

MEXICO CITY 2017
WORLD PARA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
30 SEP – 6 OCT

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA AND DEADLINES



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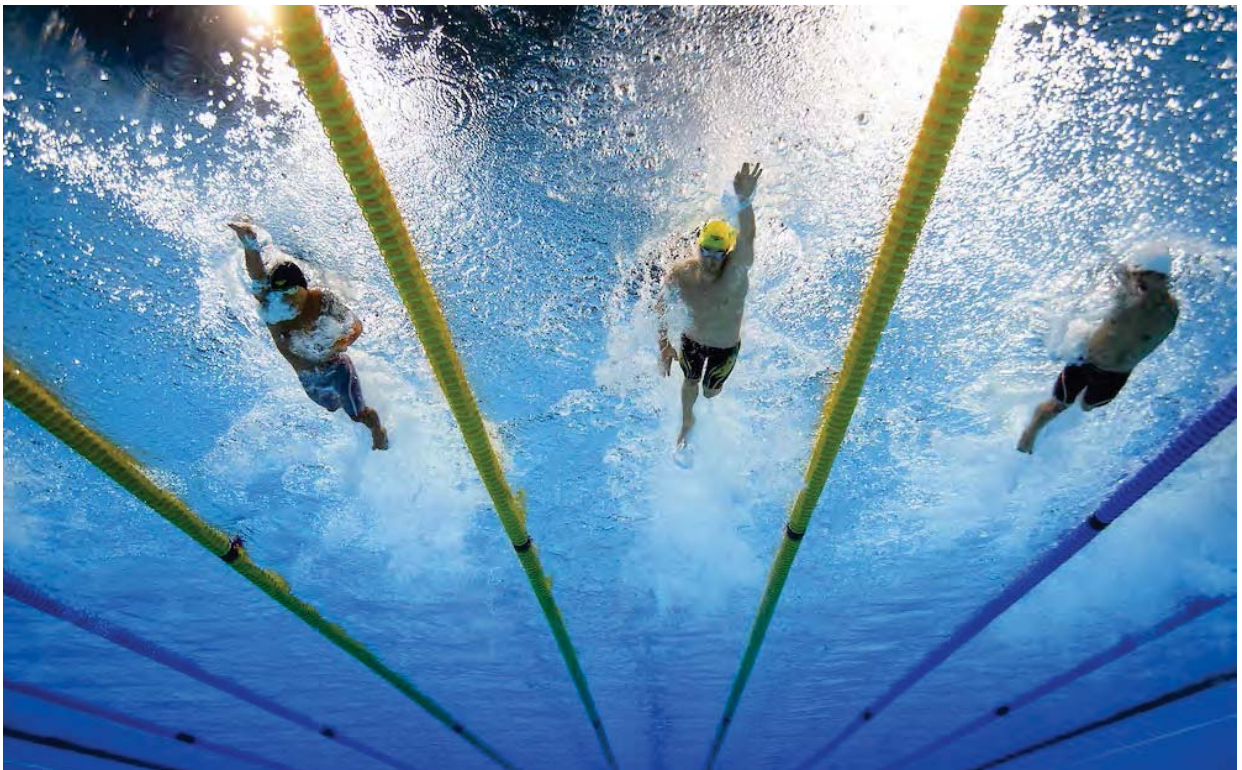
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1 INTRODUCTION

World Para Swimming and the Local Organising Committee are pleased to invite you to the 2017 World Para Swimming Championships to be held in Mexico City, Mexico on 30 September – 6 October 2017. The competition venue is the *Alberca Olímpica Francisco Márquez*.

With the information below World Para Swimming is providing details related to the list of events, participation criteria and deadlines for the 2017 World Para Swimming Championships.



