



**LONDON 2019**

**WORLD PARA SWIMMING ALLIANZ  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MEDIA GUIDE**





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## 1. WELCOME

### Local Organising Committee Welcome

Dear members of the media,

It is my honour to present to you the London 2019 World Para Swimming Allianz Championships Media Guide on behalf of the Local Organising Committee.

When you come to London this year you will be welcomed into this truly diverse and historical part of the UK. We are all really proud of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic legacy. We have all worked hard to make sure the London Aquatics Centre is a vibrant host for the Parasport family. I hope you will enjoy experiencing the iconic location where stars were born in 2012 and we hope more will emerge this year. It's a great chance to be part of the history and legacy of the London Aquatics Centre.

To see over 80 countries being represented by around 650 athletes is truly inspiring. Knowing that a large proportion of the swimmers competing in London this year will then go on to represent their countries in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics is something we are also proud to be a part of.

Hopefully the information that you will find within this guide will prove useful as you plan your visit to London this September.

From everyone here at British Swimming and all our partners who have worked so hard to deliver this event we wish you a successful Championships.

Best wishes,



Jack Buckner  
British Swimming CEO



### International Paralympic Committee Welcome

Dear media representative,

Welcome to the London 2019 World Para Swimming Allianz Championships.

From 9-15 September, more than 650 swimmers from 81 nations will perform at their best in the waters of the London Aquatics Centre. The same iconic venue of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park where so many of these swimmers shone at the 2012 Paralympic Games.

This will be the ninth edition of the World Para Swimming Championships and a key qualifier for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

I am sure some of the swimmers competing in London will be the stars of the next Paralympics.

The Local Organising Committee and their partners have done an amazing job to deliver a fantastic event in such a short notice and provide all the required services and facilities for media.

On this guide you will find details about:

- The competition
- The venue
- Classification
- Press services and facilities
- Photo services and facilities

Enjoy the World Championships.  
Thank you,



Andrew Parsons  
President of the  
International Paralympic  
Committee



## 2. KEY DATES

	<b>Accreditation Centre Opening Times</b>	<b>Media Centre Opening Times</b>	<b>Photographers' Briefing</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>
Friday 06/09/09	07:00- 20:00	10:30-12:00 (for media opportunity)		
Saturday 07/09/09	07:00- 20:00	Closed		
Sunday 08/09/09	07:00- 20:00	Closed		
Monday 09/09/09	07:00 – 13:30 15:30 - 20:00	08:00 – 23:30	08:15	16:30 Doors Open 17:15 Opening Ceremony 18:00 Competition starts
Tuesday 10/09/09	07:00 – 13:30 15:30 - 20:00	08:00 – 23:30		
Wednesday 11/09/09	07:00 – 13:30 15:30 - 20:00	08:00 – 23:30		
Thursday 12/09/09	07:00 – 13:30 15:30 - 20:00	08:00 – 23:30		
Friday 13/09/09	07:00 – 13:30 15:30 - 20:00	08:00 – 23:30		
Saturday 14/09/09	07:00 – 13:30 15:30 - 20:00	08:00 – 23:30		
Sunday 15/09/09	07:00 – 13:30 15:30 - 20:00	08:00 – 23:30		

Further details of the Photographers' Briefing and Opening Ceremony will available at the media centre help desk.

All accredited media will be emailed an invite to the Media Opportunity on Friday 6 Sept.



### 3. ORGANISATION

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## 4. EVENT AND COMPETITION OVERVIEW

### 4.1 Event Overview

The World Para Swimming Allianz Championships 2019 will be the ninth edition of the event. Prior to the last World Para Swimming Championships in Mexico City in 2017, the previous eight editions were known as the IPC Swimming Championships.

The London Aquatics Centre will see 650 athletes from more than 80 countries including the Refugee Paralympic Team take to the pool across 14 sessions of competition from 9-15 September 2019.

The pool was originally designed by Zaha Hadid and cost £251 million to construct in time for London 2012. It hosted 17,500 spectators for the swimming, diving and synchronised swimming events at the Olympics as well as the swimming events at the Paralympic Games.

