

International
Paralympic
Committee

SWIMMING

Medal Events

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
80	71	1	152
Detailed medal events and MQS/MET list at the end of this chapter			

Athlete Quota

Male	Female	Total
340	280	620

Allocation of Qualification Slots

The qualification slot is allocated to the NPC not to the individual athlete. In case of a Bipartite Commission Invitation the slot is allocated to the individual athlete not to the NPC.

To ensure all medal events on the program are viable at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games IPC Swimming reserves the right to allocate slots to the exclusive use of certain sport classes, in particular for athletes with high support needs. The slot shall be used as allocated or the NPC must return the slot to IPC Swimming.

Maximum Quota Allocation per NPC

An NPC can be allocated a maximum of thirty-four (34) male qualification slots and a maximum of twenty-eight (28) female qualification slots for a maximum total of sixty-two (62) qualification slots per NPC. Exceptions may be granted through the Bipartite Invitation Commission Allocation method.

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC athletes must:

- hold an active IPC Swimming Athlete License for the 2016 season;
- have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at an IPC Swimming Recognised 50m Competition (IPC Competition, IPC Sanctioned Competition or IPC Approved Competition) for the respective event between 15 October 2014 and 14 August 2016;
- have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) in accordance with the Athlete Licensing Programme Policies valid for the 2014-2016 seasons; and



- be internationally classified with a ‘Confirmed’ sport class status or a ‘Review’ sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2016.

Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible athletes per medal event.

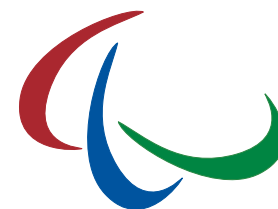
NPCs can enter their athletes who have met at least one (1) MQS in an unlimited number of further medal events as long as they have met the Minimum Entry Time (MET) for each of these additional events.

NPCs can enter a maximum of one (1) team in each relay event as long as the MQS for the relay has been met. All team members must have qualified in at least one (1) individual event to be selected as part of the relay-team.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated as follows:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2015 World Championships Allocation	<p>The top two (2) ranked athletes at the 2015 IPC Swimming World Championships in each of the Individual medal events on the Rio 2016 Paralympic Programme will each obtain one (1) qualification slot for their respective NPC. In the case that an athlete is ranked first or second in more than one medal event, he/she can only obtain one (1) qualification slot for his/her NPC.</p> <p>In the case that fewer slots are allocated through this method than available in the quota, IPC Swimming will allocate the remaining slots via the MQS Slot Allocation Method.</p>	<p>150 male athletes</p> <p>100 female athletes</p>
MQS Qualification Allocation	<p>Athletes who achieved an MQS performance at an IPC Recognised Competition between 15 October 2014 and 31 January 2016 but who did not obtain a direct allocation slot at the 2015 World Championships for their respective NPC will be considered to determine the NPC’s MQS Qualification Allocation slots.</p> <p>An NPC may be allocated no more than one (1) qualification slot per athlete even if the athlete has achieved an MQS in multiple events.</p>	<p>185 male athletes</p> <p>175 female athletes</p>



	<p>If more athletes have achieved an MQS than the total number of qualification slots available under this method, then the qualification slots will be allocated as below. The ranking of the athlete on the IPC Swimming World Ranking List closing 31 January 2016 will be taken into account (weighted) to determine the final number of slots allocated to each NPC:</p> <p>Rank 1-8 equals 1 Rank 9-12 equals 0.8 Rank 13-16 equals 0.6 Rank above 16 equals 0.5</p> <p>Male: $A \times (B \div C) = \text{NPC Allocation}$</p> <p><u>A</u>: NPC's total number of male athletes with an MQS (based on the weight of their rank) who have not obtained a slot at World Championships <u>B</u>: Total number of available male qualification slots <u>C</u>: Total number of male athletes with an MQS (based on the weight of their rank) who have not obtained a slot at World Championships</p> <p>Female: $D \times (E \div F) = \text{NPC Allocation}$</p> <p><u>D</u>: NPC's total number of female athletes with an MQS (based on the weight of their rank) who have not obtained a slot at World Championships <u>E</u>: Total number of available female qualification slots <u>F</u>: Total number of female athletes with an MQS (based on the weight of their rank) who have not obtained a slot at World Championships.</p> <p>IPC Swimming reserves the right to round up or down in order to achieve the required allocation of qualification slots per gender. In most instances the allocation figure will be rounded up to the next highest number. However, at IPC Swimming's discretion allocation figures with .49 and below may be rounded down.</p>	
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01 March 2016	NPCs confirm in writing to IPC Swimming the use of allocated qualification slots through the MQS allocation method
10 April 2016	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations
23 April 2016	IPC Swimming confirms in writing the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
30 April 2016	Deadline for Rio 2016 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
01 May 2016	IPC Swimming confirms in writing the reallocation of any unused qualification slots
14 August 2016	End of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances for final entries
15 August 2016	Deadline for Rio 2016 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By the dates published herein each qualified NPC must confirm to IPC Swimming in writing (fax and e-mail are accepted) if they wish to use their slots allocated through the 2015 World Championships and MQS slot allocation methods. NPCs that have not responded by the respective dates will lose their team qualification slots, and IPC Swimming may reallocate these slots.

