



2025 Canada Summer Games Swimming Technical Package



Technical Packages are a critical part of the Canada Games. They guide the selection of athletes by prescribing the age and eligibility requirements, assist the Host Society by detailing competition formats and scoring procedures, assist Provincial/Territorial (P/T) Chefs de Mission in verifying eligibility, help with budgeting by describing the number of participants permitted, advance coach certification by stating minimum requirements, and generally contribute to athlete development by identifying each National Sport Organization's (NSO) version of athletes in the "Train to Compete" phase of its Long Term Development (LTD) model, or other suitable phase of LTD as justified by the NSO.

Technical Packages are developed 36 to 24 months prior to the Canada Games primarily by NSOs, following the Canada Games Council's (CGC) [Principles that Govern Technical Packages](#). As the overall governing body of the Games, the CGC has the ultimate authority over Technical Packages, but this authority is exercised only with the knowledge and understanding of the concerned NSO.

Relevant Games stakeholders, specifically Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (P/TSOs) and P/T team staff, are encouraged to review the Technical Package in detail to ensure a thorough understanding. If an individual wishes to seek clarification or initiate a change to a Technical Package leading up to a Games, the request should be first directed to the NSO or the Chef de Mission. The NSO or Chef de Mission will submit the requested change or clarification to the CGC for consideration. Timelines for requesting changes to major elements of the Technical Package (i.e. team sizes, age categories, eligibility restrictions, events, competition formats) are outlined in the Principles that Govern Technical Packages. Minor corrections will be considered at almost any time, but will be increasingly difficult to achieve within six [6] months of the Games. These time frames reinforce the importance of complete understanding of the Technical Package by Games stakeholders early.

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1. SPORT: SWIMMING

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1. Athletes

Women: 16

Men: 16

Two (2) of the women's team positions and two (2) of the men's team positions are reserved exclusively for Para swimmers classified under the WPS Swimming Classification procedure: classes S1 – S10 physical impairment; classes S11 – S13 visual impairment; class S14 intellectual impairment.

Two (2) of the women's team positions and two (2) of the men's team positions are reserved exclusively for Special Olympics Canada registered swimmers.

All registered athletes must intend to compete in at least one event.

2.2. Staff

For 18 or fewer total athletes;

- 4 coaches / 1 manager, OR 3 coaches / 2 managers
- If there are female-identifying athletes, one of the coaches must be a woman
- If there are male-identifying athletes, one of the coaches must be a man
- If bringing Special Olympics athletes, 1 coach may be designated as a Special Olympics Coach

For more than 18 total athletes;

- 5 coaches / 1 manager OR 4 coaches / 2 managers
- If there are female-identifying athletes, one of the coaches must be a woman
- If there are male-identifying athletes, one of the coaches must be a man
- If bringing Special Olympics athletes, 1 coach may be designated as a Special Olympics Coach

Tappers: P/T Teams with athletes of an S11 classification will be permitted to bring tappers (1 tapper per athlete in 50m events, 2 tappers per athlete in events of

100m or longer). Please refer to WPS Swimming Rules & Regulations June 2023 – 10.8 *Support Staff*.

2.3. Additional Team Staff*

- Apprentice Coach
 - See [Women in Coaching Canada Games Apprenticeship Program](#)
 - See [Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program](#)
 - Apprentice coaches have the same access as athletes and team staff.

- Venue Pass Holder
 - See [Venue Pass Holder Policy](#)
 - Venue Pass Holders do not have access to the field of play
 - Venue Pass Holders' venue access
 - Sport Operational Zone (Zone 2)
 - Back of House Zone (Zone 3)

* Additional team staff positions are administered by the P/T Team. Positions must be applied for based on each P/T Team's process. For information pertaining to the process in your P/T contact your Chef de Mission.

2.4. Para and Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy

The [Para and Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy](#) recognizes the challenges that exist in para and Special Olympics sport and the level of participation needed to ensure meaningful and quality competition. Should the para and/or Special Olympics athlete quota permitted to each team not be filled by each jurisdiction, the Para and Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy will be followed to allocate additional para and/or Special Olympics athletes to the competition.