2 GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 IPC Membership

The Organizing Committee will only accept entry forms submitted by the NPC / NPF in good standing with the IPC. Furthermore, only those entry forms submitted by the NPC President, Secretary General or authorized person will be processed. For further information on the IPC's membership policies or to address general membership issues, please contact the World Para Swimming Office ipcswimming@paralympic.org

2.2 Rules & Regulations

The current World Para Swimming Rules & Regulations will apply for the 2017 World Championships. <https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/about/rules-and-regulations>

2.3 Anti-Doping

The Anti-Doping control / processes will be carried out in full accordance with the IPC Anti-Doping Code and the IPC Doping Control Agreement.

<https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/rules-and-regulations/anti-doping>

2.4 Dates

2017

25-26 SEP

Teams arrivals

26 - 27 SEP

International Classification
Classification schedule will be provided after final entries by name

29 SEP (18:00)

Technical Meeting

30 SEP

Opening Ceremony

30 SEP - 6 OCT

Competition dates

6 OCT

Closing Ceremony

7 OCT

Sports Forum & Open Table Discussion

7-8 OCT

Teams departures

3 COMPETITION INFORMATION

3.1 Swimmers Eligibility

To be eligible for selection by an NPC for the 2017 World Para Swimming Championships swimmers must:

- hold an active World Para Swimming license for the 2017 Season
- have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at an World Para Swimming Recognised 50m Competition for an event on the programme between 01 January 2016 and 14 August 2017 (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
- one relay specific athlete (without MQS) can be added to the NPC Team (no participation in other events is allowed in this case) – please contact the World Para Swimming office for such addition by 30 June 2017. There can be a different relay-specific athlete entered for the different relays on the final programme.

3.2 Competition Format

The 2017 World Para Swimming 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 be not allocated separately for these Eligible Classes.

3.3 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 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 five (5) eligible NPCs entered through the Entry by Name.



3.4 Maximum Entry per NPC

NPCs can enter a maximum of three (3) eligible swimmers per medal event if all have met the MQS. 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.

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.

3.5 Qualification and Entry Timeline

1 January 2016	Start of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances
November 2016	Publication of the invitation package & Accommodation Guide
9 January 2017	Publication of the Preliminary NPC Delegation Calculation Form
9 February 2017	Deadline to submit Preliminary NPC Delegation Calculation Form Accurate numbers are appreciated so that Preliminary Event Programme can be published at the earliest.
24 February 2017	Deadline to submit Preliminary Accommodation Form to the LOC.
20 March 2017	Open of Online Entry System for Entry by Number per Event
31 May 2017	Deadline for Entry by Number per Event (NPCs will be invoiced based on the number provided in this entry, no withdrawal is possible after this entry deadline, with the exceptions below). The accurate Entry by Number data is very important so that accurate planning for Championships services and programme can be made; therefore please enter accurate numbers (= qualified athletes) both for women and men events. For every event deletion after the submission of Entry by Number the NPC will be fined. Accommodation: Deadline for booking requests and reservation guarantee payment (50% of total fee) to the LOC
1 June 2017	Opening of Online Entry System for Entry by Name per Event (final entry). There can be max. 15% increase compared to Entry by Number. A second invoice for added NPC team members will be sent to the NPC.* Open online accreditation system for NPC staff Start of the period to submit Visa Request Form and copy of passports to the LOC
By 23 June 2017	Accommodation: If rooms are cancelled, the LOC will return full payment made with no cancellation fee – please see Accommodation Guide
30 June 2017	Deadline to apply for Wild Card(s)
14 July 2017	Deadline for NPCs to submit Visa Request Form to the LOC

By 11 August 2017	Accommodation: The LOC will charge a 50% cancellation fee on all cancelled accommodation
After 12 August 2017	Accommodation: The LOC will charge a 100% cancellation fee on all cancelled accommodation
14 August 2017	End of the period for swimmers to achieve MQS performances
17 August 2017	Deadline for Online Entry by Name per Event (final entry deadline). No changes in the entries will be accepted after this date. Deadline for Competition Fee Payment
24 August 2017	Deadline to accredit NPC staff via online accreditation system.
25 August 2017	Accommodation: Deadline to submit Detailed Accommodation Form - Rooming List to the LOC.
1 September 2017	*Deadline for payment of additional NPC team members. Deadline to submit transport information (Arrival and Departure). Accommodation: Deadline to pay for or guarantee payment for full accommodation booking to the LOC.