By 01 May 2016 IPC Swimming will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 01 May 2016 it is officially declared that the respective NPCs will use the allocated slots for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. Any NPC that does not use its allocated slots may be subject to sanctions by IPC Swimming.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots allocated and not used by the respective NPC will be reallocated via the Bipartite Invitation Commission allocation method.



	Any qualification slot not allocated under this method will be distributed through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.	
Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	Five (5) eligible male athletes and five (5) eligible female athletes will be considered by the IPC and IPC Swimming for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation slot, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to IPC Swimming by 10 April 2016.	5 male athletes 5 female athletes
Total		340 male athletes 280 female athletes

TIMELINE

15 October 2014	Start of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances
15 January 2015	IPC Swimming to publish the MQS and MET levels for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games medal events programme
13-19 July 2015	2015 IPC Swimming World Championships, Glasgow, United Kingdom
29 August 2015	IPC Swimming confirms in writing to the NPCs the allocation of direct qualification slots obtained at the 2015 World Championships
15 September 2015	NPCs confirm in writing to IPC Swimming the use of allocated direct qualification slots
31 January 2016	End of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances for consideration by IPC Swimming in calculating the qualification slots allocated through the MQS Slot Allocation method
15 February 2016	Start of the Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
15 February 2016	IPC Swimming notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots through the MQS allocation method



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Rio 2016 Paralympic Games – MQS and MET
Qualification Period

15 October 2014 – 31 January 2016

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50m Freestyle	S3	01:02.15	01:07.12	N/A	N/A
	S4	00:41.66	00:44.99	01:01.07	01:05.96
	S5	00:38.95	00:42.07	00:45.29	00:48.91
	S6	00:33.25	00:35.91	00:37.60	00:40.61
	S7	00:30.29	00:32.71	00:36.13	00:39.02
	S8	00:28.44	00:30.72	00:33.36	00:36.03
	S9	00:26.95	00:29.11	00:30.49	00:32.93
	S10	00:25.24	00:27.26	00:29.81	00:32.19
	S11	00:28.83	00:31.14	00:35.15	00:37.96
	S12	00:25.39	00:27.42	00:31.00	00:33.48
	S13	00:25.46	00:27.50	00:30.01	00:32.41
100m Freestyle	S3	N/A	N/A	02:39.50	02:50.67
	S4	01:34.25	01:40.85	N/A	N/A
	S5	01:26.37	01:32.42	01:39.75	01:46.73
	S6	01:14.22	01:19.42	01:23.38	01:29.22
	S7	01:07.03	01:11.72	01:18.40	01:23.89
	S8	01:02.59	01:06.97	01:14.65	01:19.88
	S9	00:58.53	01:02.63	01:06.94	01:11.63
	S10	00:55.91	00:59.82	01:04.58	01:09.10
	S11	01:06.69	01:11.36	01:19.55	01:25.12
	S13	00:56.66	01:00.63	01:05.99	01:10.61
200m Freestyle	S2	06:04.94	06:26.84	N/A	N/A
	S3	04:51.12	05:08.59	N/A	N/A
	S4	03:41.97	03:55.29	N/A	N/A
	S5	03:05.10	03:16.21	03:38.74	03:51.86
	S14	02:02.84	02:08.98	02:21.10	02:29.57
400m Freestyle	S6	05:45.65	06:02.93	06:23.20	06:42.36
	S7	05:22.72	05:38.86	05:53.48	06:11.15
	S8	04:49.29	05:03.75	05:37.95	05:54.85
	S9	04:34.39	04:48.11	05:16.28	05:32.09
	S10	04:24.23	04:37.44	04:52.79	05:07.43
	S11	05:40.84	05:57.88	06:13.47	06:32.14
	S13	04:45.69	04:59.97	05:22.29	05:38.40
50m Backstroke	S1	01:42.21	01:50.39	N/A	N/A
	S2	01:11.32	01:17.03	01:33.10	01:40.55
	S3	01:04.59	01:09.76	01:20.16	01:26.57
	S4	00:52.95	00:57.19	01:05.85	01:11.12

