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**Dear State Associations, Coaches and Athletes,**

Swimming Australia would like to share with you the nomination and eligibility process around qualifying for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic team.

The Swimming Australia Paralympic trials will be held in Adelaide from 14 - 18 June 2020. The nomination criteria will soon be official and published on the Swimming Australia and Paralympics Australia websites and will outline the minimum performance for nomination.

In the meantime, we wish to outline the Tokyo 2020 athlete eligibility requirements for swimming as determined by World Para Swimming. All athletes aiming for nomination to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic team must meet these eligibility requirements before the Australian selection trials.

To be eligible for selection by a NPC, athletes must:

- hold an active WPS Athlete License for the 2020 season (*Swimming Australia organises and pays for licencing*);
- have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) at a WPS Recognised 50m Competition (WPS Competition, WPS Sanctioned Competition or WPS Approved Competition) for the respective event between 01 October 2018 and 2 August 2020 (*the Australian Championships in Perth and the Australian selection trials in Adelaide will be sanctioned events and the swimming Australia A and B times for selection will be faster than the MQS times*);
- be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' sport class status or a 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2020;
- be internationally classified before 01 June 2020; and have competed in at least one (1) of the following competitions between 01 October 2018 and the end of the 2020 WPS European Open Championships (Madeira Portugal, *May 13-16, 2020*):
  - any WPS World Series event (*such as Melbourne Feb 2019*),
  - 2019 WPS World Championships,
  - any WPS Regional or Regional Open Championships (*such as Para Pan Pacs in Cairns*),
  - Parapan American Games.

Swimming Australia is managing the classification needs and requirements and should you have any questions about this or would like to check status please first refer to the Master List at;

<https://www.swimming.org.au/swim-1/compete/classification>

Swimming Australia has applied for the hosting of international classification for PI (Physical Impairment) and VI (Visual Impairment) in February 2020 at the Victorian State Championships.

Swimmers listed on the Swimming Australia athlete categorisation list will be considered for international classification in 2020. Please ensure that developing athletes in your state are aware of the processes and requirements around classification and competing at eligible events.

[https://www.swimming.org.au/sites/default/files/assets/documents/Para%20Categorisation%20List%20-%20May%202019\\_0.pdf](https://www.swimming.org.au/sites/default/files/assets/documents/Para%20Categorisation%20List%20-%20May%202019_0.pdf)

In addition, if you think an athlete is tracking to a world top 10 performance and is not currently listed as a possible athlete for 2020 classification, please advise ASAP so we may explore trajectory and classification requirements. Further Swimming Australia classification information can be found here:

<https://www.swimming.org.au/swim-1/compete/classification>

Please also find attached a copy of the Para Planning Calendar with key dates and competitions listed.

Kind Regards,



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