22. PARA SWIMMING

MEDAL EVENTS

Male	Female	Mixed	Total
71	64	7	142

Detailed medal events list at the end of this chapter.

ATHLETE QUOTA

Male	Female	Gender-free	Total
325	280	0	605

ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Qualification slots are allocated to the NPC, not to the individual athlete, with the exception of (i) athletes earning a qualification slot as a gold medallist through the 2027 World Championships Allocation method; and (ii) Bipartite Commission Invitation slots, which are both allocated to the individual athlete, not to the NPC.

An athlete may only obtain a total of one (1) qualification slot, whether for their NPC or for the individual athlete.

To ensure all medal events on the program are viable at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games World Para Swimming (**"WPS"**) reserves the right to allocate slots to the exclusive use of certain sport classes determined by WPS. The slot shall be used as allocated or the NPC must return the slot to WPS.

MAXIMUM QUOTA ALLOCATION PER NPC

An NPC may 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 the entry into the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games, athletes must:

1. hold a World Para Swimming Athlete License for the 2028 season;

2. be internationally classified (before 30 June 2028) in an eligible Sport Class with a Sport Class Status of either (i) Confirmed; or (ii) Review with a Fixed Review Date after 31 December 2028;
3. have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (**"MQS"**) at a 50m World Para Swimming World Championships, World Para Swimming Regional Championships, World Para Swimming Sanctioned Competition or World Para Swimming Approved Plus Competition (each as defined in the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations) for the relevant medal event (including relay events) between 1 September 2026 and 1 July 2028 (inclusive), in accordance with the World Para Swimming Athlete Registration and Licensing Regulations valid for the 2026-2028 seasons;
4. have competed in the following competitions:
    i. two (2) World Para Swimming World Series between 1 September 2026 and 30 June 2028 (inclusive); and
    ii. either:
        a) the 2027 World Para Swimming World Championships or;
        b) a third (3rd) World Para Swimming World Series between 1 September 2027 and 30 June 2028 (inclusive).

Exceptions may be granted to criteria 3 and 4 (shown above) through the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method.

MAXIMUM ENTRY PER NPC

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

NPCs may enter their eligible athletes who have met at least one (1) MQS in an unlimited number of medal events, subject to the athlete having met the Minimum Entry Time (**"MET"**) and sport class requirements for each additional event entered into. A detailed MQS and MET list will be published at the end of this chapter.

NPCs may enter a maximum of one (1) team in each relay event, subject to the MQS for that relay event having been met. All team members must have entered at least one (1) individual medal event to be selected as part of the relay team.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Qualification slots will be allocated in the following order:

METHOD	QUALIFICATION	TOTAL
2027 World Championships Allocation	The athlete winning the gold medal (finishing 1st) at the 2027 World Para Swimming World Championships in each of the individual medal events on the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Programme will obtain one (1) qualification slot. A qualification slot obtained via this method is reserved to the individual athlete and not the specific medal event on the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Programme. The second (2nd) placed athlete at the 2027 World Para Swimming World Championships in each of the individual medal events on the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Programme will obtain one (1) qualification slot for their respective NPC. In the case that an athlete wins a gold medal and/or places second in more than one medal event at this World Championships, they will only obtain one (1) qualification slot (whether as an individual or for their NPC). In the case that an athlete wins a gold medal and places second in different medal events, the qualification slot will only be allocated to the individual athlete for winning a gold medal and not to their NPC for placing second. In the case that fewer slots are allocated through this method than available in the quota, WPS may allocate the remaining slots via the MQS Slot Allocation Method.	142 male athletes 128 female athletes
MQS Slot Allocation	Athletes who achieve an MQS performance at a World Para Swimming World Championships, World Para Swimming Regional Championships, World Para Swimming Sanctioned Competition or World Para Swimming Approved Plus Competition between 1 September 2026 and 31 January 2028 but who did not obtain a slot through the 2027 World Championships Allocation method (either as an individual or for	178 male athletes 147 female athletes

	their respective NPC) will be considered to determine their NPC's MQS Qualification Allocation slots. 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. 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 highest ranking of the athletes in any individual medal event on the WPS World Ranking List closing 31 January 2028 will be taken into account (weighted as set out below) to determine the final number of slots allocated to each NPC: Rank 1-8 equals 1 Rank 9-12 equals 0.8 Rank 13-16 equals 0.6 Rank above 16 equals 0.5 **Male:** A x (B ÷ C) = NPC Allocation A: NPC's total number of male athletes with an MQS (based on the weight of their rank) who have not obtained a slot through the 2027 World Championships Allocation method B: Total number of available male qualification slots C: Total number of male athletes with an MQS (based on the weight of their rank) who have not obtained a slot through the 2027 World Championships Allocation method **Female:** D x (E ÷ F) = NPC Allocation D: NPC's total number of female athletes with an MQS (based on the weight of their rank) who	