	S5	00:44.33	00:47.88	00:56.11	01:00.60
100m Backstroke	S1	03:45.40	04:01.18	N/A	N/A
	S2	02:47.92	02:59.67	02:58.30	03:10.78
	S6	01:27.08	01:33.18	01:39.21	01:46.15
	S7	01:18.99	01:24.52	01:35.96	01:42.68
	S8	01:12.25	01:17.31	01:29.39	01:35.65
	S9	01:07.48	01:12.20	01:17.70	01:23.14
	S10	01:04.75	01:09.28	01:13.40	01:18.54
	S11	01:19.52	01:25.09	01:32.78	01:39.27
	S12	01:11.86	01:16.89	01:23.21	01:29.03
	S13	01:10.38	01:15.31	01:21.22	01:26.91
	S14	01:05.99	01:10.61	01:16.23	01:21.57
50m Breaststroke	SB2	01:38.35	01:46.22	N/A	N/A
	SB3	00:55.36	00:59.79	01:32.87	01:40.30
100m Breaststroke	SB4	01:59.46	02:07.82	02:20.22	02:30.04
	SB5	01:46.50	01:53.95	02:04.13	02:12.82
	SB6	01:34.29	01:40.89	01:53.07	02:00.98
	SB7	01:26.73	01:32.80	01:52.17	02:00.02
	SB8	01:18.05	01:23.51	01:32.10	01:38.55
	SB9	01:14.45	01:19.66	01:23.02	01:28.83
	SB11	01:25.79	01:31.80	01:46.05	01:53.47
	SB12	01:16.02	01:21.34	N/A	N/A
	SB13	01:18.87	01:24.39	01:29.76	01:36.04
	SB14	01:13.10	01:18.22	01:24.15	01:30.04
50m Butterfly	S5	00:45.34	00:48.97	00:54.29	00:58.63
	S6	00:35.25	00:38.07	00:42.61	00:46.02
	S7	00:33.92	00:36.63	00:42.51	00:45.91
100m Butterfly	S8	01:07.15	01:11.85	01:24.79	01:30.73
	S9	01:03.49	01:07.93	01:14.03	01:19.21
	S10	01:00.47	01:04.70	01:12.80	01:17.90
	S11	01:20.98	01:26.65	N/A	N/A
	S13	01:09.22	01:14.07	01:24.59	01:30.51
150m Individual Medley	SM3	03:39.92	03:53.12	N/A	N/A
	SM4	03:01.38	03:12.26	04:21.50	04:37.19
200m Individual Medley	SM5	N/A	N/A	04:29.30	04:45.46
	SM6	03:06.57	03:17.76	03:28.61	03:41.13
	SM7	02:54.47	03:04.94	03:40.07	03:53.27
	SM8	02:33.40	02:42.60	03:07.34	03:18.58
	SM9	02:26.38	02:35.16	02:47.98	02:58.06
	SM10	02:17.20	02:25.43	02:39.82	02:49.41
	SM11	02:54.09	03:04.54	03:30.34	03:42.96
	SM13	02:36.28	02:45.66	02:52.27	03:02.61
	SM14	02:20.78	02:29.23	02:41.83	02:51.54



*Relays			
4x100 Freestyle	34 points	04:35.76	05:36.00
4x100 Medley	34 points	04:49.19	05:51.81
Mixed 4x50 Freestyle	20 points	3:35.00	

*Relay teams can only reach MQS by swimming in the respective relay event at IPC Swimming recognized competitions.