



Criteria for Invitation to the 2008 British Disability Swimming World Class Pathway- Development Level

The following is the criteria for additional athletes to be considered for invitation to the British Disability Swimming World Class Pathway - Development Level from 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2008 inclusive.

Athletes will be invited to the World Class Pathway - Development Level for up to 12 months. This is subject to reviews at the end of each macro cycle in relation to both competition performance targets and commitment to the British Disability Swimming Annual Plan.

Qualification:

1. All consideration times shall be based upon the IPC Absolute World Ranking List to include all eligible times from 1st January 2006 until 9th December 2007 inclusive.
2. Athletes will only be considered for invitation to the World Class Pathway – Development Level providing they have a confirmed IPC International Classification, a valid British Swimming Functional Ability Card (FAC), registered to a swimming club affiliated to ASA, SASA or WASA and eligible to represent Great Britain.
3. Only times achieved in IPC events that are published in the IPC Swimming rulebook for IPC Regional, World or Paralympic Games may be considered.
4. Any change in an athlete's IPC Classification at any time for whatever reason during the year will result in a review of the athletes place on the programme. If the athlete has not achieved a consideration time for their new classification within an agreed period of time (minimum 3 months from the date of classification change) the athlete will be withdrawn from the programme.
5. Athletes must have achieved the published times for their age, as at 31st December 2007, in a designated or licensed long course competition between 7th May 2007 and 9th December 2007 inclusive. For this period of time designated events will be:
 - Visa Paralympic World Cup 12th May 2007
 - British International Disability Championships, 18th-20th May 2007
 - German Open Championships, 25th-27th May 2007
 - ASA Youth and Senior Championships, 27th-1st August 2007
 - UK Schools Games, 25th-26th August 2007

- Welsh Disability Long Course Championships, 8th-9th December 2007

If a consideration time has been achieved in a licensed meet, as published on the British Swimming website, a Programme Consideration Form must be completed and returned to the World Class Office following the licensed meet where the consideration time was achieved with a copy of the official results. All forms must be received no later than Wednesday 5th December 2007.

6. Athletes achieving published times in events that are not offered at the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games but are IPC events published in the IPC Swimming rulebook for Regional, World or Paralympic competitions may be considered for invitation to the World Class Pathway depending upon the number of places available. Athletes may be offered an APA based upon a minus 1 ruling.
7. Athletes of 20 years of age, as at 31st December 2007, shall not be eligible for the World Class Pathway - Development Level if they were a member of the 2007 WC Pathway - Podium Level Programme. Only Athletes from within the age range 12 – 19 years of age inclusive (age as at 31st December 2007) will be eligible for consideration.
8. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
9. Only results from electronic timing will be considered.
10. Athletes and their home-based coach must undertake an athlete review prior to being considered for invitation to the World Class Pathway.
11. Athletes must sign and agree to comply with the published British Disability Swimming athlete responsibilities.
12. Athletes must be maintaining trainability in an established home-based programme and have a designated coach who is responsible for their annual plan.
13. Athletes must comply with all UK Sport and British Swimming conditions and requirements consisting of the British Swimming Doping Control Rules and Protocols, Selection Agreement and Code of Conduct, the British Swimming Disciplinary Code and ASA Child Protection Procedures.

Categories

D	Third place time on World Ranking List + 5% in an IPC event published in the IPC Swimming rulebook for Regional, World or Paralympic Games.
E	All Development Level athletes with the exception of those who have achieved the consideration standard for Category D.

General

To be considered for Invitation to the World Class Development Level athletes must meet the above criteria. Although the criteria should be seen as a pre-requisite for consideration it does not necessarily guarantee invitation.

Invitation to the World Class Pathway – Development Level must be that the athlete is perceived by the NPD - Disability Swimming to have the potential to progress to the WC Podium Level.

Acceptance of invitation to the World Class Pathway - Development Level is subject to all UK Sport and British Swimming conditions and requirements.

Any appeals against selection in relation to this selection policy must be made in accordance with the British Swimming appeals procedure.