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# 1. Foreword Sir Philip Craven MBE IPC President

Dear media representative,

Welcome to Eindhoven for the 2014 IPC Swimming European Championships.

As you may know these Championships mark our return to the Netherlands for a major international competition. The Pieter van den Hoogenband Swimming Stadium is a great theatre of sport and I am delighted that we are here once again to see nearly 400 swimmers from 40 countries compete on such a wonderful stage. Here in 2010, swimmers took one of the very last opportunities ahead of London 2012 to assess their progress and measure themselves against their competition.

At those World Championships we saw many new faces emerge, as well as many established names, who then went on to post some incredible performances in London. The Royal Dutch Swimming Federation will no doubt deliver us once again a fantastic event that will live long in our memory, just as they did at the same point in the competition cycle in 2010.

London was a watershed moment for para-sport, few more so than swimming. The Aquatics Centre was alive with the cheers and cries of thousands of fans. It was a truly incredible experience that we must continue to build on.

That is what we did in 2013, when we gathered in Montreal, Canada, for the first IPC Swimming World Championships in North America.

Once again I was impressed by the performances on display, especially less than one year after London. The life of an athlete is relentless and there was clearly no time for a pause in the preparations for the next Paralympic Games.

Eindhoven 2014 represents a crucial point on the road to Rio 2016. The next Games are just over two years away meaning we are nearly at the halfway point until the next Paralympics.

I would like to thank all media for covering the Championships as they have an important role in building on the success of London 2012 and raising awareness of the outstanding abilities of the high performance athletes you will see compete here.

I would also like to thank the Local Organising Committee, in particular their Chairperson Paul van de Heuvel, as well as the Royal Dutch Swimming Federation.

Of course, my thanks also go to the sponsors and partners without whom we could not deliver what I am sure will be an incredibly high-quality event, and the technical officials and volunteers.

We continue to progress the popularity of swimming with your support and I am sure that Eindhoven 2014 will deliver you some great storylines.

Enjoy the competition and I look forward to seeing you at Glasgow 2015 for the IPC Swimming World Championships.

Sir Philip Craven MBE  
IPC President

## 2. Programme

This schedule is subject to change. The most up-to-date version will be posted to [www.eindhoven2014.com](http://www.eindhoven2014.com) and in the Media Centre during competition.

Opening ceremony is scheduled August 4 at 16.00 hrs until 16.45/17.00 hrs.  
Closing ceremony is scheduled August 10 directly after the finals.

SWIMMING PROGRAMME		2014 IPC SWIMMING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS											
Morning Session:		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7					
Heats		Heats	Heats	Heats	Heats	Heats	Heats	Heats					
04	Women's 100m Backstroke S14	28	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB5	50	Men's 200m Freestyle S2 (S1-2)	74	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB8	95	Men's 200m Freestyle S5	119	Men's 100m Backstroke S9	140	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB6
07	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB12	32	Men's 50m Freestyle S2	52	Women's 200m Freestyle S4 (S1-4)	79	Women's 200m IM S6	97	Men's 100m Freestyle S7	121	Men's 100m Backstroke S10	142	Men's 100m Butterfly S9
11	Men's 100m Freestyle S2	39	Men's 50m Freestyle S4	53	Men's 100m Freestyle S9	80	Men's 100m Backstroke S2 (S1-2)	98	Women's 100m Freestyle S7	122	Women's 100m Backstroke S10	144	Men's 100m Freestyle S10
13	Men's 100m Freestyle S4	40	Women's 50m Freestyle S4 (S1-4)	55	Men's 100m Butterfly S8	82	Men's 50m Freestyle S11	100	Women's 100m Freestyle S6	123	Men's 50m Freestyle S5	145	Women's 100m Freestyle S10
14	Women's 100m Freestyle S4 (S1-4)	41	Men's 50m Freestyle S7	57	Men's 50m Freestyle S6	83	Women's 50m Freestyle S11	102	Men's 50m Backstroke S2	125	Men's 50m Butterfly S7	147	Women's 50m Backstroke S4 (S3-4)
18	Women's 100m Backstroke S8	42	Women's 50m Freestyle S7	58	Women's 50m Freestyle S6	84	Men's 50m Freestyle S12	105	Men's 100m Butterfly S12 (S11-12)	130	Women's 100m Freestyle S11	148	Men's 50m Freestyle S8
19	Men's 100m Freestyle S5	43	Men's 50m Butterfly S6	59	Men's 200m IM SM7	87	Women's 50m Freestyle S13	106	Women's 100m Butterfly S12 (S11-12)	131	Men's 100m Freestyle S12	150	Men's 50m Backstroke S5
21	Men's 50m Freestyle S10	47	Men's 100m Butterfly S10	63	Men's 200m IM SM12	88	Men's 100m Backstroke S7	108	Women's 200m Freestyle S14	134	Women's 100m Freestyle S13	152	Men's 400m Freestyle S12 (S11-12)
22	Women's 50m Freestyle S10	48	Women's 100m Butterfly S10	66	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB14	90	Men's 400m Freestyle S10	109	Men's 200m IM SM10	137	Women's 150m IM SM4 (SM1-4)	156	Women's 200m IM SM14
23	Men's 50m Freestyle S9			67	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB14	91	Women's 400m Freestyle S10	110	Women's 200m IM SM10			157	Men's 50m Breaststroke SB3 (SB1-3)
				70	Men's 50m Butterfly S5 (S1-5)			112	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB7				
				71	Women's 50m Butterfly S5 (S1-5)			113	Men's 200m IM SM9				
Finals		Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals	Finals
01	Men's 400m Freestyle S6	25	Men's 400m Freestyle S8	56	Women's 100m Butterfly S8	76	Men's 200m IM SM5	94	Men's 200m Freestyle S4	118	Women's 100m Freestyle S8	141	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB6
02	Women's 400m Freestyle S6	26	Women's 400m Freestyle S8	60	Women's 200m IM SM7	77	Women's 200m IM SM5	96	Women's 200m Freestyle S5	120	Women's 100m Backstroke S9	143	Women's 100m Butterfly S9
06	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB11	29	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB4	61	Men's 200m IM SM11	86	Men's 50m Freestyle S13	101	Men's 50m Backstroke S1	124	Women's 50m Freestyle S5	146	Men's 50m Backstroke S4
08	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB12	30	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB4	62	Women's 200m IM SM11	87	Women's 100m Freestyle S13	107	Men's 200m Freestyle S14	126	Women's 50m Butterfly S7	154	Women's 400m Freestyle S13
09	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB13	31	Men's 50m Freestyle S1	64	Women's 200m IM SM12					127	Men's 100m Backstroke S6	158	Women's 50m Breaststroke SB2 (SB1-2)
10	Men's 100m Freestyle S1	33	Men's 50m Freestyle S3	65	Women's 200m IM SM13					129	Men's 100m Freestyle S11	159	Women's 50m Breaststroke SB3
12	Men's 100m Freestyle S3	34	Men's 100m Backstroke S11	68	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB9					133	Men's 100m Freestyle S13		
16	Women's 400m Freestyle S7	35	Women's 100m Backstroke S11	69	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB9					135	Men's 150m IM SM3 (SM1-3)		
20	Women's 100m Freestyle S5	37	Women's 100m Backstroke S12	72	Men's 200m IM SM8					136	Men's 150m IM SM4		
24	Women's 50m Freestyle S9	38	Women's 100m Backstroke S13	51	Men's 200m Freestyle S3								
		45	Men's 400m Freestyle S9										
		46	Women's 400m Freestyle S9										
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21	Men's 50m Freestyle S10	48	Women's 100m Butterfly S10	70	Men's 50m Butterfly S5 (S1-5)	88	Men's 100m Backstroke S7	109	Men's 200m IM SM10	138	Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay 34points	155	Men's 200m IM SM14
22	Women's 50m Freestyle S10	49	Mixed 4x50m Freestyle Relay 20points	71	Women's 50m Butterfly S5 (S1-5)	89	Women's 100m Backstroke S7	110	Women's 200m IM SM10	139	Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay 34points	156	Women's 200m IM SM14
23	Men's 50m Freestyle S9			73	Women's 200m IM SM8	90	Men's 400m Freestyle S10	111	Men's 100m Breaststroke SB7			157	Men's 50m Breaststroke SB3 (SB1-3)
						91	Women's 400m Freestyle S10	112	Women's 100m Breaststroke SB7			160	Men's 4x100m Medley Relay 34points
						92	Men's 4x50m Freestyle Relay 20points	113	Men's 200m IM SM9			161	Women's 4x100m Medley Relay 34points
						93	Women's 4x50m Freestyle Relay 20points	114	Women's 200m IM SM9				
								115	Men's 4x50m Medley Relay 20points				
								116	Women's 4x50m Medley Relay 20points				

