

Technical Officials' Guide

AQUATICS — OPEN WATER SWIMMING





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About

About the Technical Officials' Guides

The *Technical Officials' Guides* provide details about each sport competition at the TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games, as well as operational information that may be of interest to teams. Each guide includes:

- An introduction to Toronto and the Games.
- Information on accreditation, arrivals and departures, transportation, accommodation and other operations for international technical officials.
- Sport-specific information such as competition format and schedule, training and procedures.
- Venue maps and a daily competition and training schedule for all sports.

About Toronto

Toronto, the largest city in Canada and the capital of the province of Ontario, celebrated its 180th anniversary in March 2014. Located on the picturesque shoreline of Lake Ontario, Toronto is Canada's most populous region and just over an hour's drive from the American border.

- At 112 metres (367 feet) above sea level, Toronto's altitude offers ideal conditions for highperformance athletes.
- Toronto features warm but moderate summer temperatures, with an average of fewer than five days in July with temperatures above 30°C (86°F).
- The average monthly rainfall for July is only 67 millimetres. Typically, one in three days will offer some precipitation, but only one day in nine will have rainfall greater than 5 millimetres.
- Toronto is the third largest financial centre in North America.
- The Economist ranks Toronto as the fifth "most liveable" city in the world, based on factors including stability, health care, culture, environment, education and infrastructure.
- With a population of 2.6 million people, Toronto is Canada's largest city and the fifth largest in North America.
- Toronto's surrounding region is home to 8.1 million people, all living within an hour's drive of the Games area.
- Approximately 20 per cent of the region's population was born in the Caribbean, Central America, South America, the United States or Mexico.

About the TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games

In brief Sports: 36 Disciplines: 52 Medal events: 364 Athletes: 6,135

Competition venues: 29 Competition days: 20

Athletes' Village opening: July 5, 2015 Opening Ceremony: July 10, 2015 Closing Ceremony: July 26, 2015



Competition venues

CIBC Pan Am Park

CIBC Pan Am Park, located on downtown Toronto's waterfront, will be home to five competition venues and 15 sport disciplines.

- Chevrolet Beach Volleyball Centre: volleyball beach volleyball
- Exhibition Centre: volleyball indoor volleyball; handball; racquetball; roller sports figure skating; squash
- Exhibition Stadium: rugby sevens
- Ontario Place West Channel: aquatics open water swimming; athletics marathon and race walk; cycling – road cycling; triathlon; waterski & wakeboard
- Toronto Coliseum: gymnastics artistic gymnastics; gymnastics rhythmic gymnastics; gymnastics trampoline

Toronto

In addition to CIBC Pan Am Park, the city of Toronto will be the site of nine venues covering 12 sport disciplines.

- Canadian Tennis Centre: tennis
- Centennial Park Pan Am BMX Centre: cycling BMX
- CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Aquatics Centre and Field House: aquatics diving; aquatics swimming; aquatics synchronized swimming; fencing; modern pentathlon; roller sports speed skating
- CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletics Stadium: athletics track and field
- Pan Am Bowling Centre: bowling
- Pan Am/Parapan Am Fields: field hockey
- Royal Canadian Yacht Club: sailing
- Ryerson Athletic Centre: basketball
- Varsity Stadium: archery

North of Toronto

- OLG Caledon Pan Am Equestrian Park (Caledon): equestrian eventing, dressage and jumping
- Hardwood Mountain Bike Park (Oro-Medonte): cycling mountain bike
- Minden Wild Water Preserve (Minden): canoe/kayak slalom
- Pan Am Cross-Country Centre (Caledon): equestrian eventing (cross-country)
- Pan Am Shooting Centre (Cookstown): shooting

East of Toronto

- Angus Glen Golf Club (Markham): golf
- Atos Markham Pan Am/Parapan Am Centre (Markham): aquatics water polo; badminton; table tennis
- Oshawa Sports Centre (Oshawa): boxing, weightlifting
- President's Choice Ajax Pan Am Ballpark (Ajax): baseball; softball

West of Toronto

- CIBC Hamilton Pan Am Soccer Stadium (Hamilton): football
- Cisco Milton Pan Am/Parapan Am Velodrome (Milton): cycling track cycling
- Mississauga Sports Centre (Mississauga): judo; karate; taekwondo; wrestling
- Milton Time Trial Course: cycling road cycling (individual time trial)
- Royal Canadian Henley Rowing Course (St. Catharines): rowing
- Welland Pan Am Flatwater Centre (Welland): canoe/kayak sprint



Welcome



On behalf of the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee (TO2015), I am delighted to introduce this *Technical Officials' Guide* for the TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games. Nearly six years after TO2015 won the right to stage the XVII Pan American Games, we are excited to welcome you to Toronto for what promises to be a memorable summer of world-class competition.

