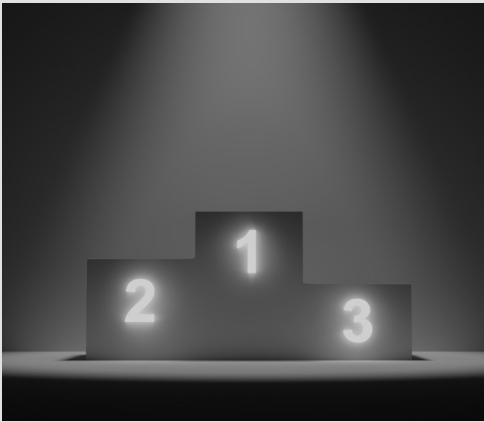


Importance of Ranking Para Swimmers Pt. I

More Than #1
Being at the top of the ranking list has been driving athletes since “sporting” began. Rankings, however, serve a greater purpose for athletes than simply acknowledging #1. Swimming Canada has four different ranking systems available for the purposes of evaluating and ranking performances. The World Rankings (**WR**), and Annual Best Performance (**ABP**) are both kept by World Para Swimming (WPS). Additionally, Swimming Canada filters the WR into the Amended World Rankings (**AWR**), and keeps a domestic rankings system. Swimming Canada references the AWR in all international selection criteria.



Swimmer rankings are a tool which can have a significant impact on team selection

AWR > WR

WR: The World Rankings show the fastest performances each year for internationally classified swimmers sorted by event and sport class. A change of sport class will result in a swimmer being eligible to be listed twice, once for each classification.

AWR: The Amended World Rankings are calculated from the World Rankings. The AWR show the best three performances per country (excluding Canada) in a given event (ie. Men’s S10 50m Freestyle). The exclusion of Canadian swimmers provides a benchmark for swimmers to beat other than their own.

For more information:

WPS World Rankings: <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rankings>

Amended World Rankings: <https://www.swimming.ca/en/resources/para-swimming/para-swimming-world-rankings/>