3.6 Wild Card Entry

NPCs without or with only 1 qualified athlete can apply for a Wild Card. For Wild Card entry opportunity please contact the World Para Swimming office by 30 June 2017. The Wild Card slot is allocated to the individual athlete(s), not to the respective NPC.

- A maximum of one (1) male slot and one (1) female slot may be granted if an NPC has not obtained any qualification slot otherwise.
- NPCs who have obtained only one (1) qualification slot may be given one (1) slot as per:

Qualified swimmer	Wild Card slot
1 female	1 female and/or 1 male slot
1 male	1 or 2 female slot(s)

3.7 Entry Forms

The Online Entry forms are through the IPC Online Entry System (EBS): <https://db.ipc-services.org/sdms/entries/default/login>. Please refer to online manual.

3.8 Programme and MQS

The events and MQS for the 2017 World Para Swimming Championships can be found in Appendix One of this document.

3.9 Medals

Medals will be awarded to the first three (3) athletes finishing the event (regardless of the sport class).

In the exceptional case an event is completed by only three (3) or fewer swimmers medals will be awarded following the “minus one rule”.

3.10 Advertising

Regulations outlined in the [IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations 2014-2017](#) will apply. World Para Swimming might identify the sponsor to be put on a certain side of the caps and in this case communicate this to the NPCs latest by 30 June 2017.

3.11 Classification

Athletes who have never been classified and or have a designated sport class status of “R” (Review) will be required to go through International Classification prior to the start of the 2017 World Para Swimming Championships.

International Classification will be conducted on **26-27 September 2017**. A detailed classification schedule will follow after the revision of the final entries by World Para Swimming. If an Athlete is required to attend Athlete Evaluation, Athletes must arrive at the competition prior to the start of the classification period. **The NPC must upload the Medical Information in the classification section of SDMS six (6) weeks before the competition.**

3.12 Medical Information

3.12.1 Medical Services

The LOC will ensure the implementation of all necessary and appropriate on-site medical, emergency ambulance and first aid services during the Championships.

3.12.2 Treatment

No medical insurance will be provided to any of the participants. All participants are responsible for obtaining their own medical insurance (including Repatriation Coverage) and will be responsible for any medical expenses resulting from participation in the event.

3.13 Participant Insurance

Each NPC must ensure that all members of their delegation are appropriately insured, including coverage for travel, liability, accidents and repatriation. All delegation members must have appropriate accident and health insurance accepted in order to compete at international IPC competitions. Organisers will provide only basic medical services in the official venues of the Championships.

4 COMPETITION FEES

4.1 Competition Fee

The competition fee for Mexico City 2017 World Para Swimming Championships is **550 Euros** per participant; this payment must be transferred directly to IPC (**17 August 2017**, deadline to pay in full all necessary registration fees). The Competition Fee covers Championships services such as, basic medical services provided in the official Championships venue, catering, Championships services and transport (to competition venue and to and from the airport) from 25 September - 8 October (official Championships period). In case of departure after 8 August, please contact the LOC, and all associated costs are to be covered by the NPC / delegation.

Invoices will be automatically generated by the IPC Online Entry System. The entry fees should be transferred to the provided IPC bank account and identify your payment by stating a clear reference **NPC name- 2017 World Para Swimming WCH competition fee** on the bank documents.

Please note that incomplete payment will result in all athletes from your delegation being ineligible to compete. **No reimbursements will be granted after the payment.**

World Para Swimming acknowledges in certain countries/territories the restrictions to transfer money abroad. In the event of such difficulty, please contact World Para Swimming on ipcswimming@paralympic.org for an alternative payment option. Please note absolutely no cash payment in any kind for the competition fee will be accepted by World Para Swimming without its prior approval.