	have not obtained a slot through the 2027 World Championships Allocation method E: Total number of available female qualification slots F: Total number of female athletes with an MQS (based on the weight of their rank) who have not obtained a slot through the 2027 World Championships Allocation method If the final number of slots to be allocated to each NPC is not a whole number (i.e., the number includes decimals between .01 - .99) then the following rounding process will be followed: - If the final number is in the decimal range between .01 - .49 then it will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. - If the final number is in the decimal range between .50 - .99 then it will be rounded up to the nearest whole number. Any slots that cannot be allocated through this method may be allocated through the Bipartite Commission Allocation method (see below).	
Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation	Five (5) male athletes and five (5) female athletes will be considered for Bipartite Commission Invitation qualification slots. To be considered for a Bipartite Commission Invitation slot, NPCs must submit an official application in writing to WPS by 1 July 2028.	5 male athletes 5 female athletes
Total		**325 male athletes** **280 female athletes**

TIMELINE

1 September 2026	Start of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances
1 September 2026	WPS to publish the MQS and MET details for the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games medal events programme
TBD 2027	2027 World Para Swimming World Championships, tbd
TBD October 2027	WPS confirms in writing to NPCs the allocation of 2027 World Para Swimming Championships Allocation Slots
TBD November 2027	NPCs confirm in writing to WPS the use of 2027 World Para Swimming Championships Gold Medallist Allocation Slot on behalf of the Athlete
TBD November 2027	NPCs confirm in writing to WPS the use of 2027 World Para Swimming Championships Allocation Slots
31 January 2028	End of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances for consideration by WPS in calculating the qualification slots allocated through the MQS Slot Allocation method
1 March 2028	WPS notifies in writing to the NPCs the allocation of slots through the MQS Slot Allocation method
5 May 2028	Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive accreditation application forms submitted by NPCs (“Accreditation Long List”)
26 May 2028	Start of the Bipartite Commission Invitation application process
1 June 2028	NPCs confirm in writing to WPS the use of allocated qualification slots through the MQS Slot Allocation method
25 June 2028	Deadline for NPCs to submit applications for Bipartite Commission Invitations
1 July 2028	End of the period for athletes to achieve MQS performances to be eligible for selection by their NPC
7 July 2028	WPS confirms in writing the awarding of Bipartite Commission Invitation slots
10 July 2028	WPS confirms in writing the reallocation of any unused qualification slots

24 July 2028	Deadline for Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee to receive sport entry forms submitted by NPCs

CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF ALLOCATED SLOTS

By the dates published herein each NPC must confirm to WPS in writing (e-mail is accepted) if they wish to use their slots allocated through the 2027 World Championships Allocation and MQS Slot Allocation methods. NPCs that have not responded by the respective dates will lose their qualification slots, and WPS may reallocate these slots.

By 10 July 2028 WPS will confirm in writing the reallocation of all unused qualification slots.

By 1 June 2028, NPCs must officially declare their use of their allocated slots. Any NPC that fails to use any of its allocated slots having declared that it will do so may be subject to sanctions by the IPC and WPS.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION SLOTS

Any qualification slots allocated and not used by the respective NPC may be reallocated via the Bipartite Commission Invitation Allocation method by 7 July 2028.

Any slot(s) returned or unused after 10 July 2028 are returned to the IPC and may be redistributed at the sole discretion of the IPC (see relevant section above on page 9).