With the help of PASO, the 36 International Federations, our government partners and our sponsors, TO2015 has worked tirelessly to ensure that all technical officials will have the best possible experience at the Games. Our aim is to provide optimum conditions across all of our venues, helping you to perform

your duties effectively. We have worked to ensure that your accommodation will be comfortable, that the facilities at the competition venues will be comprehensive, and that you will have easy access to up-to-date information about the Games in general and your sport in particular.

This guide contains important details on a number of subjects:

- Summary information on subjects that affect all sports, such as accreditation, accommodation, insurance, per diems, uniform collection, ticketing and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- Key dates and personnel, including contact details.
- Information on competition format and rules.
- Guidance on all important competition and training procedures.
- Details on all venue facilities and services, including transport information and maps.

We hope this guide helps you in both your preparations and your activities at Games time. If you need any further information, please contact a member of the sport competition management team.

The TORONTO 2015 Games will provide an opportunity to celebrate and strengthen the goals of fair play and diversity, foster lifelong friendships, promote accessibility and inclusion, and encourage all of us, on and off the field, to practice good sportsmanship.

We look forward to welcoming you to Toronto in July.

Bob O'Doherty Senior vice-president, sport and venues TO2015



International Technical Official Services

Accreditation

Use of accreditation for entry into Canada

When accompanied by a valid passport and/or other travel document, an accreditation card holder may enter Canada from midnight (ET) on May 10, 2015, to 23:59 (ET) on August 26, 2015, without requiring a separate entry visa*. The card will be valid for multiple entries, provided it is accompanied on each occasion by a valid passport and/or other travel document.

Individuals not in possession of an accreditation card must follow regular procedures for obtaining a temporary resident visa or temporary resident permit to enter Canada.

TO2015 accreditation will facilitate entry into Canada only. International technical officials (ITOs) travelling through other countries on their way to Canada may require an entry visa to that country. It is the traveller's responsibility to secure such a visa.

*TO2015 must have received accreditation information by April 17, 2015.

Accreditation validation

Individuals will be required to validate their accreditation cards in order to use them at Games time. Validation-only accreditation counters will be available to ITOs at Toronto Pearson International Airport following customs clearance. In Terminal 1, this will be located prior to arriving at the baggage claim area; in Terminal 3, this will be located in the baggage claim area.

Travellers arriving on domestic flights will not be able to access the accreditation validation desk at Toronto Pearson International Airport. They will have to obtain accreditation validation at one of the following locations:

- CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes' Village
- Games Family hotel (The Westin Harbour Castle, 1 Harbour Square, Toronto)
- Uniform Distribution and Accreditation Centre (5800 Yonge Street, Toronto)
- Main Media Centre (at CIBC Pan Am Park)

Arrivals and Departures

Baggage claim and mishandled baggage

Upon arrival at Toronto Pearson International Airport, ITOs will be responsible for claiming their accompanying baggage (standard and over-sized) and ensuring both that they have the correct number of bags and that all bags are in good condition, before leaving the airport. Individual baggage carts and trolleys will be available for free in the domestic and international baggage claim areas of both terminals.

Airlines will be responsible for locating and returning mishandled baggage to owners. ITOs should report any baggage issues to the appropriate airline baggage service counter in the baggage claim area immediately upon arrival. TO2015 representatives will be available in the baggage claim areas to assist delegates, as required.

Following the baggage claim process, wayfinding signage and TO2015 representatives will direct ITOs to loading zones for their hotel shuttle or to the Union Pearson Express train.



Union Pearson Express train

All ITOs will have "TF" on their accreditation, which will allow them to ride the Union Pearson Express train at no cost. Upon arrival at the Union Pearson Express platform, individuals must show their accreditation to staff. The train ride from Toronto Pearson International Airport to Union Station will be approximately 20 minutes.

Upon arrival at Union Station, wayfinding signage will direct ITOs to the appropriate load zones for hotel shuttles.

