

Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games: 23 July – 02 August 2026

PARA SWIMMING – World Para Swimming

The information in this Qualification System is accurate as of 31 January 2025. For the avoidance of doubt, the Commonwealth Games Federation ('CGF') and World Para Swimming ('WPS') reserve the right to amend this Qualification System in any manner, at their absolute discretion should they deem it necessary.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Para Swimming Qualification System consists of two (2) methods of qualification for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games (G2026):

1. Direct Qualification – World Para Swimming Commonwealth Rankings
(Ranking Period: 01 January 2025 – 28 February 2026)
2. Bipartite Invitation

2 MEDAL EVENTS & QUALIFICATION SLOTS

2.1 Para Swimming Medal Events

Women's Medal Events	Men's Medal Events
1. 50m Freestyle S13	1. 50m Freestyle S7
2. 100m Freestyle S9	2. 50m Freestyle S13
3. 100m Freestyle S13	3. 100m Freestyle S13
4. 100m Backstroke S9	4. 100m Backstroke S9
5. 100m Breaststroke SB8	5. 100m Breaststroke SB9
6. 200m Freestyle S14	6. 100m Butterfly S10
7. 200m IM SM10	7. 200m Freestyle S14

*In accordance with 10.3.1.2 of the WPS Rules and Regulations (April 2024), athletes from a lower sport class than the single sport class of the respective medal event will be eligible to qualify. Athletes that have obtained a qualification slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within, providing that the entry does not exceed the maximum number of athletes from that respective CGA within the event, as detailed in section 2.3 of this Qualification System.

2.2 Para Swimming Qualification Slots

Women's Medal Events	Maximum Qualification Slots
1. 50m Freestyle S13	• 8
2. 100m Freestyle S13	• 8
3. 100m Freestyle S9	• 8
4. 100m Backstroke S9	• 8
5. 100m Breaststroke SB8	• 8
6. 200m IM SM10	• 8
7. 200m Freestyle S14	• 8

Men's Medal Events	Maximum Qualification Slots
1. 50m Freestyle S7	• 8
2. 50m Freestyle S13	• 8
3. 100m Freestyle S13	• 8
4. 100m Backstroke S9	• 8
5. 100m Breaststroke SB9	• 8
6. 100m Butterfly S10	• 8
7. 200m Freestyle S14	• 8

Please note that the maximum number of qualification slots per event does not reflect the possible maximum field size per event. In accordance with the Allocation of Qualification Slots (section 4), eligible athletes that have obtained a qualification slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within providing that the entry does not exceed the maximum number of athletes from that respective CGA within the event, as detailed in section 2.3 of this Qualification System.

2.3 Maximum Number of Athletes per CGA per event

Sport	Gender	Entries
Para Swimming	Women's Events	3 athletes per event per CGA
	Men's Events	3 athletes per event per CGA

3 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

Para Swimming qualification slots will be allocated in accordance with the following Qualification Pathway:

Qualification Method	Qualification Detail
1. Direct Qualification WPS Commonwealth Rankings Ranking Period: 01 January 2025 – 28 February 2026	The top seven (7) ranked athletes per medal event on the WPS Commonwealth Rankings at the close of the ranking period as at 23:59 UTC on 28 February 2026 will be allocated a Direct Qualification slot in accordance with the below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGAs will be eligible to qualify a maximum of three (3) athletes per medal event • In the event more than one (1) athlete with the same result qualifies for the final Direct Qualification slot, WPS and the CGF will at their absolute discretion determine who receives the final slot. All decisions made by WPS and the CGF are final and shall not be subject to appeal. • For the avoidance of doubt, only results achieved by athletes at WPS Recognised Competitions within the Ranking Period of 01 January 2025 – 28 February 2026 are eligible for the

	<p>WPS Commonwealth Rankings. The WPS competition calendar is accessible via the WPS website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the case of Great Britain, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, results attained by British athletes at WPS Recognised Competitions (i.e., competitions where athletes must compete for their IF affiliated organisation) shall be attributed to their eligible CGA for the purposes of the WPS Commonwealth Rankings.
<p>2. Bipartite Invitation</p> <p>WPS and CGF Bipartite Invitation</p>	<p>One (1) Bipartite Invitation slot will be issued per medal event.</p> <p>CGAs must submit their applications for Bipartite Invitation slots to the CGF by 16 March 2026.</p> <p>In order to be considered for the award of a Bipartite Invitation slot, athletes must meet the Eligibility Criteria outlined in section 6 of this Qualification System and have competed in at least one (1) WPS Recognised Competition within the Ranking Period of 01 January 2025 – 28 February 2026.</p> <p>It is at the absolute discretion of WPS and the CGF to allocate a Bipartite Invitation slot to an athlete that has not competed in a WPS Recognised Competition within the Ranking Period.</p> <p>The allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots is made at the absolute discretion of WPS and the CGF. In making these decisions, WPS and the CGF will consider factors including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible athletes who have successfully participated in the CGF development programme (GAPS), that have demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games; Regional representation; Depth of field and strength of competition; Demonstrated previous levels of performance commensurate to participation in the Commonwealth Games; and/ or Any extenuating circumstances that may have resulted in an eligible athlete being unable to achieve a valid result at a WPS recognised competition within the ranking period. <p>The allocation of Bipartite Invitation slots shall be made by the CGF Director of Sport (or their appointed designate) and the Head of WPS (or their appointed designate) ('The Bipartite Commission').</p> <p>All decisions of the Bipartite Commission are final and shall not be subject to appeal.</p>