The Aquatics Centre's spectacular wave-like roof is 160m long and is one of the iconic features of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Following the Games, the venue was reduced to 2,500 permanent seats.

The 2019 World Para Swimming Allianz Championships continues part of the pool's ever-expanding legacy having recently played host to the finale of the 2019 FINA Diving World Series.

The competition pool will use 10 lanes for the heats in the morning session and 8 lanes for the finals in the evening.

The Championships will serve as one of the qualifying events for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

### 4.2 Event Rules and Regulations


The World Para Swimming Allianz Championships London 2019 will apply the current World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations.

They can be found on the WPS website <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules>.

### 4.3 Swimmers Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by a National Paralympic Committee (NPC) for the 2019 World Para Swimming Championships (50m) swimmers must:

- Hold an active World Para Swimming license for the 2019 Season.
- Have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at a World Para Swimming Recognised 50m Competition for an event on the programme between 01 January 2018 and 21 July 2019 (times are only recognised if the athlete was already licensed at the time of the achievement or has a recognised split time World/Regional record in the same length & stroke, that is included in the rankings).
- Be classified with a “Review” (R) or “Confirmed” (C) sport class status.

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- One relay specific athlete (without MQS) can be added to the NPC Team (no participation in other events is allowed in this case). There can be a different relay-specific athlete entered for the different relays on the final programme.

#### 4.4 Competition Format

The London 2019 World Para Swimming Allianz Championships will be conducted by the single class competition format. Only events that meet the Event Viability Criteria outlined below after the Entry by Name will be included in the Final Event Programme. Sport classes without a viable event will be able to “swim up” to the nearest single class event included in the Programme. These sport classes will be considered Eligible Classes for the respective single class event, and medals will not be allocated separately for these Eligible Classes.

#### 4.5 Event Viability Criteria

Individual events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of six (6) eligible swimmers from three (3) NPCs entered through the Entry by Name. For classes S1-2 and S11 five (5) eligible athletes from two (2) NPCs through Entry by Name is required. Relay events will be considered viable if they have a minimum of four (4) eligible NPCs entered through the Entry by Name. At the close of Final Entries, WPS reserves the right to provide direct invitation per event to athletes already entered in Entry by Name for the sole purpose of ensuring events featured on the programme have sufficient representation for viability.

#### 4.6 Maximum Entry per NPC

NPCs can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible swimmers per medal event if all have met the MQS/MET (Minimum Entry Time). If there is more than one eligible class in the single sport class event, a maximum of five (5) swimmers per event can be entered per each NPC. However, only a maximum of three (3) swimmers per each eligible sport class can be entered if all met the MQS/MET. NPCs can enter their athletes that have met at least one (1) MQS in an unlimited number of events providing they meet the Minimum Entry Time (MET) for the additional events.

#### 4.7 Final Entries

At the close of Final Entries the list of events is set and will not change. After classification should an event become viable (that was combined after close of final entries) it will remain swam as a combined event. Medals from designated (combined) events will be presented at Medal Ceremonies and for single class events that become viable after class changes during classification, medals for these newly viable single class event can be collected at SID at the end of the session.



#### 4.8 Classification

Classification will be conducted in accordance with the 2019 World Para Swimming Classification Rules and Regulations on 6-8 September for a physical (PI) and intellectual impairment (II), and on the 7 – 8 September for athletes with a visual impairment (VI).

Classification for PI and II swimmers will be conducted at the Competition Venue, while the VI classification will take place at City Sight, located at the City University of London Tait Building (Ashby Street), Northampton Square, EC1V 0HB.

Athlete classification information is available online here:

<https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/classification/masterlist>

If a competitor does not attend classification, he/she will be disqualified from the competition.

The classification process is closed to the media.