For departures, TO2015 will operate shuttles connecting the hotel to Union Station. At Union Station, ITOs will board the Union Pearson Express train to Pearson International Airport.

Accommodation and Meals

Eaton Chelsea

33 Gerrard St. West Toronto, ON M5G 1Z4

TO2015 will provide meals to ITOs during their participation in the Games, as follows:

- Hot breakfast at their respective accommodation (in exceptional cases, breakfast will be provided at the venue).
- Lunch and dinner through a combination of in-venue meals and/or per diem, depending on each sport's schedule.

Transportation

TO2015 will operate a transportation system that connects ITO accommodation to the competition/training venues. All ITOs will also be able to access public transportation using their validated accreditation.

Before arrival, ITOs will be emailed their sport's specific transportation schedule, including the location of the pickup/drop-off areas at the hotel and the venue.

ITO transportation information will also be available through the sport information desk at each competition venue.

Ceremonies

The TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games Opening Ceremony will be held in the heart of Toronto's city centre, near the shores of Lake Ontario, at the Pan Am Ceremonies Venue on Friday, July 10, 2015, at 20:00. The Closing Ceremony will be held at the Pan Am Ceremonies Venue on Sunday, July 26, 2015, at 20:00. Both ceremonies will be broadcast live throughout Canada.

ITOs on duty as of July 10, 2015, will be entitled to attend the Pan Am Games Opening Ceremony. ITOs on duty as of July 24, 2015, will be entitled to attend the Pan Am Games Closing Ceremony.

ITOs will require a ticket to attend a ceremony. The ITO Services team will provide these tickets to the sport's technical delegate in the days before the ceremony.

TO2015 will provide return transportation from the ITO accommodation to the Opening Ceremony/Closing Ceremony venue. The ITO Services team will email to the ITOs their sport's specific ceremonies



transportation schedule, including the location of the pickup/drop-off areas at the hotel and ceremonies venue.

ITOs will be spectators only; they will not participate in the parade of athletes.

Medical Services

The TO2015 Medical Services team will cater to the needs of all accredited athletes, coaches, team officials and ITOs for new and exacerbated medical conditions requiring diagnosis and treatment. Spectators at venues and workforce on duty will receive emergency care prior to being referred to the appropriate medical facility.

Hospital and ambulance services will be provided at venues and the Games Family hotel during the Games period of July 1–29, 2015. Games Family members covered will include all persons accredited in the "IF," "CF," "F" and "J" categories.

Private health and repatriation insurance

TO2015 has procured in-Canada emergency hospital/medical coverage for all accredited athletes, team officials, coaches/support staff, Games Family members and International Federation members participating in the TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games, including ITOs. This coverage will be in place from June 29 to August 27, 2015.

Payments

TO2015 is committed to providing honorariums and per diems directly to ITOs at their accommodation or venue shortly after their arrival in Toronto. The date, timing and location will be agreed upon in advance with the technical delegate and communicated to the ITOs.

Uniforms, Participation Certificates and Participation Medals

TO2015 will distribute ITO uniforms at their respective competition venues, based on the sizing information they provided in advance.

TO2015 will provide a participant certificate and medal to each ITO before their departure.



Competition Information

The aquatics – open water swimming competition at the TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games will be held from July 11 to 12 at the Ontario Place West Channel. Training will take place at the CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Aquatics Centre and Field House, Etobicoke Olympium and the Donald D. Summerville Pool from July 6 to 12.

A total of 36 athletes (18 men, 18 women) will take part in the open water swimming competition.

Events

Men (1)	Women (1)
10 km marathon swim	10 km marathon swim

Key Dates

June 15, 2015	TO2015 entry by name deadline (midnight, ET)
July 5, 2015	CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes' Village official opening
July 6, 2015	Pre-competition training begins
July 10, 2015	Officials' meeting
July 10, 2015	Technical meeting
July 10, 2015	Pan Am Games Opening Ceremony
July 11, 2015	Women's competition
July 12, 2015	Men's competition
July 26, 2015	Pan Am Games Closing Ceremony
July 29, 2015	CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes' Village closes

Key Personnel

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Format

The open water swimming race will be a distance of 10 kilometres.

In order to complete the 10 kilometres, swimmers will do six laps on the programmed circuit, with each circuit measuring 1,667 metres.

