

## IPC SWIMMING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FACT SHEET

### Summary

The IPC Swimming European Championships are the largest regional competition for athletes with an impairment in the world. Past Championships have been successful in terms of athlete performances, sponsor support, logistical support and media coverage. The 2009 IPC Swimming European Championships hosted 420 athletes from 35 countries, while the 2011 edition hosted 445 athletes from 36 countries.

Approximately 170 medal events are on the official programme.



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### Schedule

Activity	Scheduling
Arrivals	Start 4 days prior to Opening Ceremony
Pre Competition Training	Start 4 days prior to the Opening Ceremony
Classification	Start 3 days prior to Opening Ceremony
Opening Ceremony	Scheduled to maximise spectator attendance and media coverage
Competition Days	7 days Open Water on 8th day (not compulsory)
Closing Ceremony	Held on last day of competition
Departure	Finish 2 days following Closing Ceremony

<b>Participation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Approximate number</b>
	Athletes	500 120 - 150 w/c users
	NPC Team Officials/Staff	300
<b>Competition Venues</b>	Championships Officials (Technical Officials, Classifiers)	50
	1 x 50m Competition Pool (indoor)	Min. 8 lanes Min. depth 1.35m
<b>Pre-competition Training Site</b>	1 x Swimming Pool	Warm-up and swim-off during competition
	2 x 50m Pool	Min. 8 lanes Min. depth 1.35m
<b>Technology</b>	Automatic Timing Equipment is required	



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### **Accommodation and Transport**

Organisers have to provide athletes and NPC team officials access to an accessible hotel style accommodation with accessible transport to and from ports of entry, training, and competition sites.

Accommodation facilities and services have to be equivalent to a minimum of a 3 star European standard, wheelchair accessible and

generally suitable for people with impairment. NPC Teams cover for their own accommodation.

The Championships Officials, IPC Guests and the media have to be accommodated in a separate location/area from that of athletes and NPC team officials. Media representatives cover for their own accommodation.

A sufficient number of 3 to 4 star European standard hotels for the Friends & Families is required.

### **Media**

The IPC Swimming Europeans Championships has to have media (written and photographic press) and rights holding broadcasters providing daily coverage of the competition. Furthermore, the IPC provided web cast coverage of the Championships on [www.Paralympicsport.tv](http://www.Paralympicsport.tv).

### **Budget**

Average 1.000.000 – 1.400.000 Euro  
IPC Swimming will financially contribute to the success of the Championships, as well as provide technology support.

### **Contact**

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