

Multi Class Point Score Guidelines

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Overview

The Multi Class Point Score (MCPS) provides a simplified way for swimmers and coaches to measure and compare performances for swimmers with an eligible classification. The MCPS uses a base time in each class for each contestable event and uses a calculation to determine a matrix of times which correlate to a point score. The MCPS is used across all aspects of Multi Class athlete development, this includes but is not limited to;

- Determining Multi Class event results
- Setting qualifying standards for Multi Class events
- Setting standards and criteria for Multi Class development programs
- Setting selection standards for Para-swimming teams and squads

The MCPS supports and enables a clear, simplified and consistent pathway for classified swimmers.

Swimming Australia Ltd (SAL) may change or amend the MCPS Guidelines and associated resources at any time.

Applicable Events

Events included in the MCPS will be those recognised in the SAL Swimming Rules.

Additional events may be considered at the discretion of SAL on a case by case basis and where appropriate base times can be established.

Base times will be separated by male and female for long course and short course events.

Base Times

Base times are defined at 30 October each year and remain constant for a full 12 month period.

Base times will be published at www.swimming.org.au within one month of 30 October.

Base times are equal to the value of 1000 points. Performances exceeding the base time attract points above 1000 with performances below the base time attracting lesser points.

Base times are determined using the following priority protocol:

- Priority A:** The base time will be the official World Record as at 30 October. In the case where an Official World Record is not available the base time will be;
- Priority B:** The number one World Ranked time as at 30 October for the preceding 12 month period, if quicker than an existing base time where a number one world ranked time has been used. In the case where a number one World Ranked time is not available the base time will be;
- Priority C:** The base time of the next available preceding classification within the same classification system group. In the case where there is no next available preceding classification the base time will be;
- Priority D:** Determined by the Para Advisory Panel.

The following official published records and rankings will be utilised:

- Classes S/SB1-10:** World Para-Swimming World Records and Rankings.
- Classes S/SB11-13:** World Para-Swimming World Records and Rankings.
- Class S/SB14:** World Para-Swimming World Records and Rankings for Paralympic events* and the faster of World Para-Swimming World Records and Rankings and Inas World Records and Rankings for non-Paralympic events and Inas World Records and Rankings for events where no World Para-Swimming World Records and Rankings exist.
- Class S/SB15:** International Committee of Sports for the Deaf World Records.
- Class S/SB16:** World Transplant Games Records (fastest recorded time from all age group records).

**Paralympic events are those included in the most recently published Paralympic Games program of events.*

Point Score Formula

The points are calculated using a cubic curve. With the swim time (T) and the base time (B) in seconds, the points (P) are calculated with the following formula:

$$P = 1000 * (B / T)^3$$

The exact formula is used to calculate points from times. Then all point values are truncated to the integer number and rounded.

Non-Paralympic Event Weightings

A five percent (5%) weighting is added to long course events not included in the currently published Paralympic Games program.

When point scores for long course events are compared there are some anomalies that occur which result in a competitive advantage. This is influenced by factors such as the depth of field, (i.e. the number of competitors that participate in a respective event internationally), whether an event takes place at key championships (i.e. is it a Paralympic event) and how old the world record is.

It is therefore easier to attain a high point score in events that are not regularly contested at international level. Adjusting the base time for these events creates a fairer contest and truer recognition of performance within the Multi Class competition system.

Resources

To obtain related resources and information visit www.swimming.org.au or contact your [State or Territory Swimming Association](#).