Rules

The open water swimming competition will be held in accordance with the conditions outlined in the following documents that will be in force at Games time:

- Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) Open Water Swimming Rules available at fina.org
- Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) Regulations

PASO Late Athlete Replacement Policy for the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games

Sport entries information for all sports must be completed and received by the TORONTO 2015 Pan American/Parapan American Games Organizing Committee (TO2015) Sport Entries department before midnight (ET) on June 15, 2015. In the sport of Open Water Swimming, substitutions may occur until June 15, 2015. After that date only deletions may occur.

Clothing and Equipment

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the open water swimming competition at the TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games must comply with the documents listed in the FINA Open Water Swimming Rules available as well as the TORONTO 2015 Sport Equipment and Competition Uniform Guidelines.

International Technical Officials

Technical officials will be appointed under FINA Open Water Swimming Rules 2015–2017.

Name	Country
Ismael Gonzalez	GUA
Gladys Mejia	ESA
Rick Walker	USA
Tomas Haces	CUB
Mark McCaw	USA
Marco Dionicio Flores Hernandez	GUA
Morgan Toro Martinez	PUR
Sandy Drake	USA
Jose Luis Borrego Gonzalez	MEX
Ricardo Castellon	COL



National Technical Officials

Name
Carole Binsky
Charlie Carrier
Rick Hannah
Wendy McCutcheon
Joanna O'Donoghue
Sarto Parent
Mary Jane Smith
Benoit Tasse
Carole Thomas
Lyse Tremblay

Protests and Jury of Appeal

For the TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games, the jury of appeal will be comprised of the Union Americana de Natacion (UANA) executive committee and UANA honorary members present and the FINA delegate when present with the UANA president or in his absence a UANA vice-president as chairman.

A jury member will be allowed to speak, but not to vote, on a case in which the interest of his/her Federation is involved. A jury member having acted as an official will not be allowed to vote on a case if there is a protest against his/her decision or on his/her interpretation of a rule.

In case of urgency, the jury may vote on a matter even if it has not been possible to contact all members.

The decision of the jury will be final.

Medals and Diplomas

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each event of the open water swimming competition. In accordance with *PASO Regulations*, top-eight diplomas will be awarded in each event.

Sport Information

Sport information desks

Sport information desks will be located at all competition venues and at the sport information centre in the CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Athletes' Village. These desks will provide a variety of services to teams, including:

- General sport information through sport publications and discussions with sport-specific staff.
- Distribution of draw/start lists, results and other competition information, including schedule updates when required.



• Training schedule information and, for selected sports, assistance with booking and changing training sessions.

The sport information centre's hours of operation will be as follows:

Dates	Hours of Operation
July 2–4, 2015	08:00–20:00
July 5–25, 2015	07:00–23:00
July 26, 2015	07:00–17:00

Competition and Training Schedule

The TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games open water swimming competition will take place at the Ontario Place West Channel. Training will take place at the Ontario Place West Channel, Etobicoke Olympium, and in a 50-metre pool at the Donald D. Summerville Pool and the CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Aquatics Centre and Field House. All open water swimmers can participate in the training sessions.

Time	Gender	Detail	Location
July 6			
14:00–16:00	Both	Training	Etobicoke Olympium
19:45–21:00	Both	Training	CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Aquatics Centre and Field House
July 7			
13:30–14:00	Both	Training	Etobicoke Olympium
14:00–16:00	Both	Training	Ontario Place West Channel
July 8			
14:00–15:30	Both	Training	Etobicoke Olympium
14:00–16:00	Both	Training	Ontario Place West Channel
July 9			
08:00–18:30	Both	Training	Donald D. Summerville Pool
13:30–16:30	Both	Training	Etobicoke Olympium
14:00–16:00	Both	Training	Ontario Place West Channel



July 10			
08:00-09:30	Both	Training (Assigned)	Etobicoke Olympium
08:00–14:00	Both	Training	Donald D. Summerville Pool
10:00–11:45	Both	Training	Ontario Place West Channel
July 11			
08:00–18:30	Both	Training (Assigned)	Donald D. Summerville Pool
13:30–14:45	Both	Warm- up/training	Ontario Place West Channel
15:30–18:00	Women	Open water swimming final	Ontario Place West Channel
July 12			
08:00–12:30	Both	Training	CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Aquatics Centre and Field House
14:00–14:45	Men	Warm-up	Ontario Place West Channel
15:30–18:00	Men	Open water swimming final	Ontario Place West Channel

Pre-Competition Procedures

Technical meeting

Open water swimming technical meetings will take place at the Ontario Place West Channel on Friday, July 10, from 12:00–13:00. The meeting will be open to everyone with appropriate accreditation for the open water swimming event. Athletes must attend in order to validate their participation in the event. At this meeting team officials who will be on the feeding pontoon will receive their feeding pontoon supplementary pass/ sticker.