Non-medal events will be held after the morning session out of the official programme.

The events are single class events (with eligible classes in the brackets).

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### 3. Event details

#### Description

The 2014 IPC Swimming European Championships will be held over six days from 4-10 August at the Pieter van den Hoogenband Swimming Stadium.

The competition will consist of a maximum of x medal events, based on final entries and classification.

Morning sessions are scheduled to begin each day at 09.00 hrs and evening sessions at 17.00 hrs.

Qualifying rounds will be conducted for some events. The number of heats or direct finals will depend on the number of athletes entered for each event.

#### **IPC Swimming**

Throughout the world, swimming is one of the most popular sports and the number one individual sport among people with an impairment in the Netherlands. During these Championships athletes from all over Europe will compete for coveted European titles.

Para-swimming is governed by IPC Swimming and coordinated by the IPC Swimming Sport Technical Committee, which incorporates the rules of the International Swimming Federation (FINA). The FINA rules are followed with a few modifications, such as optional platform or in-water starts for some races and the use of signals or 'tappers' for swimmers with visual impairment; however, no prostheses or assistive devices are permitted. The swim distances vary from 50m to 400m in four different swimming styles and 14 different classes. The following events can be distinguished:

Freestyle	50 m	100 m	200 m	400 m
Breaststroke	50 m	100 m	200 m	
Butterfly	50 m	100 m	200 m	
Ind. Medley	150 m	200 m		
Free style relay	4 x 50 m	4 x 100 m		
Medley relay	4 x 50 m	4 x 100 m		

#### Competition Description

Most events are conducted as heats for a maximum of eight competitors per class and with the fastest eight swimmers per class competing in the finals. There are various forms for swimmers to start their race; in the water, a dive start sitting on the starting platform or the typical standing start.

During a swimming event, swimmers who are visually impaired are required to have an assistant to help him/her as he/she approaches the swimming pool end wall, either to make a turn or for the finish of the race. This process is called tapping and performed by a "tapper". These swimmers are also required to wear blackened goggles in all their events.



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## **Classification**

To ensure competition is fair and equal, all Paralympic sports have a system in place which ensures that winning is determined by skill, fitness, power, endurance, tactical ability and mental focus, the same factors that account for success in sport for able bodied athletes.

This process is called **classification** and its purpose is to minimise the impact of impairments on the activity (sport discipline). Having the impairment thus is not sufficient. The impact on the sport must be proved, and each in Paralympic sport, the criteria of grouping athletes by the degree of activity limitation resulting from the impairment are named '**Sport Classes**'. Through classification, it is determined which athletes are eligible to compete in a sport and how athletes are grouped together for competition. This, to a certain extent, is similar to grouping athletes by age, gender or weight.

Classification is sport-specific because an impairment affects the ability to perform in different sports to a different extent. As a consequence, an athlete may meet the criteria in one sport, but may not meet the criteria in another sport.

For swimming, the classes that athletes compete in are explained below.

### **Sport Classes**

The sport class names in Swimming consist of a prefix "S," "SM," or "SB" and a number. The prefixes stand for the strokes and the number indicates the sport classes.

The prefixes stand for:

- S: Freestyle, Butterfly and Backstroke events
- SM: Individual Medley
- SB: Breaststroke

### Sport Classes S1 - S10: Physical impairment

There are ten different sport classes for athletes with physical impairment, numbered 1-10. A lower number indicates a more severe activity limitation than a higher number.