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LIST OF MEDAL EVENTS

Men's Events	Women's Events	Mixed Events
71	64	7
50m Freestyle S3	50m Freestyle S4	4x50m Freestyle 20
50m Freestyle S4	50m Freestyle S6	points Relay
50m Freestyle S5	50m Freestyle S8	4x50m Medley 20 points
50m Freestyle S7	50m Freestyle S10	Relay
50m Freestyle S9	50m Freestyle S11	4x100m Freestyle S14
50m Freestyle S10	50m Freestyle S13	Relay
50m Freestyle S11	100m Freestyle S3	4x100m Medley S14
50m Freestyle S13	100m Freestyle S5	Relay
100m Freestyle S4	100m Freestyle S7	4x100m Freestyle 49
100m Freestyle S5	100m Freestyle S9	points Relay
100m Freestyle S6	100m Freestyle S10	4x100m Freestyle 34
100m Freestyle S8	100m Freestyle S11	points Relay
100m Freestyle S10	100m Freestyle S12	4x100m Medley 34
100m Freestyle S12	200m Freestyle S5	points Relay
200m Freestyle S2	200m Freestyle S14	
200m Freestyle S3	400m Freestyle S6	
200m Freestyle S4	400m Freestyle S7	
200m Freestyle S5	400m Freestyle S8	
200m Freestyle S14	400m Freestyle S9	
400m Freestyle S6	400m Freestyle S10	
400m Freestyle S7	400m Freestyle S11	
400m Freestyle S8	400m Freestyle S13	
400m Freestyle S9	50m Backstroke S2	
400m Freestyle S11	50m Backstroke S3	
400m Freestyle S13	50m Backstroke S4	
50m Backstroke S1	50m Backstroke S5	
50m Backstroke S2	100m Backstroke S2	
50m Backstroke S3	100m Backstroke S6	
50m Backstroke S4	100m Backstroke S8	
50m Backstroke S5	100m Backstroke S9	
100m Backstroke S1	100m Backstroke S10	
100m Backstroke S2	100m Backstroke S11	
100m Backstroke S6	100m Backstroke S12	
100m Backstroke S7	100m Backstroke S13	
100m Backstroke S8	100m Backstroke S14	
100m Backstroke S9	50m Breaststroke SB3	
100m Backstroke S10	100m Breaststroke SB4	
100m Backstroke S11	100m Breaststroke SB5	
100m Backstroke S12	100m Breaststroke SB6	
100m Backstroke S13	100m Breaststroke SB7	

100m Backstroke S14 50m Breaststroke SB2 50m Breaststroke SB3 100m Breaststroke SB4 100m Breaststroke SB5 100m Breaststroke SB6 100m Breaststroke SB8 100m Breaststroke SB9 100m Breaststroke SB11 100m Breaststroke SB13 100m Breaststroke SB14 50m Butterfly S5 50m Butterfly S6 50m Butterfly S7 100m Butterfly S8 100m Butterfly S9 100m Butterfly S10 100m Butterfly S11 100m Butterfly S12 100m Butterfly S13 100m Butterfly S14 150m Individual Medley SM3 150m Individual Medley SM4 200m Individual Medley SM6 200m Individual Medley SM7 200m Individual Medley SM8 200m Individual Medley SM9 200m Individual Medley SM10 200m Individual Medley SM11 200m Individual Medley SM13 200m Individual Medley SM14	100m Breaststroke SB8 100m Breaststroke SB9 100m Breaststroke SB11 100m Breaststroke SB12 100m Breaststroke SB13 100m Breaststroke SB14 50m Butterfly S5 50m Butterfly S6 50m Butterfly S7 100m Butterfly S8 100m Butterfly S9 100m Butterfly S10 100m Butterfly S13 100m Butterfly S14 150m Individual Medley SM4 200m Individual Medley SM5 200m Individual Medley SM6 200m Individual Medley SM7 200m Individual Medley SM8 200m Individual Medley SM9 200m Individual Medley SM10 200m Individual Medley SM11 200m Individual Medley SM13 200m Individual Medley SM14	

Medal event competition format

All medal events in the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games are considered 'single class events' in accordance with Rule 10.3.1.1 of the WPS Rules and Regulations. As per Rule 10.3.2 of the WPS Rules and Regulations, except for athletes in Sport Classes S10, SB9, SM10, S/SB/SM13 and S/SB/SM14, if a medal event is not included in the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Programme or there are fewer than the required number of entries in a medal event, athletes may enter the same stroke and distance medal event of a higher Sport Class.

LA28 Paralympic Games – MQS and MET

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50m Freestyle	S3	00:50,27	00:53,60	N/A	N/A
	S4	00:41,45	00:46,32	00:46,68	00:52,25
	S5	00:34,08	00:35,51	N/A	N/A
	S6	N/A	N/A	00:36,36	00:37,45
	S7	00:30,40	00:31,25	N/A	N/A
	S8	N/A	N/A	00:33,30	00:34,67
	S9	00:26,16	00:26,55	N/A	N/A
	S10	00:25,36	00:25,76	00:28,80	00:29,45
	S11	00:26,94	00:27,42	00:31,78	00:33,33
	S13	00:25,53	00:26,26	00:28,61	00:29,20
100m Freestyle	S3	N/A	N/A	02:26,22	02:52,23
	S4	01:33,86	01:46,02	N/A	N/A
	S5	01:17,04	01:20,18	01:32,55	01:36,40
	S6	01:08,08	01:09,71	N/A	N/A
	S7	N/A	N/A	01:15,23	01:17,46
	S8	01:00,12	01:02,09	N/A	N/A
	S9	N/A	N/A	01:05,02	01:05,84
	S10	00:55,35	00:56,38	01:03,26	01:03,76
	S11	N/A	N/A	01:11,92	01:17,90
	S12	00:55,91	00:56,66	01:06,39	01:11,29
200m Freestyle	S2	06:06,46	07:09,24	N/A	N/A
	S3	03:46,99	04:01,31	N/A	N/A
	S4	03:28,89	04:24,88	N/A	N/A
	S5	02:51,35	02:56,69	03:19,23	03:28,82
	S14	01:57,77	01:59,26	02:13,81	02:16,63
400m Freestyle	S6	05:29,71	05:39,97	06:02,20	06:24,57
	S7	05:08,50	05:16,76	05:45,95	06:03,47
	S8	04:43,49	04:50,87	05:24,51	05:34,86
	S9	04:26,12	04:31,99	04:56,09	05:03,01
	S10	N/A	N/A	04:50,23	05:00,57
	S11	05:07,15	05:23,57	05:43,94	07:09,29
	S13	04:38,97	04:47,38	04:57,67	05:09,60