The technical delegate and TO2015 open water swimming sport manager will lead the meeting, which will be conducted in English and, if required, Spanish.

Officials' meeting

The officials' meeting will be held on Friday, July 10 from 13:00 to 14:00 at the Ontario Place West Channel.

Technical officials will attend the meeting, which will be presided by TO2015 competition management.

Athlete briefing, familiarization and sign-in

The athlete briefing will occur from 13:00 to 14:00 on July 10 during the technical meeting. Familiarization will occur during training at Ontario Place West Channel on July 7, 8, 9 and 10. Athletes will check in and receive



their markings and transponders during 13:30–14:45 on July 11 for the women's competition, and on July 12 for the men's competition, with sign-in closing 45 minutes prior to competition.

Verification of final entries

The verification of final entries discussion will be held at the technical meeting on July 10 at the Ontario Place West Channel. At this time, the final opportunity for each NOC to confirm entries, in line with the FINA Technical and Competition rules, will occur.

Venue training and familiarization

A venue tour will take place from 08:30 to 10:30 upon arrival to the venue on July 9. This will ensure that technical officials are familiar with the technical officials' lounge, change areas, meeting rooms, and entry and exit points to the field of play. This session will also cover emergency and evacuation procedures.

Technical official's equipment distribution

Technical officials will be provided with relevant sport equipment required for their role, including stopwatches, red/yellow flags, starting horns, clipboards, competition forms, whiteboards and markers, and whistle. All sport equipment will meet FINA regulations. Technical officials will access their boats via the evacuation pontoon. Life jackets will be provided to all technical officials and must be worn on the water at all times.

Assistance for technical officials

The International Technical Officials' (ITO) services team members will assist technical officials with any non-technical requests and information that they require.

Competition Procedures

Athletes and technical officials will arrive from the Athletes' Village by bus and be dropped off at the west end of the venue. Athlete check-in will be located in the athletes' lounge.

Introduction of athletes

Athletes will be introduced in order of placement on pontoon draw (the order will be determined at athletes' briefing): 20 minutes before the competition parade of swimmers to the departure platform, and 10 minutes prior to competition announcers presenting all swimmers.

Race procedures

The race will begin with a dive start (minimum water depth 1.5 metres). Each swimmer will be allocated a space of 0.75 metres on the start pontoon. Swimmers will pass through an intermediate timing gate after each lap that will record their lap times. One team official per athlete will be allowed on the feeding pontoon in order to feed their swimmer on each lap. To finish, swimmers will pass through a timing gate, slapping the overhead board to record their overall time.

Feeding pontoon

One team official per athlete will have access to the feeding pontoon located on the south side of the lake. Teams must complete the Trainer's Form, which nominates a team official to access the feeding pontoon for both the men's and women's competition. Team officials will collect a supplementary accreditation pass/sticker for the feeding pontoon at the mandatory Technical meeting.

Team officials must report to the athletes' lounge on the day of competition and will be escorted to the feeding pontoon.

A boat will also be provided to transport team officials from the feeding pontoon back to the evacuation pontoon as soon as the final swimmer has finished the race.



Team Official/ Coaches' boxes

Team officials will not have access to the field of play at any time during the competition sessions. However, there will be two team officials' areas (call area) from which coaches may watch the race.

Leaving the race early

If a swimmer is either unable to continue and needs to be removed from the water or chooses to abandon the race, they should roll on to their back and raise one hand in the air. A water safety craft will come to assist the swimmer, who will then be taken to the evacuation pontoon to be checked by the TO2015 medical team. (Note that the evacuation pontoon will also be used for loading and unloading personnel on to boats during competition and training sessions, and as a pick-up point for team officials being transported by the feeding pontoon.) The athlete's team doctor will be able to attend to the swimmer when they are either in the medical services room or in an emergency vehicle, but they may not access the field of play.

Race finish

On the last lap of the course, from the final turn buoy (number 5), the finish chute will be marked by two orange buoys and two 25m lane ropes which funnel swimmers to the finish slap-board gantry.

