the team as determined by the ADHP at his sole discretion:
3. Coaching appointments will be made to maximize the development opportunity, while respecting the high performance nature of the World Championship event. As such, a maximum of four coaches may be appointed who are Age Group Coach / Level 2 Certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP). Any coaches appointed to the Team with this certification will be partnered with a Senior Coach / Level 3 (or higher) Coach to co-coach a group at the Championships.

To be eligible for selection a Coach must satisfy the following criteria:

1. have been a resident in Canada and duly employed as a swimming Coach by a Swimming Canada affiliated organization for 90 days prior to the first day of the Selection Event;
2. be a fully registered Coach and member in good standing with the Canadian Swimming Coaches Association (CSCA) and Swimming Canada as of March 15, 2022;
3. provide a valid Police Record Check (PRC) and Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) to Swimming Canada by no later than May 1 2020;
4. hold a Canadian passport as of May 1, 2022, and which expires no earlier than January 18, 2023.
5. declare him or herself available for nomination prior to **March 1, 2022**
6. abide by the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Agreement and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code and have never had a violation of either the CADP Agreement or WADA Code;
7. by May 1, 2022, successfully complete the following training modules
8. CCES True Sport Clean;
9. CCES The Role of Athlete Support Personnel;
10. Respect in Sport – Respect in the Workplace
11. Respect in Sport – Activity Leader
12. Swimming Canada Para Swimming Coaching Module
13. sign the 2021–2022 Swimming Canada Team Staff Agreement by no later than May 1, 2022.

And, notwithstanding the intent of item 3) above:

1. hold, or be progressing toward National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Senior Coach / Level 3 Certification; and
2. be a Chartered Professional Coach or a Registered Coach in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada