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Oceania Paralympic Championships Fact Sheet

Swimming

Dates of Competition:

Competition May 10 – 12, 2009. Morning sessions commence at 8am, afternoon session at 4pm.

Venue:

The Swimming competition will be held at the Casuarina Swimming Pool, Angelo Street, Casuarina.

The venue is wheelchair accessible and provides accessible change rooms.

The open water swim 5km is contested at Lake Bennett, which is south of Darwin.

Pools around Darwin are available for training prior to the event.

Competition Program:

Day 1 - Sunday 10 May			
Male/Female	Classes	Distance	Stroke
Female	S6 - S13	100	Backstroke
Male	S6 - S13	100	Backstroke
Female	S1 - S13	50	Backstroke
Male	S1 - S14	50	Backstroke
Female	S1 - S15	50	Butterfly
Male	S1 - S16	50	Butterfly
Female	S8 - S13	100	Butterfly
Male	S8 - S13	100	Butterfly



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Day 2 - Monday 11 May			
Male/Female	Classes	Distance	Stroke
Female	S1 - S5	200	Freestyle
Male	S1 - S5	200	Freestyle
Female	SM1 - SM4	150	IM
Male	SM1 - SM4	150	IM
Female	S1 - S13	50	Freestyle
Male	S1 - S13	50	Freestyle
Female	SM5 - SM13	200	IM
Male	SM5 - SM13	200	IM
Day 3 - Tuesday 12 May			
Male/Female	Classes	Distance	Stroke
Female	S1 - S5	200	Freestyle
Male	S6 - S13	100	Freestyle
Female	SM4 - SM13	150	IM
Male	SM4 - SM13	150	IM
Female	S1 - S13	50	Freestyle
Male	S1 - S13	50	Freestyle
Female	SM5 - SM13	200	IM
Male	SM5 - SM13	200	IM

Entry Standards:

There are no entry standards (qualifying times) for the Swimming Competition

Classification:

Only athletes that are eligible for classification according to IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations are eligible to contest for OPC medals (S1 – S13).

International classification will be conducted at the event for athletes with a physical impairment.

Athlete classification will be conducted, prior to the event, on 8 – 9 May at the Casuarina Pool for physical impairments and on the 9 May at the Royal Darwin Hospital for vision impairments.

Athletes with a physical impairment who do not have an International level Classification will be required to be in Darwin prior to Friday 8 May.



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Athletes with a vision impairment who do not have a minimum of National level Classification will be required to be in Darwin prior to Saturday 9 May.

Athletes will be notified if they are required to attend classification and their appointment time following the closure of entries.

Entry:

Entry to OPC events closes on April 10.

Online accreditation is a 2-step process and needs to be commenced immediately.

Please visit the Arafura Games website and click on the blue box reading "[**start your accreditation here**](#)" to register.

Minimum age for Oceania Paralympic Championships:

Athletes must be 15 years of age by 31 December 2009.

Competition Format:

The competition will be conducted under IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations.

The Oceania Paralympic Championships will be conducted in a multi-disability format.

Progression through to finals and the awarding of medals is calculated against the percentage of the World Record for the individual athlete's classification. The percentage calculated is then ranked and athletes progress to finals or win medals accordingly.

Australian athletes:

Australian athletes must hold a Swimming Australia SWD ID card to be eligible to compete in OPC or Arafura Games events.

For further information on obtaining a Swimming Australia SWD ID card, please contact:

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Awarding of Medals:

All athletes with a disability will be eligible for Arafura Games medals. OPC medals will be awarded to athletes from OPC member nations to a maximum of two (2) athletes per country per event.

IPC Records and Rankings points:

Only athletes holding a current IPC License will be eligible to have their results considered for World and Regional rankings and records. International athletes should contact their National Paralympic Committee for further information. Australian athletes should contact Swimming Australia.

Arafura Games able-bodied events:

Athletes with a disability may enter Arafura (able-bodied) events provided they enter the same OPC event if that event is on the OPC program (eg 100m freestyle Arafura and 100m freestyle OPC) and meet the minimum qualification criteria set by the event organisers. Qualification standards for Arafura Games events are available on the Arafura Games website.

Managers Meeting:

A Team Managers Meeting will be held up prior to the start of competition. Details of the Managers Meeting will be advised by the Organising Committee following the closure of entries.

Accommodation:

Arafura Games has a central accommodation booking service. Details are available on the Arafura Games website.

Transfers and transportation:

Airport transfers and venue transportation are provided free of charge to all accredited athletes and officials and is fully accessible.

Cost:

There is no entry fee for the Oceania Paralympic Championships. Athletes are responsible for travel to Darwin, meals, accommodation, visa costs and other incidentals.



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Visa Information:

Information on Visa requirements is available at the Arafura Games website. The organising committee are unable to provide official letters of invitation or assistance to athletes who do not hold a relevant visa.

Website:

The Swimming section on the website will be updated regularly please continue to check this in the lead up to the Games.

For further information about the Oceania Paralympic Championships Swimming competition please contact:

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