Entering the field of play

Time Until Start	Activity	Details
3 hours–1 hour 30 minutes before	Warm-up	Athletes will be allowed to warm-up on the full competition course.
2 hours–35 minutes before	Athletes and team officials report to the athletes' Lounge	Athletes will be checked in and numbered, allocated transponders and receive their briefing. Fingernail and jewellery checks will also be carried out, and feeding poles will be checked by a FINA official to ensure they meet the FINA Open Water Swimming Rules, Section 6.16 (The race)
35 minutes before	Athletes escorted to the call room	Athletes will be escorted from the call room where they will place their kit in their allocated box. Their accreditation will be collected by the clerk of course.
30 minutes before	Final briefing for athletes in final call room	The final athlete briefing will be carried out by the chief referee.
20 minutes before	Presentation of the swimmers from the final call room to the start pontoon	Athletes will line up in numerical order, from number 1 to number 18 on land in front of the start/finish dock ramp.



20 minutes before	Team officials transported to the feeding pontoon	Team officials may enter and exit the feeding pontoon at their discretion, provided they show a supplementary access pass. Team officials must wear a life vest on the pontoon.
10 minutes before	Introduce athletes individually (18 athletes)	Positions 1–18 will take approximately nine seconds to introduce each athlete.
7 minutes before	Officials' walk-out (many will be on boats/on the course)	
60 seconds before	Official raises the flag and provides a one-minute warning.	

Start of competition

Activity between competitions

Technical officials will receive a lunch in the technical officials' lounge. A refreshment station will also be provided in this area and drinking water will be available on boats.

Post-Competition Procedures

Debrief meetings

Immediately after the end of each competition session, technical officials will attend a debrief meeting in the technical officials' lounge.

Leaving the field of play

All athletes must exit the field of play via the mixed zone.

Doping control

Athletes selected for doping control will be notified in person and escorted to the doping control station by an anti-doping chaperone as soon as practical after they have finished competing. It will be the responsibility of the athlete to remain under continuous observation of the anti-doping chaperone after notification.

All NOCs, athletes and athlete support personnel, including medical practitioners, should review and be familiar with the *PASO Anti-Doping Rules*, which are based on the World Anti-Doping Code that came into effect January 1, 2015.

Mixed zone

TO2015 Press Operations will run the competition venues' mixed zones, where the press will seek to interview athletes (and in some instances, coaches) as they leave the field of play. All athletes must pass through the mixed zone and will be encouraged to speak with broadcasters and the press.

Athletes will first pass through the broadcast area of the mixed zone before reaching the press area.

Every attempt will be made to ensure that broadcast interviews will be limited to a reasonable length of time per athlete to ensure the athlete has time to talk to the press before exiting the mixed zone.



Coaches for team and combat sports who are normally positioned on the field of play will be requested to pass though the mixed zone for interview possibilities.

Media availability

TO2015 Press Operations will organize and run post-event media availability sessions. NOCs may request to host their own media availability sessions in the venues before the competition begins. NOCs must book these through the Venue Media Centre help desk.

Formal language interpretation services will not be available in the mixed zones or at the media availability sessions in the Venue Media Centres. Medallists will be available for interviews after completing a competition session and after Medal Ceremonies. Coaches and/or other athletes may also be available, depending on the circumstances.

Results distribution

Printed results will be available for collection by NOCs from sport information desks at the competition venues and the sport information centre in the Athletes' Village. Results for all sports will also be available at TORONTO2015.org.

Medal Ceremonies

Medal Ceremonies will take place in-venue immediately following the completion of a final competition, where applicable. The Medal Ceremony will include the presentation of bronze, silver and gold medals to third, second and first place athletes, respectively. The Medal Ceremony will include the raising of the appropriate flags and the playing of the national anthem for the gold medallist.

Medal Ceremonies will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. Medals will be presented by members of the PASO Executive Committee, International Olympic Committee members, International Federation and Continental Federation presidents or government dignitaries.

In accordance with *PASO Regulations*, all athletes will attend their Medal Ceremony dressed in NOC track suits or approved competition uniforms. Athletes will not be permitted to step on to the podium if they are displaying flags, slogans, unapproved brands or commercial statements of any kind.

Competition Venue Information

Ontario Place West Channel is located along the man-made channel of Lake Ontario and Lake Shore Boulevard. The picturesque waterfront course is located four kilometres west of downtown Toronto. Ontario Place West Channel will also be the site of triathlon, open water swimming, road cycling, and waterski & wakeboard competitions during the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games.