2.5. Support for Participants

The Canada Games Council recognizes there can be barriers to participation/attendance at the Canada Games. The below policies have been developed to provide support to participants when required:

- [Support for Breastfeeding/Chestfeeding Parents Policy](#)
- [Participant Assistant Policy](#)

3. CLASSIFICATION

Olympic Program:

- Men's: 17 and under as of December 31, 2025
 - Year of Birth: 2008 or later
- Women's: 16 and under as of December 31, 2025
 - Year of Birth: 2009 or later

Paralympic:

- 13-25 as of December 31, 2025
 - Year of Birth: 2000-2012

Special Olympics:

- 13-25 as of December 31, 2025
 - Year of Birth: 2000-2012

Swimmers with a Physical, Intellectual or Visual Impairment

- Para swimmers must be classified by Swimming Canada classifiers at the national level under classification guidelines as set by Swimming Canada prior to the Games (with no review or review 2025 or later).
 - There will be no classifications done at the Canada Summer Games.
 - Classification must be completed and submitted to Swimming Canada by May 1, 2025.
 - A swimmer with an intellectual impairment may choose to compete as a Special Olympics Canada swimmer OR in sport class S/SB/SM14 but not both. Swimmers choosing to compete in the Special Olympics Canada events must meet the participation guidelines determined by Special Olympics Canada.
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4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. Athletes

All swimmers must be registered and be members in good standing of Swimming Canada.

All swimmers participating in the Special Olympics events must be registered with and be members in good standing of Special Olympics Canada and Swimming Canada and have qualified at events sanctioned by Special Olympics Canada or Swimming Canada.

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- Senior National Team Members - Defined as: Athletes who have held an SR, SR1, SR2 or C1 card at any time; and/or athletes who are part of (on the roster of) a standing Senior National Team (i.e. recognized as a Senior National Team member regardless of event participation)
- Athletes who have previously competed at the following events:
 - Olympic / Paralympic Games
 - Commonwealth Games
 - Pan Am / Parapan Am Games
 - FINA World Aquatic Championships
 - FISU Games
 - Professional Tours
 - Pan-Pacific Championships
 - Senior World Cups (athletes who competed at the 2022 FINA World Cup but did not represent the Canadian Team remain eligible)
 - World Para Swimming Championships
 - Pan-Pacific Para-Swimming Championships

Special Olympics athletes who have previously competed at the Special Olympics World Games are eligible to compete.

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to National Team status, carding status or competing in an excluded event (i.e., if an athlete is granted National Team status or carding status for the first time, or competes in an excluded event on May 11th, 2025 or later, they will still be considered eligible to compete at the 2025 Canada Games).

Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Team Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council Sport & Games Committee.

All athletes must meet the eligibility regulations outlined in CGC's [Eligibility Policy](#).

4.2. Coaches

All coaches must be registered with Swimming Canada, their Provincial or Territorial sport association, and be a member of the Canadian Swimming Coaches Association (CSCA).

Head coaches named on the official registration form must be certified under the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Senior Coach (certified status) in Swimming.

Assistant coaches named on the official registration form must be either NCCP Age Group Coach certified, or NCCP Senior Coach trained.

NT, NU, PE, YT:

A maximum of one assistant coach named on the official registration form may be NCCP Fundamentals Coach certified.

Coaches must be so certified no later than 90 days prior to the opening ceremony (May 11, 2025).

The exception to the above are coaches designated as Special Olympics Coaches (maximum 1 per P/T) who must be certified under the NCCP to at least Fundamentals Coach (certified status), and have completed the Special Olympics Canada Competition-Introduction course.

Please note that “NCCP Senior Coach Certified, Not Renewed” / “NCCP Age Group Coach Certified, Not Renewed” does not qualify under the coaching standards for the 2025 Canada Summer Games.

Please refer to the CGC’s Coach Certification Policy for additional information:

For more information on the coach certification pathway, please see Appendix 1.

5. COMPETITION

5.1. Safe Sport

Swimming Canada believes that athletes, coaches, officials, support staff and volunteers have the right to participate in a safe and inclusive sport environment that is free of abuse, harassment and discrimination.

Swimming Canada is dedicated to providing a safe and inclusive environment, which involves promoting Open and Observable Environments. This means making meaningful and concerted efforts to avoid situations where a coach/official/staff member, etc. might be alone with an athlete. All interactions between an athlete and an individual who is in a position of trust should normally,

and wherever possible, be in an environment or space that is both ‘open’ and ‘observable’ to others.

All participants in this event are reminded that they are subject to the abuse-free sport policies and procedures of their Provincial/Territorial Team.

5.2. Venue

- The Aquarena - Memorial University - St. John’s, NL
- 8-lane 50 m competition pool
- Starts will be conducted from Starting Platforms (blocks) as per World Aquatics (formerly FINA) 4.1 and 16.1.1.
- For Para swimming events starts will be conducted as per WPS Appendix two, rule 1.2.3.1 and WPS 11.1.

5.3. Events

Olympic Program Events

Events will be swum according to Swimming Canada rules however information contained in this technical package shall supersede Swimming Canada rules where a discrepancy exists.

Swimmers will swim time finals for the Men’s and Women’s 800 and 1500 m freestyle; 3 km open water, and all relays. All other events will include preliminaries, and a “B” final followed by an “A” final.

Paralympic & Special Olympics Events

“PS” designates events for Para-swimmers (classes S/SB/SM1 – S/SB/SM14). These events will be swum according to WPS Swimming Rules and Regulations. The Swimming Canada scratch rule will apply to PS events.

“SOC” designates events for Special Olympics Canada swimmers.

PS and SOC swimmers will swim preliminaries and an “A” final only, regardless of the number of entries per event (with the exception of the PS 200/400m freestyle on day 1, which will be a time final event).

There are seven (7) Para-swimming events. Para-swimmers are to enter their sport class event as listed below.

Order of Events

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Day 1</u></p> <p>W 1500m free (time final) M 800m free (time final) PS 200m (S1-5, S14) / 400 (S6-13) free (time final) 4 x 200m free relay (time final)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Day 2</u></p> <p>400m IM (B & A final) 50m free (B & A final) PS 100m free (S1-14) SOC 100m free 200m back (B & A final) 50m breast (B & A final) SOC 50m breast 4 x 100m MIXED medley relay (time final)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Day 3</u></p> <p>PS 50m (S1-5) / 100m (S6-14) back SOC 100m back 100m fly (B & A final) 400m free (B & A final) 200m breast (B & A final) 50m back (B & A final) PS 50m (S1-7) / 100 (S8-14) fly 4 x 100m free relay (time final)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Day 4</u></p> <p>200m free (B & A final) 100m breast (B & A final) PS 50m (SB1-3) / 100m (SB4-9, SB11-14) breast 200m fly (B & A final) SOC 50m back 100m back (B & A final) 4 x 100m medley relay (time final)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Day 5</u></p> <p>M 1500m free (time final) 100m free (B & A final) PS 50m (S1-14) free SOC 50m free W 800m free (time final) 50m fly (B & A final) 200m IM (B & A final) PS 150m (SM1-4) / 200m (SM5-14) IM 4 x 100m MIXED free relay (time final)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Day 6</u></p> <p>W 3 km open water (time final) M 3 km open water (time final)</p>

The pool events will be swum long course.

Entries

A Province/Territory may enter:

- One team per relay event;
- Up to four (4) swimmers in the preliminaries of individual events;

- Up to two (2) swimmers in the time final events (800m free, 1500m free and 3km open water).

Based on preliminary results, the top-ranked swimmer (1) per Province/Territory shall advance to the finals (A or B). The remaining lanes in the B final will be filled by the next fastest swimmers regardless of Province/Territory.

An Olympic program competitor may compete in up to seven (7) individual events (including Open Water) plus relays.

A PS competitor may compete in up to seven (7) PS events.

A SOC competitor may compete in all five (5) SOC events.

Procedures and deadlines for event entries are outlined in section 7.2. Additional registration requirements and deadlines set by the Canada Games Council (and coordinated through the Provincial/Territorial Chefs de Mission) can be found in section 7.1.

Seeding

The 800m (men) and 1500m (women) freestyle events (time final) will be seeded fastest to slowest and swim alternating heats women/men.

The 800m (women) and 1500m (men) freestyle events (time final) will run the fastest heat during the finals session. All remaining heats will be run fastest to slowest in the preliminary session.

Relay time finals will be seeded slowest to fastest. Relay events on Day 2, 3, 4 and 5 will swim in the finals session.

Scratches

The scratch deadline for all heats on the first day of competition will be 30 minutes following the end of the Technical Meeting.

The scratch deadline for preliminary heats and time finals on days 2 to 5 shall be 30 minutes after the start of the previous night finals session. This also includes the fastest heat of time final events that will be swum in the final session.

The scratch deadline for finals shall be 30 minutes following the conclusion of the preliminary session.

If a Province/Territory scratches their fastest swimmer prior to the deadline, the next fastest swimmer from that Province/Territory shall advance to finals. Late

Scratches or No Shows shall result in the next fastest swimmer regardless of Province/Territory being advanced to the finals.