## 5. Competition Programme

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9-15 SEPTEMBER 2019

START TIMES: 10:00 HEATS & 18:00 FINALS

9 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER		10 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER		11 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER		12 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	
1	Men's 400m Freestyle S6	26	Men's 200m Freestyle S5	48	Men's 100m Backstroke S1	72	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB12
2	Women's 400m Freestyle S6	27	Women's 200m Freestyle S5 (1-5)	49	Men's 100m Backstroke S2	73	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB12
3	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB4	28	Men's 100m Backstroke S9	50	Women's 100m Backstroke S2 (S1-2)	74	Men's 100m Backstroke S7
4	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB4	29	Women's 100m Backstroke S9	51	Men's 100m Butterfly S8	75	Women's 100m Backstroke S7
5	Men's 100m Freestyle S8	30	Men's 100m Backstroke S8	52	Women's 100m Butterfly S8	76	Men's 100m Freestyle S10
6	Women's 100m Freestyle S8	31	Women's 100m Backstroke S8	53	Men's 200m Ind Medley SM6 (SM5-6)	77	Women's 100m Freestyle S10
7	Men's 200m Freestyle S14	32	Men's 100m Freestyle S6	54	Women's 200m Ind Medley SM6	78	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB13
8	Women's 200m Freestyle S14	33	Women's 100m Freestyle S6	55	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB14	79	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB13
9	Men's 50m Freestyle S11	34	Men's 200m Ind Medley SM10	56	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB14	80	Men's 50m Butterfly S5
10	Women's 50m Freestyle S11	35	Women's 200m Ind Medley SM10	57	Men's 150m Ind Medley SM4	81	Women's 50m Butterfly S5
11	Men's 100m Freestyle S9	36	Men's 100m Butterfly S12	58	Women's 150m Ind Medley SM4 (SM1-4)	82	Men's 50m Backstroke S3
12	Women's 100m Freestyle S9	37	Men's 100m Backstroke S14	59	Men's 50m Freestyle S12	83	Women's 50m Backstroke S3
13	Men's 100m Backstroke S12	38	Women's 100m Backstroke S14	60	Women's 50m Freestyle S12	84	Men's 50m Backstroke S4
14	Women's 100m Backstroke S12	39	Men's 100m Freestyle S4 (S1-4)	61	Men's 100m Butterfly S9	85	Women's 50m Backstroke S4
15	Men's 50m Freestyle S5	40	Women's 100m Freestyle S4	62	Women's 100m Butterfly S9	86	Men's 200m Freestyle S2 (S1-2)
16	Women's 50m Freestyle S5	41	Men's 400m Freestyle S7	63	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB11	87	Men's 200m Ind Medley SM11
17	Men's 50m Freestyle S10	42	Women's 400m Freestyle S7	64	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB11	88	Women's 200m Ind Medley SM11
18	Women's 50m Freestyle S10	43	Men's 100m Backstroke S13	65	Men's 400m Freestyle S10	89	Men's 400m Freestyle S8
19	Men's 400m Freestyle S13	44	Women's 100m Backstroke S13	66	Women's 400m Freestyle S10	90	Women's 400m Freestyle S8
20	Women's 400m Freestyle S13	45	Men's 100m Backstroke S11	67	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB7	91	Men's 100m Backstroke S6
21	Men's 50m Breaststroke SB2	46	Women's 100m Backstroke S11	68	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB7	92	Women's 100m Backstroke S6
22	Men's 50m Butterfly S7	47	Mixed 4 x 50m Medley 20pts	69	Men's 100m Freestyle S13	93	Women's 200m Ind Medley SM5
23	Women's 50m Butterfly S7			70	Women's 100m Freestyle S13	94	Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle S14
24	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB5			71	Mixed 4 x 50m Freestyle 20pts		
25	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB5						

## 13TH SEPTEMBER

95	Men's 400m Freestyle S9
96	Women's 400m Freestyle S9
97	Men's 200m Ind Medley SM7
98	Women's 200m Ind Medley SM7
99	Men's 100m Butterfly S10
100	Women's 100m Butterfly S10
101	Men's 50m Freestyle S8
102	Women's 50m Freestyle S8
103	Men's 50m Freestyle S6
104	Women's 50m Freestyle S6
105	Men's 200m Ind Medley SM13
106	Women's 200m Ind Medley SM13
107	Men's 100m Freestyle S12
108	Women's 100m Freestyle S12
109	Men's 50m Freestyle S4
110	Women's 50m Freestyle S4 (S1-4)
111	Men's 50m Backstroke S2
112	Women's 50m Backstroke S2 (S1-2)
113	Men's 100m Freestyle S11
114	Women's 100m Freestyle S11
115	Men's 4 x 100 Medley 34pts
116	Women's 4 x 100 Medley 34pts