4.2 Financial Regulations

The Competition Fee is to be paid to World Para Swimming by 17 August 2017 in accordance to the invoice that can be downloaded from the on-line entry system following the Entry by Number submission; however payment as soon as possible after submitting the Entry by Number per Event is encouraged.

Following the deadline of Entry by Number (31 May 2017) there will be no reimbursement for any team members withdrawn, with the exception of athletes entered into a non-viable event or due to a recent, World Para Swimming verified medical cases (in this case official medical documents are required).

Should there be any additional team members added following the Entry by Number (max. 15% increase of NPC delegation entered with the Entry by Number is allowed) please contact the office. In this case a second invoice will be sent to NPC to be paid no later than 01 September 2017.

5 TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

5.1 Accommodation

For more information please refer to the Mexico City 2017 World Para Powerlifting & World Para Swimming Championships Accommodation Guide which can be found on the championships website.

5.2 Transport

Transportation will be organized from/to Mexico City International Airport (MEX) “Benito Juarez” Terminal 1 & 2 to the official Championships hotels.

5.3 Extra Days

In case of early arrival or late departure (outside the official dates) any additional needs (such as accommodation / transportation, etc.), 100% of associated costs are to be covered by the NPC / delegation. Please contact the LOC for more information about any additional requirements.

The LOC is looking into options for NPC that may wish to come in advance of these dates to provide additional time for athletes to acclimatise to the altitude. This will be communicated to NPCs at the earliest possible.