You will notice that athletes with different impairments compete against each other. The impact of their impairment on swim performance, however, is similar.

The following gives a few examples for impairments described in each sport class profile:

#### S1 SB1 SM1

Swimmers in this sport class have a significant loss of muscle power or control in legs, arms and hands. Some athletes also have limited trunk control, as it may occur with tetraplegia. These impairments may be caused by spinal-cord injuries or polio. Swimmers in this class usually use a wheelchair in daily life.

#### S2 SB1 SM2

Swimmers in this sport class are able to use their arms with no use of their hands, legs or trunk or have severe coordination problems in four limbs.

As in sport class S1 SB1 SM1, athletes mostly only compete in backstroke events.



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### S3 SB2 SM3

This sport class includes athletes with amputations of all four limbs. Swimmers with reasonable arm strokes but no use of their legs or trunk and swimmers with severe coordination problems in all limbs are also included in this sport class.

### S4 SB3 SM4

Swimmers who can use their arms and have minimal weakness in their hands, but cannot use their trunk or legs. Athletes with amputations of three limbs also swim in this sport class.

### S5 SB4 SM5

Swimmers with short stature and an additional impairment, with loss of control over one side of their body (hemiplegia) or with paraplegia compete in this sport class.

### S6 SB5 SM6

This sport class includes swimmers with short stature, amputations of both arms or moderate coordination problems on one side of their body.

### S7 SB6 SM7

This profile is designated for athletes with one leg and one arm amputation on opposite sides, double leg amputations or a paralysis of one arm and one leg on the same side. Moreover, swimmers with full control over arms and trunk and some leg function can compete in this class.

### S8 SB7 SM8

Swimmers who have lost either both hands or one arm are eligible to compete in this sport class. Also, athletes with severe restrictions in the joints of the lower limbs could compete in this sport class.

### S9 SB8 SM9

Athletes in this sport class swim with joint restrictions in one leg, double below-the-knee amputations or an amputation of one leg.

### S10 SB9 SM10

This class describes the minimal impairments of eligible swimmers with physical impairment. Eligible impairments would be the loss of a hand or both feet and a significantly limited function of one hip joint.

### Sport Classes 11-13: Visual Impairment

Swimmers with visual impairment compete in the sport classes 11-13, with 11 meaning a complete or nearly complete loss of sight and 13 describing the minimum eligible visual impairment. Athletes in sport class 11 compete with blackened goggles.

### Sport Classes 14: Intellectual impairment

Swimmers with intellectual impairment who also meet the sport-specific criteria compete in sport class 14.





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## About the IPC Swimming European Championships

Two previous editions of the IPC Swimming European Championships were held.

In 2009, the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik hosted the competition whilst in 2011, the Championships were hosted by Berlin, Germany.

The 2014 European Championships follow the hugely successful London 2012 Paralympic Games and come with just two years to go until Rio 2016.

The cycle of regional and World Championships changed before London 2012, meaning that these European Championships are the first since the last Paralympic Games and follow on from the 2013 World Championships in Montreal, Canada.



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## **Useful websites and social media information**

All relevant information about the 2014 IPC Swimming European Championships can be found using the following information:

[www.eindhoven2014.org](http://www.eindhoven2014.org)  
[www.ipc-swimming.org](http://www.ipc-swimming.org)

### **Live Results**

[www.eindhoven2014.com/live-results](http://www.eindhoven2014.com/live-results)

### **Official updates**

[www.facebook.com/IPCSwimming](http://www.facebook.com/IPCSwimming)  
[www.twitter.com/IPCSwimming](http://www.twitter.com/IPCSwimming)

### **Livestreaming and videos on demand**

[www.youtube.com/ParalympicSportTV](http://www.youtube.com/ParalympicSportTV)

### **Photos will be uploaded to:**

[www.flickr.com/Paralympic](http://www.flickr.com/Paralympic) (print quality)  
[www.instagram.com/Paralympics](http://www.instagram.com/Paralympics)

### **Statistics and biographies**

[www.ipc-swimming.org/rankings](http://www.ipc-swimming.org/rankings)  
[www.ipc-swimming.org/athletes/bios](http://www.ipc-swimming.org/athletes/bios)

### **Athletes to look out for**

[www.ipc-swimming.org/athletes/ones-to-watch](http://www.ipc-swimming.org/athletes/ones-to-watch)

### **Other important websites**

[www.paralympic.org](http://www.paralympic.org)



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## 4. Media

### Accreditation

Media can get their accreditation at the Ticket office at the main entrance. The accreditation badge is strictly personal. It may not be transferred to another person. The badge must be worn at all times inside the accredited areas in the swimming stadium.

