



## **Criteria for Invitation to the 2008 British Swimming National Talent Programme Disability Swimming**

The following is the criteria for athletes to be considered for invitation to the British Swimming National Talent Programme for Disability Swimming from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

This is subject to reviews at the end of each macro cycle in relation to both competition performance targets and commitment to the Disability Swimming Annual Plan.

### **Qualification:**

1. All consideration times shall be based upon the IPC Swimming Absolute World Ranking List to include all eligible times from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 until 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007 inclusive.
2. Athletes will only be considered for invitation to the programme providing they have a confirmed IPC International classification (14 years of age or over), a British Swimming classification (10 to 13 years of age), a valid British Swimming Functional Ability Card (FAC), registered to a swimming club affiliated to ASA, SASA, 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 or National 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within an agreed period of time (minimum 3 months from the date of classification change) the athlete will be withdrawn from the programme.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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007, in a designated or licensed Long Course or Short Course competition between 7<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007 inclusive. For this period of time designated events will be:
  - British International Disability Championships, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> May 2007
  - ASA Youth and Senior Championships, 27<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> August 2007
  - UK Schools Games, 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August 2007
  - DSE SC Championships, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November 2007
  - Welsh Disability Long Course Championships, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

6. Only Athletes from within the age range 10 – 16 years of age inclusive (age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007) will be eligible for consideration.
7. Athletes achieving consideration times shall be invited to participate in a probationary period from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 inclusive.
8. During the probationary period athletes must attend both the Orientation Day and athlete assessment session (water based) following which the final selections for invitation to the British Swimming National Talent Programme shall be made.
9. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
10. Only results from Electronic Timing will be considered.
11. Athletes must sign and agree to comply with the published British Disability Swimming athlete responsibilities.
12. Athletes must be 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.

## **General**

To be considered for invitation to the British Swimming National Talent Programme 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 by the NPD - Disability Swimming to have the potential to progress to the World Class Pathway Programme within 3 years.

Acceptance of invitation to the WC Talent Programme is subject to all 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 procedures.