## 14TH SEPTEMBER

117	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB9
118	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB9
119	Men's 100m Butterfly S13
120	Women's 100m Butterfly S13
121	Men's 50m Backstroke S1
122	Men's 150m Ind Medley SM3 (SM1-3)
123	Men's 50m Backstroke S5
124	Women's 50m Backstroke S5
125	Men's 200m Ind Medley SM14
126	Women's 200m Ind Medley SM14
127	Men's 200m Ind Medley SM8
128	Women's 200m Ind Medley SM8
129	Men's 100m Butterfly S11
130	Men's 200m Freestyle S4
131	Men's 100m Freestyle S7
132	Women's 100m Freestyle S7
133	Men's 200m Ind Medley SM9
134	Women's 200m Ind Medley SM9
135	Men's 50m Butterfly S6
136	Women's 50m Butterfly S6
137	Men's 50m Freestyle S3 (S1-3)
138	Men's 100m Backstroke S10
139	Women's 100m Backstroke S10
140	Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle 49pts

## 15TH SEPTEMBER

141	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB6
142	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB6
143	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB8
144	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB8
145	Men's 100m Butterfly S14
146	Women's 100m Butterfly S14
147	Men's 50m Breaststroke SB3
148	Women's 50m Breaststroke SB3 (SB1-3)
149	Men's 50m Freestyle S13
150	Women's 50m Freestyle S13
151	Men's 50m Freestyle S7
152	Women's 50m Freestyle S7
153	Men's 50m Freestyle S9
154	Women's 50m Freestyle S9
155	Men's 400m Freestyle S11
156	Women's 400m Freestyle S11
157	Men's 100m Freestyle S5
158	Women's 100m Freestyle S5
159	Men's 200m Freestyle S3
160	Women's 100m Freestyle S3 (S1-3)
161	Men's 4 x 100 Freestyle 34pts
162	Women's 4 x 100 Freestyle 34pts



## 6. Practical Information

### 6.1 Travel to London

The official ports of entry for the World Para Swimming Allianz Swimming Championships London 2019 are:

London Heathrow (LHR)  
London City Airport (LCY)

Alternative airports include:

London Stansted (STN)  
London Gatwick (LGW)  
London Luton (LTN)

### 6.2 Public transport from the airports to central London

#### **Heathrow Airport (LHR) – 55kms from the venue**

A number of public transport options are available to central London:

#### **Heathrow Express**

The Heathrow Express is a fast train service direct to London Paddington and operates every 15 minutes. The journey time is 15 minutes from terminal 2 and 3. Off peak single services (no travel between 06:30 - 09:30 and 16:00 – 19:00, Monday to Friday) cost £22.00 and peak single train tickets cost £25.00. Return services are available from £37.00. Advance tickets and further information is available at [heathrowexpress.com](http://heathrowexpress.com).

#### **TfL Rail**

Previously known as the Heathrow Connect, the newly rebranded TfL Rail trains operate between Heathrow and Paddington Station but unlike the Heathrow Express, trains stop at stations along the route.


When calling at stations on the line, the TfL Rail train time takes 32 minutes between Heathrow terminal 2 and Paddington Station. An additional five minutes should be allowed for either terminal 4 or 5. Trains operate every 30 minutes.

Contactless, Oyster and Visitor Oyster cards are accepted on TfL Rail. A single adult pay-as-you-go fare between Paddington and Heathrow is £10.50 during peak hours, and £10.10 at all other times.

#### **Underground**

The Piccadilly Line runs from Heathrow Airport to central London in less than an hour. Contactless, Oyster and Visitor Oyster are accepted on this service.





## **London City Airport (LCY) – 8.5kms from the venue**

The Docklands Light Railway (DLR) runs from London City Airport to Bank Underground Station.

Further information regarding travel in London is available on the TFL website

<https://tfl.gov.uk>.

