

CRITERIA GUIDELINES FOR INVITATION TO THE 2010 HOME NATION AND REGIONAL TALENT PROGRAMMES - DISABILITY SWIMMING

The following is the recommended guidelines criteria for athletes to be considered for invitation to the Home Nation and Regional Talent Programmes for Disability Swimming from 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011 inclusive.

This is subject to reviews in relation to both competition performance targets and commitment to the athlete/coach Annual Plan.

Qualification:

1. Athletes will only be considered for invitation to the programme providing they have either a confirmed IPC or British Swimming classification (S1-S13 inclusive), INAS-FID Registration (S14) or ICSD classification (S15).
2. Athletes must be registered to a swimming club affiliated to The ASA, SASA, WASA and be eligible to represent Great Britain at the Paralympic Games, INAS-FID World Championships or Deaflympics.
3. Only Athletes from within the age range 10–19 years of age inclusive (age as at 31st December 2009) will be eligible for consideration.
4. Only times achieved in IPC events that are published in the IPC Swimming rulebook for IPC Regional, World or Paralympic Games may be considered.
5. Any change in an athlete's 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within an agreed period of time (minimum 3 months from the date of classification change) the athlete will be withdrawn from the programme.
6. Athletes wishing to be considered for the 2010 Home Nation and Regional Talent programmes must have achieved the published times for their age, as at 31st December 2009. In a designated Long Course or Short Course competition, as appropriate to their age, between 31st March 2009 and 8th March 2010 inclusive. For this period of time designated events will be:
 - British Championships (50m), 16th - 20th March 2009 inclusive
 - British International Disability Swimming Championships (50m), 15th-17th May 2009 inclusive
 - Preliminary Paralympic World Cup (50m), 23rd-24th May 2009
 - Paralympic World Cup (50m), 25th May 2009
 - Welsh Disability SC Championships (25m), 4th – 5th July 2009
 - ASA Youth Championships (50m), 28th July–2nd August 2009 inclusive

- INAS-FID European Swimming Championships (50m), 5th – 14th July 2009 inclusive
 - UK School Games (50m), 3rd – 7th September 2009
 - DSE short course championships (25m), 21st - 22nd November 2009
 - Welsh Disability Long Course Championships (50m), 12th – 13th December 2009
 - DSE Juniors (25m), 6th – 7th March 2010
7. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
 8. Only results from Electronic Timing will be considered.
 9. Athletes must comply with all 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.

General:

To be considered for invitation to the Home Nation and Regional Talent Programmes 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 programme must be that the athlete is perceived to have the potential to progress onto a World Class Programme or NDSO equivalent within 4 years.

Acceptance of invitation to the Home Nation and Regional Talent Programmes is subject to all Home Nation and Regional Talent Programme ASA's conditions and requirements.