

# Technical Regulations - Swimming

## 1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The technical committee will be composed of the ICSD Technical Director for Swimming and members appointed by the Organising Committee:

- - ICSD Technical Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ - FINA Representative
- \_\_\_\_\_ - FINA Representative
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Sports Liaison Officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Deaf Representative

## 2. PROTEST COMMITTEE

- - ICSD Technical Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ - FINA Representative
- \_\_\_\_\_ - FINA Representative
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Sports Liaison Officer
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Deaf Representative

## 3. EVENTS

The swimming competitions will consist of the following 38 events (19 for men and 19 for women):

### Individual events:

- Freestyle - 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (women only), & 1500m (men only)
- Backstroke - 50m, 100m, 200m
- Breaststroke - 50m, 100m, 200m
- Butterfly - 50m, 100m, 200m
- Individual Medley - 200m, 400m

### Team relay events:

- Freestyle - 4x100m, 4x200m
- Medley - 4x100m

## 4. PARTICIPANTS

### 4.1. Age Eligibility

There are no age restrictions.

**4.2.** Each National Federation may enter a maximum number of 26 men and 26 women swimmers. Each National Federation may enter three (3) competitors in each individual event and one (1) team in each relay event.

Swimmers entered for individual events and for the relays may act as reserves for the relays. The composition of teams for the relay events must be announced at least one hour before the

corresponding sessions begin. Team compositions may be changed between the heats and the final. When preliminaries are swum, medals shall be awarded to those swimmers who swam in the preliminaries and the final race.

### **4.3. Qualification Times**

The ICSD will establish standard qualification times for each individual and relay event at the Deaflympics. See additional documents for [Qualification Times](#). The qualification times must be obtained in the period from .....

All National Federation having no swimmers qualified may enter one man and one woman regardless of time standards in competitions of their choice with evidence of participation in national and international competition.

**4.4.** A fine of USD \$20 is levied on each non-starting athlete with the exception of those presenting a doctor's declaration that he/she should not be allowed to start.

## **5. REGISTRATION**

**5.1.** The preliminary registrations with an indication of the probable number of athletes in each event must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than .....

**5.2.** The final registrations with the names of each athlete indicating event entered must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than ..... Such submissions will be made via official online registration form or telefax followed by the official registration form.

**5.3.** No changes or additional entries will be accepted after .....

## **6. VENUES**

### **6.1. Competition Venue**

The Swimming competitions will take place at .....

### **6.2. Training Venue**

The training venue is the same as the competition venue.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

### **7.1. Competition Schedule**

Refer to the competition schedule on the Games website.

### **7.2. Training Schedule**

Refer to the training schedule on the Games website.

## **8. COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **8.1. Technical Organisation**

ICSD is responsible for the technical organisation of the Swimming competitions.

### **8.2. Competition Rules**

The Swimming competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the FINA (version .....). In case of disagreement in the interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, the English text shall prevail. Unforeseen incidents not covered by the Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with as follows:

**8.2.1.** Cases of a general nature will be resolved in accordance with Deaflympics Regulations, General Technical Rules – Summer Deaflympics, and this Swimming Technical Regulations.

**8.2.2.** Technical questions related to competition rules shall be resolved according to the FINA Rules and Regulations.

Only athletes who comply with the Deaflympics Regulations are entitled to take part in the Deaflympics Swimming competitions.

### **8.3. Competition Equipment**

All equipment and implements used during competitions will comply with the FINA Rules and Regulations.

### **8.4. Competition Swim Suit**

Competitors must wear swimming costumes complying with the requirements of FINA Rules. Participants must observe the regulations contained in the Deaflympics Regulations regarding advertisements on clothing, etc. in the pool areas.

### **8.5. Draw**

The draw for heats and lane assignments for all events will be conducted in accordance with FINA Rules and Regulations.

### **8.6. Competition Plan**

There shall be heats and A and B finals in all events, with the exception of the men 1500m freestyle, women 800m freestyle, all relay events, and for those events with less than 24 swimmers entered, for which there will be only heats and A finals. All lanes will be allotted to swimmers according to FINA Rules. A swimmer or team not wishing to take part in final shall withdraw within thirty (30) minutes following the heats of the event. The National Federation of any swimmer who withdraws from the final more than thirty (30) minutes after the heats shall pay to the ICSD the sum of USD \$20, in case of a relay, the sum shall be USD \$50.

## **8.7. Officials**

### **8.7.1. Referees and Starters**

Where possible, referees and starters shall be in possession of an FINA international referee license valid for 2009. However, referees and starters with national accreditation may be used.

### **8.7.2. Appointment**

The Organizing Committee shall appoint an appropriate number of referee, supervisor, judges, starters, inspectors, recorder, clerks, and other required personnel.

### **8.7.3. Competition Organization**

The ICSD Technical Director shall under the control of the Technical Committee head management of the competitions. Its function will be as follows:

- to organise the heats
- to manage the competition
- to appoint the officials
- to decide all protests or other matters, which may arise during the competitions.

## **9. PROTESTS**

### **9.1. Procedure for lodging a protest**

All sport related protests will be resolved in accordance to the FINA Rules and Regulations and will be managed by the Swimming Protest Committee. Any official protest must be submitted in writing in English on the Official Deaflympics Protest Form. The form must be given to the ICSD Technical Director with USD \$50 within 30 minutes after official posted results.

The ICSD Technical Director will decide whether the protest is sporting related or eligibility related. The Swimming Protest Committee will review all sport related protests, and the ICSD Executive Committee will review all eligibility protests. The deposit of USD \$50 will be returned to the appellant only if the protest is considered valid.

### **9.2. Procedures for reviewing a protest**

The Swimming Protest Committee will meet in the Technical Directors office in Taipei at a time decided upon by the chairperson of the committee.

- The ICSD Technical Director will be the chairperson of the committee.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible to book the meeting room and interpreters.
- The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will contact all committee members to inform them of the meeting time and location.
- The ICSD Technical Director will be responsible for liaising with the State Sports Association's Competition Manager.

The Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) will be responsible for informing Games Headquarters GHQ and the ICSD Technical Director will be responsible for informing ICSD Executive Committee about the protest and also the outcome of the protest.

## **10. CONTROL AND SANCTIONS**

### **10.1. Hearing Aids**

The use of any hearing aid/amplification or external cochlear implant parts are not permitted within the restricted zone area.

#### **10.1.1. Restricted Zone Area**

The restricted zone area is in effect from the time athletes enter the call room and throughout the pool deck during the warm-up and competition period.

#### **10.1.2. Violation and Penalty**

When this rule is violated, refer to [Audiogram Regulations](#), *Article 6: VIOLATIONS and PENALTIES*.

### **10.2. Medical Control**

Refer to [General Technical Rules - Summer Deaflympics](#), Article 4 - CONTROL AND SANCTIONS.

## **11. TECHNICAL MEETING**

### **11.1. Date and Location**

The Swimming technical meeting will be held on .....

### **11.2. Attendance**

Each participating National Federation may be represented by two officials, of whom at least one must be deaf and, if necessary, an interpreter.