Field of Play

The competition area and all equipment will be presented in accordance with the FINA Rules and Regulations. The open water swimming race will be a distance of 10 kilometres. In order to complete the 10 kilometres, swimmers will do six laps on the programmed circuit, with each circuit measuring 1,667 metres. The swimmers will swim in a counter clockwise direction and there will be five turn buoys. Athletes will be required to keep all turn buoys to their left shoulder (buoy number 3 is subject to change to a right shoulder pass – update to be disseminated in Technical Meeting). Athletes may choose either side of directional buoys. On each lap, athletes will swim under an intermediate timing arch located adjacent to the start dock. The feeding pontoon is located at the west end of the course, immediately after the first turn buoy. Access will be limited to coaches who have a supplementary access device on their accreditation. There will be a maximum of one coach per athlete permitted on the feeding pontoon.



Facilities

The competition venue will include:

- men's and women's change rooms and showers
- an athletes' lounge
- catering services
- a mixed zone where accredited media may conduct interviews with athletes post-competition
- a sport information desk located in the athletes' lounge
- medical facilities
- a doping control station

Technical Officials' Space

Technical officials will have meeting space in a tent at the west end of the venue, located in close proximity to the athletes' lounge, washrooms, medical and anti-doping facilities, competition management offices and the jury room. A light snack menu will be provided to officials while they are on-venue.

Venue evacuation and emergency procedures

Information and documentation regarding the Safety Procedures will be disseminated during the Technical Meeting on Friday July 10th.

Weather

Average Hourly Air Temperature		
Hour (ET)	Average Hourly Air Temperature	
01:00	18.9°C	
02:00	18.5°C	
03:00	18.2°C	
04:00	17.9°C	
05:00	17.7°C	
06:00	17.4°C	
07:00	18.1°C	
08:00	19.0°C	
09:00	19.8°C	
10:00	20.6°C	
11:00	21.3°C	
12:00	21.9°C	
13:00	22.5°C	
14:00	22.8°C	



15:00	23.1°C
16:00	23.2°C
17:00	23.1°C
18:00	22.9°C
19:00	22.4°C
20:00	21.9°C
21:00	21.2°C
22:00	20.7°C
23:00	20.1°C
24:00	19.3°C

Average daily maximum temperature	25.5°C
Average number of days with maximum higher than 30°C	3.1
Average number of days with rainfall equal to or greater than 10 mm	2.2

(All figures are for the month of July at the Toronto Island/City Centre Airport from 1981 to 2010. Source: Environment Canada)

Historic Surface Water Temperature on July 1				
2012	2013	2014		
22.7°C	20.0°C	19.3°C		

Training Venue Information

Training will take place at the Ontario Place West Channel, Etobicoke Olympium, Donald D. Summerville Pool, and in a 50-metre pool at the CIBC Pan Am/Parapan Am Aquatics Centre and Field House. Training will be available for any open water swimmer to participate during the training session.

Facilities

Each of the training venues will have the following:

- athlete change rooms
- athlete showers



Maps







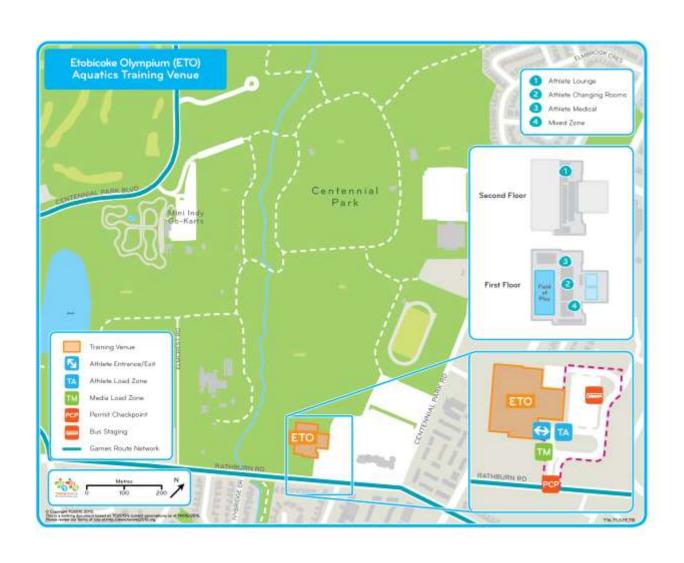
















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