Accreditation needs to be worn from 3 until the 10<sup>th</sup> of August.

In case you lose your accreditation badge all access in accredited areas are denied. The only accessible part in the stadium will be the Accreditation Centre. There you ask for a new accreditation badge. The fine for this will be 50 euros. Please note that is not guaranteed that you can get your new accreditation badge on the same day.

### Written Press

#### *Positions on the stands*

Press will have a reserved seats on the media stands, on a first come, first serve basis. The stands will be open 30 minutes before the start of the competition and close approximately one hour after the last competition.

### Radio and Television

Radio and television broadcasters will have reserved seats on the media stands. All rights holders and non-rights holders are assigned by IPC Swimming.

### Rights holders

Rights holders requiring access to the field of play will be required to wear X coloured bibs provided to them at all times.

### Non-rights holders (ENRs)

Unless you are an approved rights holder or non-rights holder with approval to film in the mixed zone only, you will not be permitted to film in the venue.

ENRs will also be required to sign an undertaking before receiving their accreditation.

### Accessibility of the stands

The venue is wheelchair accessible via the main entrance. From there you can follow the signs 'Media' to the media stands. Upon arrival you will see that there are two levels. One is wheelchair accessible (level 1). The other seats are situated on level 2.

### Media Information Desk and Media Centre

There will be a Media Centre at the venue, but media can also work in good conditions at the media stands.

The media Information Desk and Media Centre will be open 60 minutes before the start of the competition and close approximately one hour after the last competition.

Live results will be available at [www.eindhoven2014/com.results](http://www.eindhoven2014/com.results).



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Paper copies will be available at the media information desk. Other information that is available at the desk includes: medal table, starting lists and press releases.

### Photographers

Photographers will be required to sign an undertaking before receiving their accreditation cards.

#### *Pool deck*

In addition to their accreditation the photographers have to wear a bib in order to be allowed on the pool deck and the photographers working area (PWA).

The PWA is situated close to the pool deck and will be open 30 minutes before the competition start and will close approximately one hour after the last race. At the PWA, high speed internet connections are available free of charge.

#### *Medal ceremony*

Only a few selected photographers – appointed by the photo manager – will be allowed to take pictures in front of the medal stage.

#### *Photographers meeting*

In a special meeting the photo manager will give instructions and lay out the rules and regulations (see also following table). This meeting will take place August 4<sup>th</sup>, time and place to be announced.

#### *Other rules:*

Misbehaviour against any volunteer or the photo manager will not be tolerated	Consequence: accreditation badge will be taken.
Not using the appointed photographers positions	Consequence: 1 <sup>st</sup> violation: warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> violation: accreditation badge will be taken.
Taking pictures in front of the medal stage without special BIB/sticker	Consequence: accreditation badge will be taken
Misbehavior among colleagues will not be tolerated	Consequence: 1 <sup>st</sup> violation: warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> violation: accreditation badge will be taken.
Respect the borders of the photographers positions	Consequence: 1 <sup>st</sup> violation: warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> violation: accreditation badge will be taken.
Respect for colleagues of other media	Consequence: 1 <sup>st</sup> violation: warning 2 <sup>nd</sup> violation: accreditation badge will be taken.



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Please note:

Wishes concerning photographers positions can be discussed with the photo manager. BUT the changes can only be made in between the sessions.

In case there is any doubt about the rules the photo manager will set the rules.

#### Mixed zone

All competitors are asked to exit the pool deck via the mixed zone to enable interviews with the press. The mixed zone is located next to the diving pool on the pool deck.