Rankings

Swimmers in the A final will be ranked 1st - 8th in order of finish in the A final.
Swimmers in the B final will be ranked 9th - 16th in order of finish from the B final.

Swimmers who do not advance from the preliminary round will be shown on the results with their preliminary rank for the purpose of awarding points.

The PS 'A final' swimmers will be determined by ranking individual preliminary performances 1 – 8 utilizing the Canadian Paralympic Points chart.

Warm-ups

Swimming Canada Competition Warm-up Safety Procedures will be in place. The full document can be viewed [here](#).

5.4. Weather Protocol

The Open Water event will be swum using [Swimming Canada Rules 2023](#) Appendix C.

6. TIE BREAKING RULES - COMPETITION

The Swimming Canada rules in force at the time of the Games shall prevail.

7. REGISTRATION & EVENT ENTRIES

7.1. Canada Games Council Registration Deadline

All participants (athletes, coaches, managers and additional team staff) must be registered in the Canada Games electronic registration system no later than 30 days prior to the Opening Ceremony (July 10th, 2025).

7.2. Event Entry Process

Meet Entry Deadline

- Tuesday, July 22, 2025 – 23:59 PST

Entry Process

- All Provincial and Territorial teams must submit entries via the Meet List on-line entries system – <http://www.swimming.ca/MeetList.aspx>.

Proof of Time

- All entries for Olympic Program and Paralympic Program events will be proven via the on-line entry system. All times not proven via the on-line entry system must be proven at or prior to registration. Coaches must provide proof of time prior to their arrival at the meet.
- Entries for Special Olympics events are not required to be proven via the on-line entry system. Coaches must provide proof of time prior to their arrival at the meet, if applicable.
- Meet management may challenge any entry time before or during the competition. It is the responsibility of the Province/Territory to prove any entry times if requested. Any Province/Territory not able to prove an entry time when challenged, will result in the swimmer being seeded as No Time (NT).
- Entry time upgrades or adding events will not be accepted past the entry deadline.
- Official split times for individual events can only be used for entry if proven by complete legitimate results.
- Relay times not displayed or proven on the online entry system must be proven as per Swimming Canada rules.
- Unproven individual event times will not be accepted for entry.

8. SPORT SCORING POINTS

Sport scoring points are a tool used to determine the performance of a P/T Team across all events within a sport. At the conclusion of an event, sport scoring points will be awarded using the following criteria:

8.1. Individual Events

- Athletes who advance to finals shall be ranked from 1st to 16th place;
- Athletes who do not advance from the preliminary round will be shown on the results with their preliminary rank for the purpose of awarding points;
- If an athlete does not finish or is disqualified, the athlete will not receive sport scoring points;
- Only the top two (2) swimmers per Province/Territory per event will be awarded sport scoring points;
- The third (3rd) and fourth (4th) fastest swimmers from the same Province/Territory participating in the B final shall forfeit their sport scoring points, as only the top two (2) per P/T can score;

- If there is a tie, points will be shared equally between athletes (i.e. If two swimmers are tied for first then each would receive 85.5 points $[(100+71)/2]$ and 3rd place points would be awarded to the next finisher)
- The ranking of PS swimmers within each event shall be based on scores from the Canadian Paralympic Points chart. Once “order of finish” is determined by ranking Para-swimming points, swimmers will then score according to the chart below. See Appendix 4 for Para swimming protocols.
- Sport scoring points will be awarded based on the chart below

Finals (only top 2 per event per P/T score)			
Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1st	100	9th	36
2nd	71	10th	34
3rd	57	11th	32
4th	50	12th	30
5th	48	13th	28
6th	46	14th	26
7th	44	15th	24
8th	42	16th	22
Preliminaries (only top 2 per event per P/T score)			
Rank	Points	Rank	Points
Highest rank	12	7th highest rank	6
2nd highest rank	11	8th highest rank	5
3rd highest rank	10	9th highest rank	4
4th highest rank	9	10th highest rank	3
5th highest rank	8	11th highest rank	2
6th highest rank	7	12th highest rank	1

Example. If athletes from Team A finish ranked 2nd, 10th, and 15th, Team A will receive 105 (71+34) points (the 3rd finisher from the P/T will not receive sport scoring points). Therefore the points from rank 15th will not be awarded. If athletes from Team B finish ranked 16th, and the 2nd highest rank in preliminaries, Team B will receive 33 (22+11) points.

