



# CITI PARA SWIMMING WORLD SERIES INC. BRITISH PARA-SWIMMING MEET 2023

PONDS FORGE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE  
16-19 MARCH

## BRITISH PARA-SWIMMING MEET 2023 CONDITIONS

### 1. General Conditions

- a. The British Para Swimming Leadership Team reserves full powers over the British Para-Swimming Meet (50m), (referred to as 'National Meet'). The British Swimming Event Manager (or nominated substitute) will be the Promoters representative at the event. This National Meet is incorporated into the Citi Para Swimming World Series (50m).
- b. The National Meet will be conducted in conjunction with, but under separate conditions to the Citi Para Swimming World Series Meet (referred to as ('World Series Meet')).
- c. The Competition shall be held under World Para Swimming (WPS) Rules and Regulations – apart from any variations contained in these conditions.
- d. Should there be any changes and or additional conditions these will be printed in the Entry Pack.
- e. Where WPS Rules do not provide (e.g., Health & Safety Regulations or Child Safeguarding Guidelines) the requirements of England shall apply to events held.
- f. This Meet is a WPS Approved Competition.

### 2. Protests

- a. WPS Rule 10.12 governs the management of Technical Protests. Whilst for this event the WPS procedure contained within will be followed, the fees referred to in rules 10.12.2 d and 10.12.6.2 shall in both cases be replaced by the protest fee and appeal fee each being £25.

### 3. Eligibility

- a. S1-S10 - All competitors must have an authorised British Swimming or WPS Classification, which is held on the British Swimming or WPS Classification Database at the time of entry, except for those on the list for classification immediately preceding the competition.
- b. S11-S13 - All competitors must have an authorised British Blind Sport (BBS), British Swimming or WPS Classification, which is held on the British Swimming or WPS Classification Database at the time of entry.
- c. S14 - All competitors must have an authorised Virtus or WPS Classification, which is held on the British Swimming or WPS





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Classification Database at the time of entry.

- d. All competitors must be at least 11years of age on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.
- e. Minimum Qualifying Standards (MQS) will not be required for entry into this event.
- f. Competitors who are not WPS licensed must be a registered member, or equivalent of the club in whose name they are entered at the date of entry. That club must be offered by the National Meet main online entry system.
- g. The British Para Swimming Associate Performance Director and Head Coach will consider accepting additional event entries from British athletes. These additional entries will need to be approved and processed before the start of competition.

## 4. The Events

- a. The Following events are open for entry by both male and female swimmers and will be swum as separate male and female events:

Freestyle	50m,	S1 - S13
	100m	S1 - S14
	200m	S1 - S14
	400m	S6 - S14
Backstroke	50m	S1 - S13
	100m	S1 - S14
Breaststroke	50m	SB1 - SB13
	100m	SB1 - SB14
Butterfly	50m	S1 - S13
	100m	S5 - S14
Individual Medley	150m	SM1 - SM4
	200m	SM5 - SM14





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## 5. Entries

- a. Entry to the National Meet will be by means of an 'online' entry system. Competitors will be required to complete the online entry documentation in full and pay the required fee for their entry to be processed. Full instructions are included in the Entry Pack.
- b. All entries shall be received by the National Entries Administrator ("the Administrator").
- c. Entries for the National Meet Events
  - i. Entries for the National Meet competition shall be received no later than 12:00hrs GMT on 15th February 2023.
- d. Entry Fee
  - i. All entries for the National Meet events are charged at £20 per event entered
- e. Entry times must be recorded in the WPS Rankings; or in official meet results from a National Governing Body sanctioned competition held in accordance with WPS Rules.
- f. Split Times, either intermediate distance or first leg of a relay race are not acceptable for entry.

## 6. Meet Procedure

- a. All Events will be competed as Multi-Classification (MC) events.
- b. All Events Heats and Finals up to 10 lanes will be used.
- c. All Results will be determined by the highest points score utilising the British Para-Swimming Points (BPSP) system.

## 7. Heats

- a. Heats will be seeded by entry time.
- b. Heats will be conducted with the National Meet and World Series Meet heats combined within the Heats session.
- c. Lane allocation in all heats will be, slowest entered swimmer in lane 0 (or lowest numbered lane where there are less than 10 lanes occupied) through to fastest entered swimmer in lane 9 or highest numbered occupied lane.
- d. Additional British athletes may be invited at the absolute discretion of the British Swimming Associate Performance Director, and/or the Head Coach to swim heats only in any event.



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## 8. Finals

- a. National Meet Final
  - i. There will be a National Meet Final for each event.
  - ii. This will be contested by the top 10 points scorers.
- b. If necessary, a swim-off may be used to determine swimmers for a final, where points scores are equal, unless the swimmers are the same class then the fastest swimmer shall progress.
- c. Finals will be swum in the order of National Meet Final, World Series Final(s) dependant on the number of Finals required.
- d. There will be 2 reserve swimmers for National Finals.
- e. Lane allocation in all Finals will be seeded by qualification time each final in accordance with WPS rule 10.9.1.3.1.
- f. In the interests of competition management combined National Meet Finals may be implemented at the discretion of the Meet Director.

## 9. Withdrawal from Heats

- a. Withdrawals for events competed on Day 1 must be made by the end of the Team Leader Meeting. For Days 2, 3 & 4 by 12:00 hours GMT on the day before the event is due to take place.

## 10. Withdrawal from Finals

- a. Finalists not wishing to swim, shall notify the Chief Recorder of their intention to withdraw no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last event in the session in which they have qualified for the next round. The withdrawal shall be made on the official withdrawal form.
- b. Competitors whose entries have been accepted will be expected to swim unless they have complied with the withdrawal procedure as detailed in conditions 9 and 10.

## 11. Call Room

- a. For heats and finals, swimmers must report to the first call-room in accordance with WPS Rules no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published start time of their respective event or final.
- b. Swimmers must report to the competition stewards in the call room for heats and finals and follow their direction. It is the swimmer's responsibility to report on time.





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- c. Swimmers must enter the Call Room 'race ready' as under normal circumstances having entered the Call Room they should remain in its confines until lead onto the pool deck for their race.
- d. Coaches/chaperones will not be allowed in the call room area at any time, with the exception of those swimmers with the relevant classification and exception code allowing Support Staff.

## 12. Medals

- a. Awards Ceremonies will be combined with the World Series Meet.
- b. Awards will be made to the 3 highest BPSP scoring swimmers across the World Series Finals competed in each Event.
- c. An award will be made to the highest BPSP scoring GBR swimmer across all Finals competed in each Event.
- d. An award will be made to the highest BPSP points scoring GBR Junior Swimmer across all Finals competed in each Event.
- e. A GBR Junior Swimmer will be 16 years old or younger (Age at 31st December of competition year).

## 13. Doping Control

- a. Competitors taking part in the Meet may be subject to random doping control. They must ensure that they have their accreditation with them always for identification purposes.

## 14. Team Leader Meeting

- a. It is recommended that a representative from all clubs/countries with swimmers entered in this Meet to attend the Team Leader Meeting. Details of the time and location of the meeting will be included in the Confirmation Pack.

British Para Swimming Leadership Team  
December 2022