#### Press conferences

Press conferences will be announced on the bulletin board close to the media information desk. If possible the media will also receive an announcement by e-mail.

#### Internet

Wireless internet is available in the swimming stadium and is free of charge.

#### Catering

Water will be available at the media information desk. Other food and beverages can be bought at stands inside the swimming stadium and the cafeteria 'Swimmers' at the entrance of the event venue.



## 5. Event details

### Description

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The Pieter van den Hoogenband Swimming Stadium (national Swimming Centre) opened in March 2007 after an ambitious and comprehensive building and reconstruction activity. The Swimming Centre is unique in both the Netherlands and the rest of Europe and is ideally suited to host international top competitions and events.

The competition pool consists of a ten-lane 50m pool. For official competition eight lanes will be used and the pool will comply to FINA rules and regulations. Behind the large competition pool there is a combined diving and eight-lane 25m pool. The pool with a depth of three meters will be available for training and warming up. Below the stands on the right of stadium you will find a four-lane 50m training pool with 13 cameras which make up the Visual Training System. This system enables swimmers and their coaches to analyse the swimming technique in detail.

All pools can be accessed by stairs on each side. Electronic timing and scoreboards are permanently available. The public and press stand available has 3,000 permanent seats. On the Pool deck special athlete stand facilities will be made available.

### **Pool characteristics (Indoor)**

All pools at the National Swimming Centre Eindhoven are heated to a constant temperature  $26^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$  according to regulations. The technical installations for heating and environmental control substantiate the Eindhoven slogan 'leading in technology'. Additional measures have been taken, such as the re-usage of conditioned air from the swimming area, the energy efficient circulation pumps and other heat and energy precautions.

The national swimming centre is also the place where swimming as a "sport for every one" is stimulated and is one of Eindhoven's better known tourist and recreational facilities. The recreation area provides the unique combination of a large pool with wave machine, slides, fast flowing rapids, bubble baths, instruction and outdoor pools, diving pools. In short all branches of the swimming sport are available under one roof.

Address:  
Antoon Coolenlaan 1  
5644 RX, Eindhoven  
The Netherlands



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## 6. Organisation

### **International Paralympic Committee**

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) is the global governing body of the Paralympic Movement. The IPC organises the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games, and serves as the International Federation for nine sports, for which it supervises and co-ordinates the World Championships and other competitions, including swimming.

The IPC is committed to enabling Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and to developing sport opportunities for all persons with a impairment from the beginner to elite level. In addition, the IPC aims to promote the Paralympic values, which include courage, determination, inspiration and equality. Founded on 22 September 1989, the IPC is an international non-profit organisation formed and run by 176 National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) from five regions and four impairment specific international sports federations (IOSDs). The IPC Headquarters and its management team are located in Bonn, Germany.

Since the first Paralympic Games in Rome in 1960, swimming has been one of the main sports of the Paralympics.

More information about IPC Swimming can be found at [www.ipc-swimming.org](http://www.ipc-swimming.org).

### **Royal Dutch Swimming Federation (KNZB)**

The Royal Dutch Swimming Federation (KNZB) was founded in 1888. It is one of the largest sport associations in the Netherlands with over 150,000 members and 450 clubs. The KNZB has its headquarters in the sport association centre in Nieuwegein since July 2006 and is affiliated to the National sport association NOC\*NSF. All Paralympic and Olympic swimming sports are governed by this body.

### **Local Organising Committee: Foundation International Swimming Events (SIZE)**

A temporary organisation is responsible for the delivery of the 2014 IPC Swimming European Championships, under the direction of event director Paul van Heuvel. The foundation is also made up of project leaders with experience in the organisation of large elite level sporting events. Those responsible for these European Championships are: the Foundation International Swimming Events, the Dutch Swimming Federation (KNZB) and the city of Eindhoven. The office of SIZE is located in the Pieter van den Hoogenband Swimming Stadium.



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## 7. Background information

- General information of the Netherlands

The Netherlands is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system, and its government consists of the head of state and ministers. For historical reasons the government and parliament are in The Hague, although Amsterdam is in fact the capital. The Netherlands has a coalition government. King Willem Alexander is the Head of State.