8.2. Team Events

- Teams will be ranked from first through last place
- If a team does not finish or is disqualified, the team will not receive sport scoring points
- Teams that scratch from finals will not score
- If there is a tie, points will be shared equally between teams (i.e. If two teams are tied for first then each team would receive 85.5 points $[(100+71)/2]$ and 3rd place points would be awarded to the next finisher)
- Each event will be scored separately
- Sport scoring points will be awarded based on the chart below

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	100	6th	46	11th	32
2nd	71	7th	44	12th	30
3rd	57	8th	42	13th	28
4th	50	9th	36		
5th	48	10th	34		

9. FLAG POINTS

Games to Games performance by a P/T Team at the Canada Games is measured by accumulated Flag Points. Every P/T Team is awarded Flag Points for its ranked performance in each sport in which it competes.

In Swimming, Flag Points will be awarded separately for women's and men's events based on the total of sport scoring points awarded.

After ranking the P/T Teams from first to last, and after any ties have been resolved as detailed in Section 10 (Tie Breaking Rules - Flag Points), Flag Points will be awarded as follows:

Placing	Points	Placing	Points	Placing	Points
1st	10	6th	5	11th	1.5

2nd	9	7th	4	12th	1
3rd	8	8th	3	13th	0.5
4th	7	9th	2.5		
5th	6	10th	2		

10. TIE BREAKING RULES - FLAG POINTS

In the event of a tie between two or more Provinces/Territories, the team winning the most gold medals will be awarded an extra swimming point. If there is still a tie, the team winning the most silver medals will be awarded the extra swimming point, if still tied, the team with the most bronze medals, etc.

11. MEDALS

11.1. The Canada Games will award medals to athletes only. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented for each event.

11.2. For PS events determination of medals will be based on the Canadian Paralympic Points chart and will be awarded using the combination of same stroke events and ranked. The following are the combination of PS event and sport classes for medals:

- 50 Free
- 100 Free
- 200 and 400 Free
- 50 Back and 100 Back
- 50 Breast and 100 Breast
- 50 Fly and 100 Fly
- 150 IM and 200 IM

11.3. Gold: 92 Silver: 92 Bronze: 92

12. COMPETITION UNIFORM

All swim suits worn in official training and competition shall comply with the Swimming Canada Competition Rules and the clothing specifications set by the Canada Games

Council. In the event of a conflict between the two the clothing specifications set by the Canada Games Council shall prevail.

Provincial/Territorial Team clothing must be worn for the opening, closing, and medal ceremonies as well as on pool deck prior to and post competition. Additional information on each Provincial/Territorial team's colours can be found in Appendix C of the CGC's P/T Team Uniform and Sponsorship Policy.

13. EQUIPMENT

N/A

14. PROTEST & APPEALS

14.1. Canada Games Council Protest Policy & Appeal Policy

Appeals relating to this Technical Package or any decisions made by the CGC will be made in accordance with the CGC's [Appeal Policy](#).

Protests relating to disputes between and among Provincial/Territorial Teams as it relates to the Canada Games Council (CGC) Policies, Procedures and Principles that Govern Technical Packages (PTGTP) will be made in accordance with the CGC's [Protest Policy](#).

14.2. Competition Protests

[Swimming Canada Rules 2023](#), I.13.1 (13.1.1, 13.1.2, 13.1.3, C13.1.6.1, C13.1.6.2) and I.13.2 (C13.2.3.1-C13.2.3.8) will be in effect.

15. ANTI-DOPING

The CGC adopts the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Covenant as a fundamental commitment to engage in a cooperative and collaborative effort to eliminate doping in sport and to support harmonized, coordinated and effective anti-doping measures in Canada. Any Canada Games participant (athlete, coach, manager, technical support, or other person) found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation at the Canada Games (as determined pursuant to the CADP) will be subject to all of the penalties and consequences, as outlined in the [Canadian Anti-Doping Program](#).

16. APPENDICES

Please review the attached appendices as they form an integral part of this technical package.

- APPENDIX 1 - Coach Certification Requirements
- APPENDIX 2 - Performance Guidelines
- APPENDIX 3 - Age Dispensation
- APPENDIX 4 - Swimming Canada Para Swimming Protocols
- APPENDIX 5 - Para & Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation

APPENDIX 1 - COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Coaches are directed to the Coach Development Pathway for comprehensive information coaching certification and the certification pathway found [HERE](#).

