

# Arafura Games

incorporating the Oceania Paralympic Championships

## DARWIN - NORTHERN TERRITORY AUSTRALIA

### 7-14 May 2011

#### Oceania Paralympic Championships

#### Swimming

##### Dates of Competition:

Sunday, 8 May – Tuesday, 10 May 2011

##### 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.

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

##### Competition Program:

The following events will be contested:

Female Events			Male Events		
Classes	Stroke	Distance (m)	Classes	Stroke	Distance (m)
S1 - S14	Backstroke	50	S1 - S14	Backstroke	50
S6 - S14	Backstroke	100	S6 - S14	Backstroke	100
SB1 – SB14	Breaststroke	50	SB1 – SB14	Breaststroke	50
SB4 – SB14	Breaststroke	100	SB4 – SB14	Breaststroke	100
S1 - S14	Butterfly	50	S1 - S14	Butterfly	50
S8 - S14	Butterfly	100	S8 - S14	Butterfly	100
S1 - S14	Freestyle	50	S1 - S14	Freestyle	50
S1 – S14	Freestyle	100	S1 – S14	Freestyle	100
S1 - S5; S14	Freestyle	200	S1 - S5; S14	Freestyle	200
S6 - S14	Freestyle	400	S6 – S14	Freestyle	400
SM1 - SM4	IM	150	SM1 - SM4	IM	150
SM5 - SM14	IM	200	SM5 - SM14	IM	200

##### Entry Standards:

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

##### Minimum age:

Athletes must be 12 years of age by 31 December 2011. Event organisers reserve the right to exercise some discretion relating to this requirement.



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#### IPC License

Athletes must hold a current IPC Swimming License in order to compete at this event. International Athletes should contact their National Paralympic Committee for further information. Australian Athletes should contact Swimming Australia Ltd.

#### Classification:

Athletes with a physical or vision impairment who do not hold a Confirmed IPC Swimming classification, i.e. who are New or Review status, will be required to attend International classification. Athletes with R status, who are scheduled for review after 2011 are not required to attend classification.

Classification will be conducted on **Friday 6 and Saturday 7 May**, so athletes must arrive in Darwin no later than **Thursday 5 May 2011**. Swimmers must make themselves available from the beginning of the classification period for that sport, as scheduling requests cannot be guaranteed to be accommodated. Swimmers will be notified of their appointment time following the closure of entries.

In addition to the above pre event processes, all NEW swimmers wishing to present for IPC Swimming International Classification will be required to submit a **Medical Data Submission Form** to IPC Swimming minimum 4 weeks prior to the event. These forms can be found on the [IPC Swimming](http://www.ipcswimming.org) website.

Protests will be possible in accordance with IPC Swimming Rules and Regulation. Refer to IPC Swimming Rulebook and Classification manual for more information. Any queries regarding rules and regulations should be submitted to [ipcswimming@paralympic.org](mailto:ipcswimming@paralympic.org).

Swimmers, who do not meet the minimal disability criteria, will not be able to compete as an athlete with a disability in Swimming. They may be able to enter the able bodied equivalent competition at the discretion of the Organizing Committee and so as long as the athlete is able to meet the minimum qualifying standards.

#### Entry:

Entry closes on 8 April 2011. This deadline will be strictly adhered to. Please visit the Arafura Games website to register now [www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au](http://www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au)

#### Competition Format:

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

#### Progression to finals and Awarding of Medals:



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The fastest eight (8) athletes from the heats, according to their class, regardless of nation will progress to the finals.

In finals, all athletes with a disability will be eligible for Arafura Games medals. Oceania Paralympic Championships (OPC) medals will be awarded to athletes from OPC member nations only.

#### **IPC Records:**

Only athletes holding a current IPC License will be eligible to have their results considered for World and Regional rankings and records. These results will only be applied to the IPC recognised events.

#### **Managers Meeting:**

A Team Managers Meeting will be held prior to the start of competition. Details of the 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 [www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au](http://www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au)

#### **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 Arafura Games. Athletes are responsible for travel to Darwin, meals, accommodation, visa costs and other incidentals.

#### **Visa Information:**

Information on Visa requirements is available at the Arafura Games website. The organising committee is 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 swimming competition please contact:

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