### 6.3 Public transport to the London Aquatics Centre:

Public transport is the most convenient way to get to and from the London Aquatics Centre:

#### **Train**

Stratford International station is just a 5-minute walk away. St Pancras International & Kings Cross stations are just seven minutes away by train to Stratford International.

#### **Docklands Light Railway (DLR) – Direct from London City Airport**

The Docklands Light Railway (DLR) runs from London City Airport to Stratford Underground station. Journeys take 14 minutes and passengers can use Contactless, Oyster and Visitor Oyster cards.

#### **Underground**

The nearest underground stations are Stratford (10-minute walk) and Hackney Wick (15-minute walk).

#### **Cycling**

There are more than 140 cycle racks outside the London Aquatics Centre, including a Santander Cycles docking station located outside the centre.

### 6.4 Parking

The closest parking is located in Westfield Shopping Centre which is a 5-minute walk to the London Aquatics Centre. Further information and prices are available at <https://uk.westfield.-com/stratfordcity/centre-info/getting-here>.

## 7. ACCREDITATION

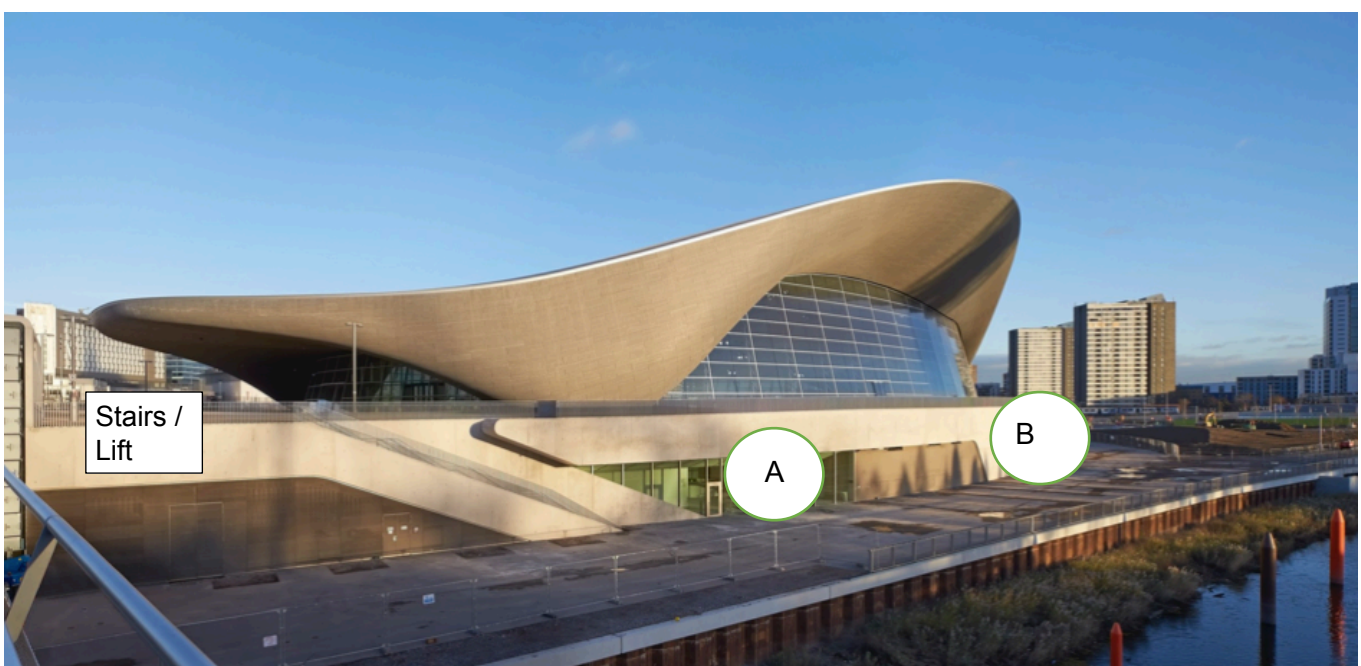
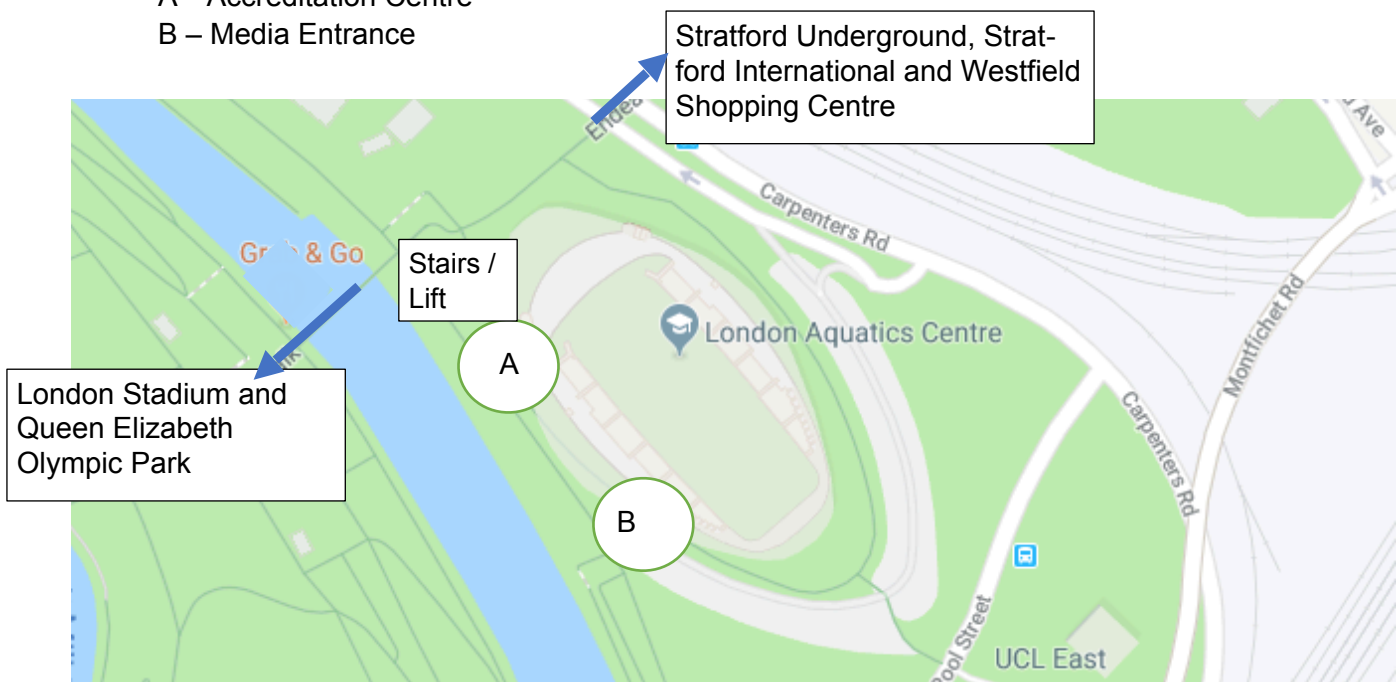
The accreditation centre is located in the main entrance to the London Aquatics Centre.

From Stratford Underground, Stratford International and Westfield Shopping Centre, access to the main entrance is via the stairs or external lift after passing the London Aquatics Centre.

Once you have collected your accreditation, leave the main entrance through the same doors as you entered and turn left to access the media centre. The media entrance is located approximately 100 meters away.

A – Accreditation Centre

B – Media Entrance







The Accreditation Centre is open as follows:

**Accreditation Opening Times**

Friday 6 – Sunday 8 September                      07:00 – 20:00

Monday 9 – Sunday 15 September                07:00 – 13:30 and 15:30 - 20:00

Please note that access to the venue and media facilities is only available on Friday 6 September for the Pre-event Media Session and during competition from 9-15 September.

**Loss or Damage of Accreditation Card**

Any person who has lost an accreditation pass will need to go immediately to the Accreditation Centre and fill out a 'Lost Card Declaration'. A valid passport or identity card will be required to replace the lost card, and a £25 fee will be required to be paid upon replacement of the accreditation card.