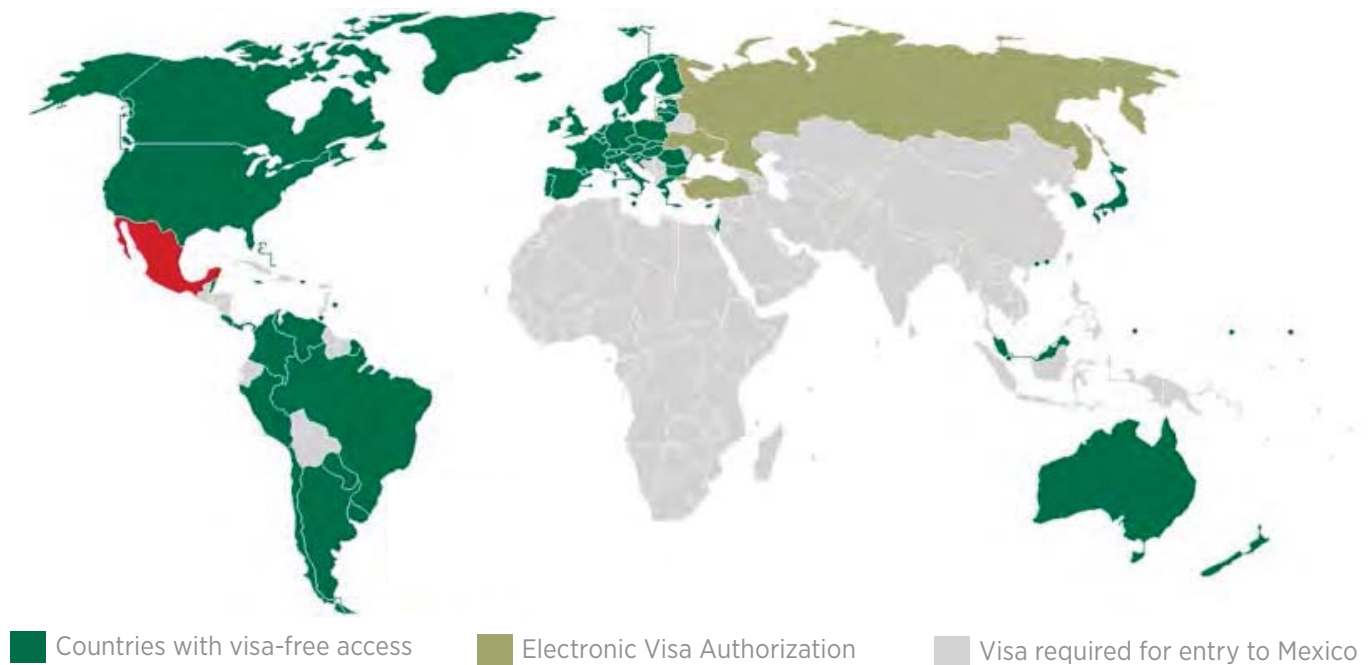
5.4 Visas

Mexico warmly welcomes all visitors. Nationals from 65 countries holding normal passports do not require a visa to enter Mexico as tourists or business visitors and can stay in Mexico for up to 180 days. Consult this [link for a list of these countries](#) (website is in Spanish).

■ Electronic Authorization System

The Electronic Authorization System (SAE) is an online system, which allows citizens travelling by air to obtain an electronic authorization to travel to Mexico for tourism or business purposes without a consular visa. It is valid for 30 days and a single entry and upon arrival visitors are authorized to stay in Mexico as tourists for up to 180 days. This applies for citizens from Russia, Turkey and Ukraine.

■ Visa Policy Map



If a person does not hold a passport from one of the Mexico visa-free access countries on the map, but does hold a current visitor visa for the United States of America they will not be required to obtain a visa to enter Mexico.

For those delegation members who do require a visa to enter Mexico you are to contact the nearest Mexican Embassy/Consulate in your country. All NPCs are to fill the Visa Invitation Letter Request Form (one per delegate, the document will be made available to you), insert a copy of your passport and send it to the LOC. The LOC will provide you with a formal invitation letter to present with the rest of your documents when applying for your visa.

Please be reminded that it is important that your NPC arrange all RELEVANT VISAS well in advance with the respective deadlines.

The forms must be sent to visa.2017wch@gmail.com no later than 14 July 2017.

6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.2 Venue

ALBERCA OLÍMPICA FRANCISCO MÁRQUEZ AQUATICS VENUE AT THE MEXICO CITY 1968 OLYMPIC GAMES

Remodelled in 2009,
the venue will be remodeled once again for the Championships.



ADJACENT TO WORLD
PARA POWERLIFTING
CHAMPIONSHIPS VENUE

SEATING CAPACITY **4300**
spectators



6.2 Host City

MEXICO CITY



POPULATION

Mexico City has a population of more than 9 million people making it the largest city in the nation. The metropolitan area, however, is much larger with a population of 21.2 million people, making Mexico City the most populated metropolitan area in the Western Hemisphere.

 **OFFICIAL CURRENCY**
MEXICAN PESO

LOCATION

Mexico City is situated in central-south Mexico and it is surrounded by the state of Mexico on the west, north and east, and by the state of Morelos on the south. The city covers an area of around 1.5 km² and is located in the Valley of Mexico.



1.5 KM²

21.2 MILLION PEOPLE



CLIMATE

Located in the tropical zone, Mexico City is relatively cool with a mean annual temperature of 14 °C but temperatures vary seasonally. The difference between summer and winter mean temperatures is approximately 6 to 8 °C.

ALTITUDE

Mexico City has an altitude of 2,250 m above sea level. Although the city is located at a high elevation, it is not considered “high risk”. However, it is recommended that athletes arrive with sufficient time to acclimatize to the high elevation.



METRO



Mexico City is served by a 225.9 km metro system, being the largest in Latin America. The metro is one of the busiest in the world transporting approximately 4.5 million people every day and it has some of the lowest fares in the world, each trip costing \$0.30 USD.

SPANISH **OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

TOURISM

More than 4 million tourists visit the city every year without incident and the number continues to grow.

