

IASI DISABILITY CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

IASI Disability Committee

- I. This policy covers all IASI Championship Meets that award points or distribute individual event awards.
- II. Championship Qualifying Time Standards
 - A. IASI Championship meets will utilize the USA Swimming 'BB' Parallel Time Standards as the qualifying time standards for entry into events for swimmers with a disability.
 - B. Regionals and 8&U Championships will not have time standards for swimmers with disabilities.
- III. Championship Advancement
 - A. **Advancement Time Standard Calculation.** To establish times for each disability swimming competition category that are consistent with the times needed to qualify for finals or earn points in able-bodied competition, the following process is used:
 1. The A-Standard for each event will be the product of the USA Swimming 'AAA' Parallel Time Standard for each disability swimming competition category and the percentage difference between the USA Swimming 'AAA' Motivational Time Standard and the four-year average time for eighth-place in timed finals events or the preliminary round at the IASI Championship meet.
 2. The B-Standard for each event will be the product of the USA Swimming 'AAA' Parallel Time Standard for each disability swimming competition category and the percentage difference between the USA Swimming 'AAA' Motivational Time Standard and the four-year average time for sixteenth-place in timed finals events or the preliminary round at the IASI Championship meet.

3. For the purpose of this procedure, the 15 & Over or Open calculations will utilize the 15-16 age group 'AAA' Parallel Time Standards and 'AAA' Motivational Time Standards.
 4. For events with time standards only in the Parallel Time Standards, the average of the percentage differences between the USA Swimming 'AAA' Motivational Time Standard and the four-year average time for events with both 'AAA' Motivational Time Standards and 'AAA' Parallel Time Standards within the same disability swimming competition category for that age group and gender will be used to calculate the standards.
 5. If there is less than four years of data from IASI Championship meets in an event, the average time will be determined from the available data from IASI Championship meets. If there is no data from the previous four years of IASI Championship meets (i.e. less than eight or sixteen swimmers competed), 'No Standard' will be listed.
 6. Either the Technical Planning or Disability Committee may establish the advancement standards using the parameters established in this procedure. Any procedures used by the Technical Planning Committee to establish able-bodied qualifying times for IASI Championship meets may be used to establish advancement standards when the criteria for calculations is not able to establish a time standard.
- B. For prelim/finals events, swimmers with disabilities must achieve an advancement time standard to be eligible to compete in finals and earn points. For timed finals events, swimmers will be eligible to earn points based on the advancement time standard achieved.
- C. The 'A-Standard' will determine swimmers eligible for Top-8 and the 'B-Standard' will determine swimmers eligible for 9th-16th place. Where 'No Standard' is listed, swimmers achieving a result will automatically achieve advancement.
- D. If more than eight (8) swimmers within a single competition category for a specific age group and gender achieve an advancement standard, place order by time will supersede. Those swimmers not advancing will drop to the next available advancement range. No matter the number of swimmers achieving an

advancement standard, no greater than eight (8) may advance into any advancement range.

- E. Published Advancement Time Standards will correspond with the offered events for swimmers with disabilities by age group and competition category at IASI Championships.

IV. Point Scoring

- A. Points will be allocated based on the number of eligible swimmers in each competition category within each advancement range for each age group and gender beginning with the average amount of points available in each advancement range rounded up to the nearest full place. For each additional swimmer, an additional point value will be available, beginning by adding a place below, then alternating. *Reference Appendix A - Disability Scoring Tables.*
- B. Both overall team scoring and within specific age groups for swimmers with disabilities will be based on this procedure.
- C. Whenever individual high point awards are distributed, a single high point award will be presented to the swimmer with a disability achieving the most individual event points after dividing the total accrued points by the maximum number of events permitted during the meet.

V. Meet Operations

- A. **Disability Administrative Official.** As determined necessary by the Meet Referee, a dedicated Administrative Official may be designated specifically to facilitate the advancement and scoring of swimmers with disabilities within the meet management process, in coordination with the primary administrative official.
- B. **Declarations.** Swimmers with disabilities, or their coach, should declare the following to the Meet Referee prior to the start of competition, using the Swimmers with Disabilities Meet Declaration Form. *Reference Appendix B.*
 - 1. Necessary Accommodations
 - 2. Necessary Modifications
 - 3. Desired Competition Category

4. Opt-Out of Disability Advancement & Scoring

C. **Offered Events for Swimmers with Disabilities.** As determined by the Technical Planning Committee, events not offered for specific age groups for able-bodied swimmers will not be offered for swimmers with disabilities. Additionally, events will be excluded from being offered at IASI Championship meets to correspond with the following:

1. P1 events may only be those offered for Sport Classes S1-S5 on the upcoming Paralympic Games event program or events promoting a reasonable progression towards those events.
2. P2 events may only be those offered for Sport Classes S6-S8 on the upcoming Paralympic Games event program or events promoting a reasonable progression towards those events.
3. P3 events may only be those offered for Sport Classes S9-S14 on the upcoming Paralympic Games events program, events offered at the upcoming Virtus Global Games, and events offered at the upcoming Deaflympics, or events promoting a reasonable progression towards those events.

D. **Disability Heats in Finals.** For preliminary and finals events, where a swimmer with a disability has declared and qualified to swim, disability finals heats will be held, aligning with the following:

1. Disability Finals will be mixed gender and combined age group heats seeded by time.
2. Heats will be scheduled following the championship final for the oldest women's age group and prior to the start of the corresponding men's event.
3. Events will be scored separately by competition category, age group, and gender.
4. Multiple heats will be held, as needed, to accommodate the number of swimmers achieving advancement standards.

- E. For swimmers with disabilities that qualify for finals by achieving the corresponding time standard that do not intend to swim in finals, the swimmer must scratch within 30-minutes of the announced qualifiers.
- F. During preliminary heats and timed finals events, swimmers with disabilities will compete as seeded by time in the entered event.

Appendix A - Disability Scoring Tables

Top-8 Disability Scoring Table		Number of Eligible Swimmers							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Actual Place Finish	1	15	15	16	16	17	17	20	20
	2		14	15	15	16	16	17	17
	3			14	14	15	15	16	16
	4				13	14	14	15	15
	5					13	13	14	14
	6						12	13	13
	7							12	12
	8								11

9-16 Disability Scoring Table		Number of Eligible Swimmers							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Actual Place Finish	9	5	5	6	6	7	7	9	9
	10		4	5	5	6	6	7	7
	11			4	4	5	5	6	6
	12				3	4	4	5	5
	13					3	3	4	4
	14						2	3	3
	15							2	2
	16								1

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES MEET DECLARATION FORM

Swimmer Name: _____

Meet: _____ Date: _____

Event	Accommodation/Modification

Competition Category:

- ☐ **P1** - non-ambulatory (wheelchair user), limited use of all four extremities
- ☐ **P2** - dwarfism, multiple limb deficiencies, ambulatory with assistance, wheelchair user with high functioning upper body
- ☐ **P3** - single limb deficiencies, visual impairments, intellectual impairments, ambulatory without significant assistance

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- ☐ *Opt-out of competing in the disability swimming category (become ineligible for para points or finals)*

Meet Referee Signature

Date

* provide a completed copy to the Administrative Official to include with meet information