The accreditation card is a personal belonging, transferring it to another person is prohibited.

**8. ACCOMMODATION**

The official accommodation provider for the World Para Swimming Allianz Championships is CSE. If you would like to find out the latest information regarding available rooms, please email [wps@cseplc.com](mailto:wps@cseplc.com).



## 9. VENUE

### **Media Centre**

The media centre entrance is located 100 meters from the main entrance to the London Aquatics Centre. The workroom has:

- Media help desk manned by media operations staff and volunteers
- 40 workstations, available on a first come first served basis
- Cabled and wireless internet connectivity
- Power
- Pigeonholes with start lists and media information
- Free tea, coffee and water

Please note that the media centre does not have lockers. Valuable items will be left at your own risk.

### **Media Tribunes**

The media tribunes and commentary positions are located in block K overlooking the start / finish line on the opposite side of the pool to the media centre. The media tribunes are accessed via an external route which will be signposted.

The media tribunes will consist of 40 tabled workstations with internet connectivity and power. Additional non-tabled positions are available in Block L.

Large TV screens in the arena are visible from both the tabled and non-tabled positions.

### **Mixed Zone**

The mixed zone provides the opportunity for media to interview athletes shortly after they have finished competing. All athletes will progress through the mixed zone after heats and finals. The broadcast and press sections are located outside the media centre next to the diving pool and follow the order:

- 1 – Rights holding TV (booked positions)
- 2 – ENG
- 3 – Press
- 4 – Non-rights holding broadcasters

Athletes are encouraged to speak with the media but this is at the athletes discretion. Press Attaches will be able to access the athlete pathway in the press section of the mixed zone to support your requests.

Media who wish to film in the mixed zone must report to the help desk in the media centre to sign a Non-rights Holding Broadcasters Undertaking. Non-rights holding broadcasters are not permitted to film at any other location on venue as stipulated in the Undertaking.

Wi-Fi will be available in this area.



## **Photographers**

All photographers must report to the media centre help desk on arrival to sign the Photographers' Undertaking. The photographer will then be assigned a photo bib for the duration of the event. The photo bib is required to access all photo positions and must be worn at all times on venue.

There are two main pool deck photo positions. These are located on the media centre and mixed zone side of the pool and marked on the diagrams below. Photographers must be present at least 15 minutes before the session starts to access these pool deck positions. If you arrive after the session begins, please report into the help desk who will contact the photo manager.

A small number of roving positions will be allocated on a session-by-session basis. Photographers who would like to access a roving position must submit their requests to the photo manager in advance of the pre-session photo briefing which takes place one hour before the start of each session. A limited number of prime photo position bibs will be distributed by the photo manager to access the roving positions. This will be swapped for the standard photo bib.

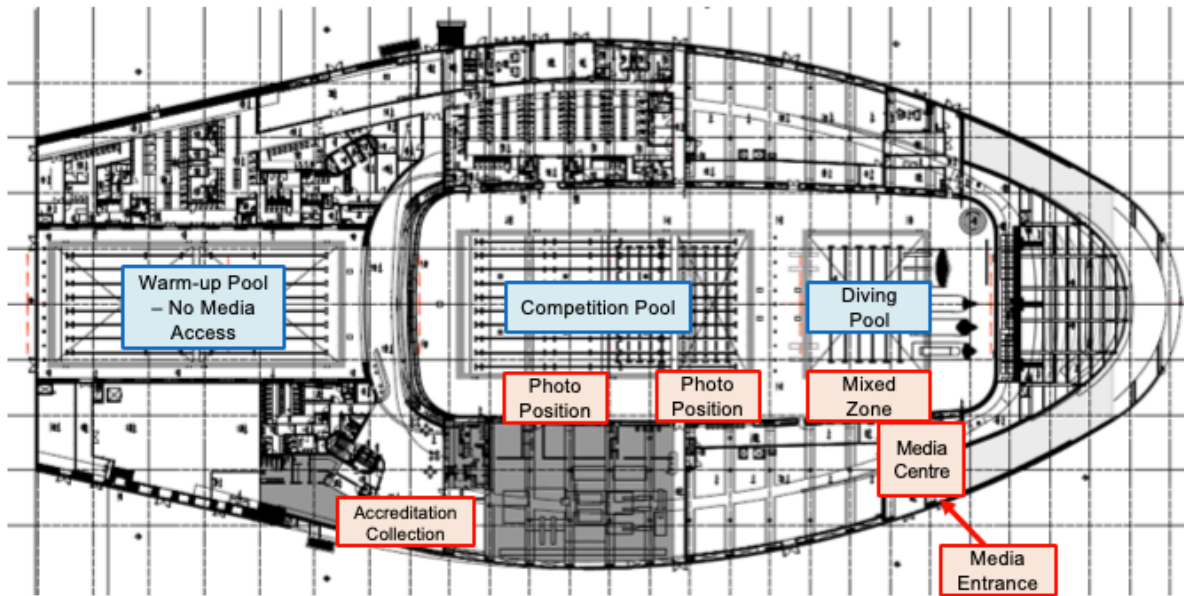
The use of remote cameras is permitted but installation is subject to approval by the photo manager. All requests must be submitted to the photo manager on the day before they intend to be used. Installations must take place no later than one hour prior to the start of the session.

