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World Para Swimming World Series

Dear NPC President / Secretary General

We would like to advise you of the latest development in the para swimming competition programme.

Over the last year World Para Swimming has been working to introduce a premier annual series of events, starting in 2017 and we are now pleased to inform you that this week we will officially announce the new World Para Swimming World Series.

During this development, World Para Swimming set out identifying core elements which should be included in the series. These included:

- Structure the World Para Swimming competition calendar
- Enhanced our technical delivery,
- Enhance our classification delivery,
- Enhance our education delivery,
- Provide better access for the sports research requirements,
- Enhance our ability to promote Para swimming.

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We are pleased to confirm that the World Para Swimming World Series agreement with each local organising committee allows for World Para Swimming for the above to be achieved.

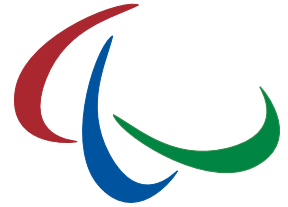
We will apply stronger technical requirements, stronger classification requirements and structure with most classification opportunities in 2017 being conducted at the World Series, stronger anti-doping requirements and will allow for the enhanced promotion of Para swimming. We also have the ability to utilise each location for education and research purpose.

The events on the inaugural World Series calendar will have a structured competition programme aligned to that of the major Championships/Games with an event format that is standardised as best possible based on entries.

We will also create a 'virtual' competition that will be promoted on a dedicated webpage to be launched prior to the World Series start date. This will ensure that the overall World Para Swimming World Series winner will be the best performing athlete over the duration of the series, taking the average of the best performances by an athlete over a minimum number of event disciplines with awards to the best performing athletes at the end of the series. (Full details will be available on website prior to series start date)

Event Details

World Para Swimming World Series			
Region	City	Country	Month
Europe	Copenhagen	Denmark	March
Americas	Sao Paulo	Brazil	April
Europe	Sheffield	Great Britain	April
Americas	Indianapolis	USA	June
Europe	Berlin	Germany	July



Details on all events on the World Series can be found via our website:

<https://www.paralympic.org/swimming/world-series-2017>

World Para Swimming will be looking to expand the World Series in 2018, aiming to create a 365 days a year competition calendar, covering all continents, if your NPC/NF wishes to express your interest in hosting a World Series event please contact World Para Swimming, Competition Coordinator, Anna-Sophie Hippke via email on annasophie.hippke@paralympic.org by no later than **31 March 2017**.

We believe that the new World Series concept will lay foundations for the long term growth of Para Swimming and enhanced delivery of our sport.

Lastly, we would like to thank our partnered events, LOCs and NPCs/NF for their support in this development.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact World Para Swimming.

Kind regards

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