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MEMO: Meet Managers and Level III-V

RE: Para Swimming & Integrated Competitions

Swimming Canada has distributed a Para Swimming newsletter dated November 2016 to its mailing list of para officials (not yet published on SNC website). One section discusses Integrated Competitions (Meets), where para swimmers compete with able-bodied swimmers. A competition that does not have IPC Sanction but allows para-swimmers is considered an Integrated Competition. The majority of invitational meets are Integrated Competitions.

The following is recommended for Integrated Competitions:

Para-swimmers of a lower classification (classes S5 and below) and novice para-swimmers (not yet classified) are encouraged to swim their events during an able-bodied event of the same stroke of a similar time duration. This can mean swimming their event in the able-bodied event twice the distance.

- For example a lower class 100m back can swim during the 200m back event.
- Another example will be: if a para-swimmer S2 swims 50m free in a time of 3:45.34, it would be preferable to have this swimmer in a 200m free able-bodied event rather than the 50m free

What does this mean for Meet Managers?

Meet Managers that anticipate these above scenarios occurring at their competitions must notify the coaches of any such changes within 48 hours of entry deadline.

All such changes need to be flagged and communicated in the heat sheets so that session referees, timers, electronic operators and recorder/scorers are aware in advance of the event.

Respectfully,

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