Wi-Fi will be available in the pool side photo positions.

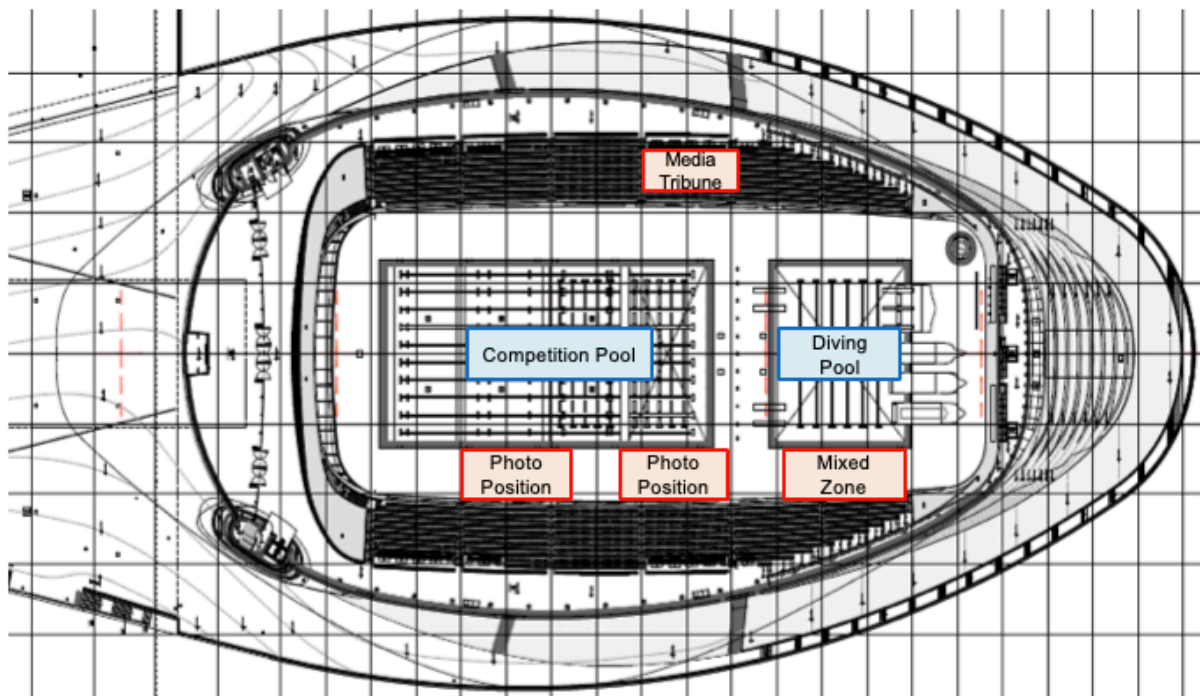
There is no access for photographers in the warm-up pool.

## Media Spaces

Level 0:



Level 1:







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