The Netherlands is often called Holland, because of the role the two western provinces North and South Holland played in its history. This region encompasses Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and other well-known Dutch cities such as Delft, Leiden and Haarlem. However, officially, it is the Kingdom of the Netherlands, consisting of The Netherlands in Western Europe and the Caribbean territories overseas.

### *Surface and population*

Holland is quite small, the surface area is 41,528 square kilometers. The greatest distance from north to south is 300 kilometers, and from west to east 200 kilometers. Holland is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. It has a population of sixteen and a half million and an average of over 400 inhabitants per square kilometer

### *Language*

Dutch is the national language of the Netherlands. Dutch is the mother tongue of well over 21 million Dutch people and Flemish people (Dutch-speaking nationals of Belgium). In the Netherlands Antilles, Aruba and in Surinam (a former Dutch territory), Dutch is used in government institutions and in schools. Because of the historical ties, many lawyers and historians in Indonesia speak Dutch. Dutch was the basis for Afrikaans, the language spoken in South Africa. Dutch has also influenced other languages, as shipping, agriculture and hydraulic engineering terms in various languages testify.

Other fact and figures:

Main airport:	Schiphol, Amsterdam
Main seaport:	Rotterdam
Bicycles ownership:	83%
Time zone:	GMT +1
Electricity specifications:	230V, 16 amp, 2 pin euro plug
Telephone country code:	+31
Driving:	on the right
Drinking water:	excellent quality from the tap
Health:	vaccinations are not required

### The province of Noord Brabant

North Brabant is a province of the Netherlands, located in the south of the country, bordered by Belgium's Antwerp and Limburg provinces in the south, the Meuse River (Maas) in the north, Limburg in the east and Zeeland in the west.

For more information visit:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noord-Brabant>  
<http://www.brabant.nl/>





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### The city of Eindhoven

Walking through the streets of Eindhoven you will see a young, modern city. But looks can be deceiving... Eindhoven is in fact one of the oldest cities in The Netherlands and has a very interesting history! It received city rights back in 1232. A lively cigar and textile industry developed along the Dommel River. In the Villa park (city centre) you can still see the imposing villas and mansions built by industrialists who settled here.

The creation of the light-bulb in 1891 and the first DAF truck a little later was the beginning of the development and flourishing of the city. Since then Eindhoven has grown to become one of the most prominent cities of Europe in the fields of technology, knowledge and design.

Many top-class international high-tech companies are now located in Eindhoven. The Technical University, Fontys High Schools and the Design Academy continue to attract students from all over the world.

The old city centre was heavily bombarded during the Second World War and was almost completely destroyed. New buildings rose where old once stood. Much of the city's industrial heritage has luckily been preserved; these old buildings now stand in beautiful contrast to the modern architecture appearing in Eindhoven today.

Eindhoven plays a very important role in the world of design. Young designers from home and abroad come here to study at the famous Design Academy. Their final projects can be seen every year in the Graduation Gallery during Dutch Design Week in October, an international event not to be missed.

For more information visit:

<http://www.eindhoven.nl/en.htm>

### Useful information during your stay

Near the swimming stadium:

- ATM
- Hospital
- Pharmacy
- Shopping area
- Supermarket
- Taxi

Near the media hotel:

- ATM
- Hospital
- Pharmacy
- Shopping area
- Supermarket
- Taxi



## 8. Travel information

### Media hotel

Hotel Sandton Eindhoven is situated in the city centre of Eindhoven. The 3-star deluxe hotel (2.4km from the competition venue) has 40 classic rooms, 23 deluxe rooms, 3 suites and 10 comfort suites for longer stays. It also has all modern comforts. All rooms have telephone, TV, desk and bathroom with a toilet, washbasin and bath or shower. In all the rooms you can use T-Mobile wireless internet. The deluxe rooms also have air-conditioning and a number of interconnecting doors

The price of the arrangements includes:

- Breakfast and transportation

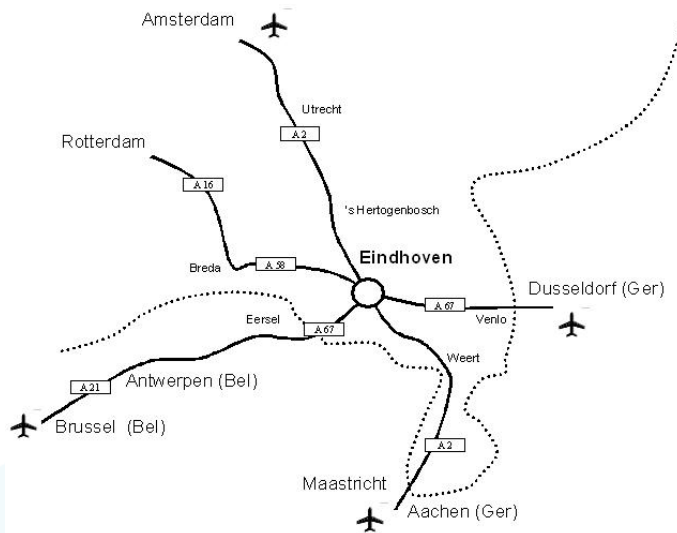
All extra costs, such as internet, telephone, lunch, dinner and (mini) bar have to be paid upon check out. Reservations will be handled on first come first serve base.

### Transport from and to the Media hotel

Transport is included for Media who booked the Media hotel via LOC / event website. Media who not booked the (media) hotel via LOC / event website have to take care of their own transport.

### Getting there

Eindhoven is easily accessible by road, rail and air.



### Transfer by Air

Amsterdam airport "Schiphol" is the most convenient connection airport. From there direct connection to Eindhoven is possible by train. Near Eindhoven you will find a small airport with limited services. Other airports are: Maastricht/Aachen, Brussels and Dusseldorf

### By public railway

NS railway station Eindhoven offers direct services to other major cities Amsterdam (& Schiphol), Rotterdam, The Hague, Utrecht and Maastricht. For more information go to: [www.ns.nl](http://www.ns.nl)



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### **Public transport**

Bus lines 17, 407 and 408 from the main NS railway station in Eindhoven take you directly to the central information point for Genneper Parken on the Antoon Coolenlaan. Please note: the departure times at the weekend are different from those during the week.

### **By car**

Genneper Parken is located alongside the A2 (Amsterdam – Utrecht and Maastricht – Aachen), A67 (Venlo – Dusseldorf (GER)), E34 motorway. When travelling by car, leave the Turnhout/Venlo (A67) motorway at exit 33, Waalre/Valkenswaard, and then follow the signs towards 'Genneper Parken'. Follow the road for approximately 500m and turn left at the first set of traffic lights. This road takes you to the spacious car park in the centre of the area.

#### **Routing on A67 from direction Eersel/Antwerpen:**

Before junction "De Hogt" please change to the right carriageway "Randweg Eindhoven (zuid)", and follow the signs exit "afrit 33 Waalre / Genneperparken". At the end of the exit go to the left direction Eindhoven Centrum, Genneperparken. After 500m turn left at the first traffic lights and you will find the large parking area at the left side.

#### **Routing on A2 / A50 from direction 's-Hertogenbosch/Tilburg / Nijmegen:**

Before junction "De Hogt" please change to the right carriageway "Randweg Eindhoven" and choose exit "Afrit 32a + 33 N2", " Randweg Eindhoven". Follow the signs exit "afrit 33 Waalre / Genneperparken". At the end of the exit go to the left "Eindhoven Centrum, Genneperparken". After 500m turn left at the first traffic lights and you will find the large parking area at the left side.

#### **Routing on A67 from direction Venlo:**

Please follow signs Exit "afrit 33 Eindhoven / Waalre / GenneperParken." At the end of the exit go to the right to "Eindhoven Centrum, Genneperparken". After 500m turn left at the first traffic lights and you will find the large parking area at the left side.

#### **Routing on A2 from direction Weert / Maastricht**

Follow the signs " Randweg Eindhoven", Exit "Afrit 33 Eindhoven / Waalre / GenneperParken.

At the end of the exit go to the right to "Eindhoven Centrum, Genneperparken". After 500m turn left, at the first traffic lights and you will find the large parking area at the left side.