4 ALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

The WPS Commonwealth Rankings will be available on the [WPS website](#).

4.1 Direct Qualification Slot

The CGF will confirm in writing to the respective CGAs within twenty one (21) days of the close of the ranking period of the allocation of the Direct Qualification slots. The CGAs will then have seven (7) days to respond to the CGF to confirm acceptance of the allocated Direct Qualification slots in accordance with section 7 (Qualification Timeline) of this Qualification System.

All Direct Qualification slots are awarded to a CGA by athlete by name and therefore are non-transferable.

Eligible athletes that have been allocated a Direct Qualification slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within, providing that the entry does not exceed the maximum of three (3) athletes from that respective CGA within the event, as detailed in section 2.3 of this Qualification System.

4.2 Bipartite Invitation Slots

The CGF will confirm in writing to the respective CGAs by **30 March 2026** of the allocation of Bipartite Invitation Slots. The CGAs will then have seven (7) days to respond to the CGF to confirm acceptance of the allocated Bipartite Invitation slots in accordance with section 7 (Qualification Timeline) of this Qualification System.

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Eligible athletes that have been allocated a Bipartite Invitation slot may enter all events in which they are eligible to compete within, providing that the entry does not exceed the maximum of three (3) athletes from that respective CGA within the event, as detailed in section 2.3 of this Qualification System.

5 REALLOCATION OF QUALIFICATION SLOTS

5.1 Direct Qualification Slots

If a Direct Qualification slot is declined by a CGA, or if acceptance of the Direct Qualification slot is not received by the Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline, then the CGF will reallocate the Direct Qualification slot in accordance with the qualification pathway to the next highest ranked athlete on the WPS Commonwealth rankings not otherwise qualified, respecting the maximum number of athletes per CGA per event.

Where there are no eligible athletes remaining on the WPS Commonwealth Rankings, the remaining slots may be reallocated at the absolute discretion of the CGF and WPS and within any medal event on the Para Swimming programme.

5.2 Bipartite Invitation Slots

If a Bipartite Invitation slot is declined by a CGA, or if acceptance of the Bipartite Invitation slot is not received by the Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline, then the CGF will reallocate the Bipartite Invitation slot in accordance with the qualification pathway to the next eligible athlete with consideration for the Bipartite Invitation factors listed in section 3 of this Qualification System.

Where there are no further eligible Bipartite Invitation applicants, the remaining slots may be reallocated at the absolute discretion of the CGF and WPS and within any medal event on the Para Swimming programme.

The CGF and WPS reserve the right not to reallocate a Qualification slot, in the case that such reallocation may result in compromising the safety and integrity of the Para Swimming competition.

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ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to represent a CGA in the Para Swimming competition of G2026 an athlete must:

- Be internationally classified with a confirmed sport class status or review with a fixed review date of 2027 or later at the sport entries deadline of 23 June 2026;
- Hold an active WPS Licence for the 2026 season;
- Not currently be disqualified or suspended by the CGF, their CGA, WPS or under the World Anti-Doping Code;
- Have complied with all applicable rules and regulations of the CGF, WPS and the World Anti- Doping Code as may be modified and applied by the CGF to ensure that the overriding principles of the Commonwealth Games are observed;
- Have met the CGF's eligibility regulations in accordance with the CGF Constitution; and
- Have complied with the minimum age regulations, as stipulated by WPS.

7 QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestones
01 January 2025	Para Swimming ranking period commences
28 February 2026	Para Swimming ranking period closes
16 March 2026	CGA deadline to submit Bipartite Invitation applications to the CGF
By 21 March 2026	CGF to issue Direct Qualification slots
28 March 2026	Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline: CGAs to confirm acceptance of Direct Qualification slots
29 March – 20 April	Reallocation of returned Qualification slots
By 30 March 2026	CGF to issue Bipartite Invitation slots to CGAs
06 April 2026	Confirmation of Acceptance Deadline: CGAs to confirm acceptance of Bipartite Invitation slots
23 June 2026	Glasgow 2026 Entry by Name Deadline
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