**November 2022 Winter Polish Open Para Swimming Championships Selection Process**

**Purpose**:  This program is designed to assist age-targeted swimmers to qualify for the 2024 Paris Paralympics. This is a step in the progression to being on the podium at the 2028 Paralympics.

**Rationale:** To present an out of country training and racing opportunity. This will be an “in-season” training meet without rest planned. Swimmers need to learn to compete at a high level while in training.

**Event: Winter Polish Open Championships   
Location:** Szczecin, Poland

**Dates:**

Travel to Szczecin October 30, 2022

Training: November 1 Oct. 31 – November 2, 2022

Meet dates: November 3 – November 6, 2022

Return to Canada: November 7, 2022

**Selection:** A maximum of6 swimmers will be selected.

Swimmers will be selected by the Swimming Canada NextGen & Pathways Coach (Paralympic) and the Para swimming Performance Pathway Coach & National Classification Lead

* All applicants will be ranked using the total points scored (Canadian Paralympic Points Chart) by combining their score in their best two 2024 Paris Paralympic Events.
* SB only swimmers will qualify with their breaststroke event.

Times for consideration will be based on performances from:

* 2022 SPEEDO CANADIAN JUNIOR & SENIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS; or
* 2022 CANADA SUMMER GAMES

Swimmers must accept selection by September 15, 2022.

**Swimmer Eligibility:**

* Must hold a valid WPS Sport classification and be a member in good standing with Swimming Canada as an open competitive member.
* Must hold a valid Canadian passport as of November 2022 and which expires no earlier than February 7, 2023 (valid for 90 days beyond the date of departure from Poland).

**Swimmers will complete the online application, which can be found at** [**https://forms.swimming.ca/machform/view.php?id=216348**](https://forms.swimming.ca/machform/view.php?id=216348)Application deadline is September 1, 2022.

**Swimmer’s Fee**: $500.00

**Staff:** NextGen & Pathway Coach Paralympic Program, 1 team manager, 1 selected coach.

**Coach Selection:**

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 application deadline;
2. be a fully registered Coach and member in good standing with the Canadian Swimming Coaches Association (CSCA) and Swimming Canada as of September 30, 2022;
3. if a valid Police Record Check (PRC), or a valid Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), is not on file with Swimming Canada, provide a valid Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) in accordance with Swimming Canada’s Screening Policy effective September 2022;
4. hold a valid passport for international travel as of November 2022 and which expires no earlier than February 7, 2023 (valid for 90 days beyond the date of departure from Poland).
5. Send a 1 page letter of application to the NextGen & Pathways Coach Paralympic ([mberube@swimming.ca](mailto:mberube@swimming.ca)) by September 1, 2022. This application should include in brief:
   1. a coaching abstract;
   2. skills and expertise useful for this team;
   3. expected professional development outcome;
   4. anticipated value (to coach, club, and region) of educational opportunity.
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 September 30, 2022, successfully complete the following training modules:
8. CCES True Sport Clean;
9. CCES The Role of Athlete Support Personnel;
10. Respect in Sport – Activity Leader or Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) Safe Sport Training
11. Swimming Canada Para Swimming Coaching Module.

Preference will be given to current coaches of record for athletes eligible for selection. All otherwise eligible coaches are encouraged to apply.

**Coach application deadline is: September 1, 2022.**