 **TIME ZONE**
UTC -06:00

MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

It is the largest airport in Mexico and the 2nd largest in Latin America. The airport is served by 27 domestic and international passenger airlines and 17 cargo carriers. Everyday more than 100,000 passengers go through the airport to and from more than 100 destinations on three continents.

7 WEBSITE AND CONTACT DETAILS

7.1 Championships website

Further information can be found on the Championships website: <http://www.paralympic.org/swimming/events> (to be launched in Mid-November 2016).

The website will be updated on regular bases, so please refer to it frequently.

7.2 Contact details

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We hope the above information clarifies the competition regulations to be applied for the 2017 World Para Swimming Championships and we wish you good luck for your team!

Should you have any question please contact the office (ipcswimming@paralympic.org) at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,

World Para Swimming



APPENDIX ONE

2017 WORLD PARA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS – MQS AND MET

Note: The MQS was set on 20th place of the official World ranking list 01 November 2015 - 31 October 2016. If there were not 20 athletes, the penultimate time of the rankings is used as an MQS. The Minimum Entry Time (MET) was set on 28th place of the official World ranking list 01 November 2015- 31 October 2016. For MQS and MET please see the list at the end of this document.

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50M FREESTYLE	S3	01:05.31	01:15.56	01:29.67	01:35.05
	S4	00:48.71	00:56.36	01:59.60	02:06.78
	S5	00:40.23	00:43.12	00:50.60	00:52.82
	S6	00:33.07	00:33.92	00:38.62	00:41.35
	S7	00:32.22	00:33.04	00:39.07	00:41.51
	S8	00:29.32	00:29.67	00:34.87	00:35.48
	S9	00:27.24	00:27.65	00:31.05	00:31.45
	S10	00:25.80	00:26.33	00:29.91	00:30.78
	S11	00:29.62	00:30.84	00:36.48	00:38.67
	S12	00:26.36	00:27.85	00:46.19	00:48.96
	S13	00:26.22	00:27.48	00:29.98	00:31.26
100M FREESTYLE	S3	N/A	N/A	02:47.47	02:55.84
	S4	02:02.72	02:24.42	04:02.98	04:15.13
	S5	01:30.00	01:35.46	01:48.85	01:59.48
	S6	01:13.73	01:15.65	01:27.88	01:33.60
	S7	01:10.18	01:13.68	01:24.16	01:30.58
	S8	01:03.89	01:05.46	01:17.43	01:18.94
	S9	00:59.91	01:00.92	01:06.83	01:09.06
	S10	00:56.71	00:57.77	01:05.16	01:07.27
	S11	01:08.07	01:12.10	01:36.60	01:41.43
	S12	01:02.41	01:06.59	01:44.76	01:50.00
	S13	00:59.19	01:05.19	01:06.18	01:12.60

2017 WORLD PARA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS - MQS AND MET

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
200M FREESTYLE	S2	06:18.40	06:37.32	N/A	N/A
	S3	05:05.79	07:46.71	N/A	N/A
	S4	04:18.67	05:12.05	N/A	N/A
	S5	03:18.35	03:34.24	04:14.64	05:21.74
	S14	02:05.01	02:06.55	02:24.63	02:29.09
400M FREESTYLE	S6	05:57.63	06:04.19	06:56.42	07:28.53
	S7	05:36.83	06:00.48	06:39.12	07:31.58
	S8	04:55.59	05:10.36	05:35.49	06:09.40
	S9	04:43.74	04:48.86	05:18.79	05:28.86
	S10	04:25.23	04:35.13	05:07.53	05:24.57
	S11	05:57.96	06:12.28	07:19.73	07:37.32
	S13	05:32.88	05:46.20	05:35.65	06:05.13
50M BACKSTROKE	S1	01:47.37	01:53.81	N/A	N/A
	S2	01:28.37	01:33.67	01:46.46	01:52.85
	S3	01:06.73	01:16.28	02:08.98	02:16.72
	S4	00:57.16	01:02.43	02:08.78	02:16.51
	S5	00:46.11	00:51.36	00:59.33	01:03.72
100M BACKSTROKE	S1	04:01.00	04:13.05	N/A	N/A
	S2	03:32.28	03:42.89	03:11.70	03:21.28
	S6	01:28.61	01:35.08	01:46.32	01:53.84
	S7	01:24.15	01:28.97	01:43.56	01:47.67
	S8	01:19.04	01:21.74	01:26.97	01:31.90
	S9	01:09.83	01:11.62	01:19.92	01:21.66
	S10	01:06.35	01:08.00	01:16.36	01:19.71
	S11	01:23.70	01:41.25	01:39.42	01:44.39
	S12	01:10.37	01:21.09	02:03.78	02:09.97
	S13	01:16.10	01:30.24	01:19.35	01:28.18
	S14	01:06.31	01:08.34	01:17.70	01:21.47