50m Backstroke	S1	01:52,28	01:52,28	N/A	N/A
	S2	01:13,77	01:45,10	01:41,60	02:03,19
	S3	00:56,70	00:59,78	01:09,41	01:18,87
	S4	00:49,97	00:52,66	00:54,78	00:59,21
	S5	00:38,13	00:41,54	00:46,89	00:49,76
100m Backstroke	S1	03:44,92	03:44,92	N/A	N/A
	S2	02:53,56	03:48,96	03:35,06	04:12,62
	S6	01:19,87	01:22,73	01:34,99	01:38,03
	S7	01:18,34	01:21,72	N/A	N/A
	S8	01:11,31	01:12,50	01:25,07	01:26,91
	S9	01:05,48	01:06,82	01:15,03	01:16,41
	S10	01:04,23	01:05,45	01:13,01	01:15,52
	S11	01:11,86	01:15,56	01:24,34	01:33,12
	S12	01:04,88	01:09,18	01:18,20	01:25,77
	S13	01:04,97	01:12,65	01:15,70	01:21,30
	S14	01:01,45	01:02,04	01:10,75	01:12,52
50m Breaststroke	SB2	01:12,71	01:23,28	N/A	N/A
	SB3	01:00,86	01:08,10	01:07,12	01:11,72
100m Breaststroke	SB4	01:50,14	02:04,00	02:03,09	02:19,67
	SB5	01:41,31	01:48,37	01:59,15	02:06,62
	SB6	01:27,72	01:32,33	01:50,45	01:53,24
	SB7	N/A	N/A	01:41,37	01:46,99
	SB8	01:14,97	01:19,46	01:29,25	01:32,51
	SB9	01:10,45	01:12,63	01:25,25	01:27,82
	SB11	01:21,83	01:24,92	01:36,38	01:50,18
	SB12	N/A	N/A	01:29,41	01:34,51
	SB13	01:12,10	01:16,37	01:22,61	01:26,94
	SB14	01:08,37	01:09,67	01:19,55	01:21,56
50m Butterfly	S5	00:36,10	00:37,57	00:51,45	00:56,15
	S6	00:32,68	00:34,12	00:41,29	00:44,04
	S7	00:32,76	00:35,07	00:37,62	00:40,54
100m Butterfly	S8	01:06,48	01:08,82	01:23,13	01:27,74
	S9	01:03,03	01:03,62	01:12,69	01:16,01
	S10	01:00,06	01:00,85	01:10,78	01:13,44
	S11	01:09,60	01:12,40	N/A	N/A
	S12	01:00,42	01:02,99	N/A	N/A
	S13	01:01,52	01:03,52	01:09,83	01:15,89
	S14	00:57,54	00:58,50	01:08,34	01:10,13

150m Individual Medley	SM3	03:21,15	03:40,10	N/A	N/A
	SM4	03:04,69	03:31,51	03:16,88	03:37,69
200m Individual Medley	SM5	N/A	N/A	03:57,34	04:09,13
	SM6	02:53,18	03:02,39	03:26,81	03:42,52
	SM7	02:55,67	03:03,96	03:12,54	03:19,15
	SM8	02:32,26	02:34,82	02:56,72	03:09,56
	SM9	02:23,60	02:26,68	02:42,18	02:45,63
	SM10	02:18,90	02:22,86	02:38,43	02:45,70
	SM11	02:36,59	02:44,35	03:12,20	03:32,94
	SM13	02:26,61	02:32,18	02:38,74	02:44,41
	SM14	02:15,04	02:15,96	02:32,80	02:35,00

Relays	
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle 20pts	03:37,50
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle 34pts	04:34,68
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle 49pts	04:21,20
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle S14	04:33,28
Mixed 4x50m Medley 20pts	03:35,95
Mixed 4x100m Medley 34pts	05:14,09
Mixed 4x100m Medley S14	05:21,39