APPENDIX 2 - PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES

The following Performance Guidelines have been established by the respective NSO, at the request of the CGC and the Federal-Provincial/Territorial Sport Committee (FPTSC) to reflect the expected training and/or performance parameters of a typical Canada Games athlete in the Training to Compete phase of Long Term Development (LTD). These Performance Guidelines have been developed as a tool for P/T teams to use at their discretion in the training and selection of their Canada Games teams. These Guidelines are not required selection criteria.

Swimming Canada encourages Provincial/Territorial organizations to consider baseline minimum standards when selecting their respective Canada Games Teams. At all steps of athlete identification and selection, P/Ts are asked to ensure athletes are prepared for the competitive environment of Canada Games. When in doubt Swimming Canada recommends utilization of Canadian Junior Championship Time Standards as a benchmark for minimum performance levels of all athletes. These standards may be reviewed at <https://www.swimming.ca/en/standards-and-preliminary-competition-information/>.

APPENDIX 3 - AGE DISPENSATION

Swimming Canada Age Exemption Procedure 2025 Canada Games

All underage Paralympic and Special Olympics athletes (2013 or younger) must be approved by Swimming Canada (SC) prior to their acceptance for participation in the 2025 Canada Games (CG).

Swimming Canada sets a minimum age for participation in CG to ensure the participation of all involved is of an equal, safe and supportive environment. As CG will host Paralympic Program and Special Olympics Program events in 2025, Swimming Canada must be confident that all attendees have had the appropriate training and race experience to participate in the events which are scheduled.

Swimming Canada recognizes that the safety of all individuals within the field of play is of the utmost importance and identifies that younger athletes may not have the experience needed to participate at this level of competition. Younger athletes should be continuing to train and gain experience through racing in more age and skill level appropriate environments.

Therefore, in order to receive approval from Swimming Canada to participate as an underage athlete, the athlete's province/territory must present evidence that the nominated athlete(s) has the appropriate experience, skill (physical) and mental performance level to obtain success in a Games competition environment across all disciplines.

In order to be considered for underage exemption, the following items must be submitted along with the completed exemption form signed by all parties involved:

- Letter of recommendation for nomination by coach (with reason)
- Letter of recommendation for nomination by province/territory
- Letter of recommendation for nomination by parent
- Evidence of athlete's experience 'racing up' with Games-aged athletes including results
- Copy of athlete's results from January 2024 – April 2025

Swimming Canada reserves the right to deny any request for underage participation.

APPENDIX 4 - SWIMMING CANADA PARA SWIMMING PROTOCOLS

Preliminaries

- Swimmers will be Senior seeded (not circle seeded) by time in each of the eligible events for preliminary heats.
- Performances from preliminaries will be assigned a point score from the Canadian Paralympic Points chart; the 8 highest point scores will advance to the A final. (this means a total of 8 swimmers will swim in the combined events, not 8 in each)

Finals

- All finals will be seeded by time and there will be an A final for the sport classes in the 50 backstroke and an A final for the sport classes in the 100 backstroke, up to a maximum of 8 swimmers in the combined events. For example:
 - The performances from the 50 backstroke A final and the 100 backstroke A final will be scored using the Canadian Paralympic Points chart.
 - The scores from all swims in the two A finals will be merged and ranked from highest to lowest point scores to determine medal positions and final ranking order.
- For example

○ John Smith S7	100 back	989 pts.	Gold
○ Bill Black S5	50 back	900 pts.	Silver
○ Jeff Blue S5	50 back	895 pts.	Bronze
○ Fred Williams S14	100 back	841 pts.	4 th
○ Sal Gonzalez S10	100 back	800 pts.	5 th
○ Matt Walker S14	100 back	766 pts.	6 th
○ Sean Gordon S11	100 back	732 pts.	7 th
○ Greg Watts S13	100 back	658 pts.	8 th
- This protocol will be applied to the 200/400 freestyle event; 50/100 backstroke event; 50/100 breaststroke event; 50/100 butterfly event and 150/200 Individual Medley event as outlined above.

APPENDIX 5 - PARA & SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETE REALLOCATION

Canada Games Council Reallocation Policy

The Canada Games Council (CGC) has a [Para & Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy](#), the aim of which is to facilitate meaningful competition at Canada Games. This policy has been in place since 2011 and includes the sport of swimming.

Further details regarding the criteria that will be used for selecting athletes through reallocation will be added to the Technical Package by 6 months in advance of the Games.