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Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
50M BREASTSTROKE	SB2	02:18.81	02:27.14	N/A	N/A
	SB3	01:02.76	01:16.41	02:43.17	02:52.96
100M BREASTSTROKE	SB4	02:11.66	02:43.48	02:34.59	03:05.81
	SB5	01:51.14	01:56.39	02:06.65	02:18.53
	SB6	01:37.55	01:44.80	02:01.64	02:14.82
	SB7	01:31.46	01:37.56	01:55.02	02:05.43
	SB8	01:22.10	01:25.13	01:37.07	01:39.52
	SB9	01:13.63	01:16.48	01:28.69	01:33.39
	SB11	01:28.21	01:30.85	02:07.72	02:14.11
	SB12	01:21.95	01:37.13	02:02.38	02:08.50
	SB13	01:22.63	01:33.88	01:29.45	01:39.69
	SB14	01:12.52	01:14.94	01:27.18	01:30.96
50M BUTTERFLY	S5	00:47.57	00:53.45	01:13.76	01:18.19
	S6	00:36.31	00:38.36	00:43.87	00:53.01
	S7	00:35.50	00:37.34	00:46.29	00:52.16
100M BUTTERFLY	S8	01:08.20	01:11.54	01:26.89	01:35.81
	S9	01:06.25	01:08.07	01:15.52	01:21.46
	S10	01:02.43	01:05.86	01:17.24	01:24.60
	S11	01:46.65	01:51.98	N/A	N/A
	S12	01:11.69	01:15.27	N/A	N/A
	S13	01:10.47	01:13.99	01:23.37	01:29.64
	S14	01:06.38	01:16.99	01:38.52	01:43.45

2017 WORLD PARA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS – MQS AND MET

Events	Class	Men		Women	
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET
150M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	SM3	04:34.94	04:48.69	N/A	N/A
	SM4	03:25.08	05:28.33	05:07.71	05:23.10
200M INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	SM5	N/A	N/A	05:14.98	05:30.73
	SM6	03:09.54	03:23.90	03:41.60	03:54.12
	SM7	03:01.88	03:11.93	03:46.06	04:13.11
	SM8	02:42.45	02:49.63	03:11.26	03:19.35
	SM9	02:30.21	02:34.98	02:48.65	02:57.22
	SM10	02:22.08	02:29.59	02:46.96	02:57.47
	SM11	03:08.52	03:17.95	04:19.78	04:32.77
	SM13	02:35.86	02:47.35	02:47.24	03:07.51
	SM14	02:21.25	02:22.79	02:43.88	02:52.66
RELAYS*					
4x100 Freestyle	34 points	/		/	
4x100 Medley	34 points	/		/	
Mixed 4x100 Freestyle	S14	/			
Mixed 4x100 Freestyle	49 points	/			
Mixed 4x50 Freestyle	20 points	/			

*For relay events there are no MQS times, teams can be entered even without previous achievement (they will be seeded with ‘no time’). NPCs that have time for their relay team from the qualification period can enter this result in the final entries.