

## **PCI Panels 2010 – Criteria for the sport of Swimming**

### ***Rationale***

The development of realistic PCI panels in the sports likely to qualify for London 2012 is required in order to:

- i. Conduct a needs analysis of the resources required to fully deliver the preparation programme.
- ii. Target resources on the athletes & sports most likely to qualify for the London Games and ultimately be successful at those Games. Essentially, to guarantee as much as possible that resources allocated to team development are in fact spent on athletes that will subsequently participate in London.
- iii. To create an aspirational goal for many athletes prior to selection for the 2012 team.
- iv. To prevent the creation of false expectation on the part of some athletes.
- v. To clearly illustrate that NGB national sports panels are separate and different to PCI Paralympic panels.

In order to fully justify an athletes' inclusion or exclusion on/from the panel, clearly definable, open and transparent criteria must be developed. The panel criteria must be set to ensure ONLY those athletes likely to be participating in London are included.

### ***Possible Criteria***

- 1) Must be nominated to PCI by Paralympic Swim Ireland (nominees must have been previously nominated to PSI panels by their NGB eg. CPSI, IBS, IWA, SI).
- 2) Achievement of Minimum Qualifying Standard (MQS) for 2010 IPC World Swimming Championships. Qualifying standard must be verifiable and acceptable to IPC as condition of entry to the Championships.
- 3) Maximum quota of athletes for 2010 camps is 10.

### ***Timelines***

#### ***November 2009:***

- Draft criteria presented to PCI Board of Directors for agreement
- PCI write to all sports requesting they apply the agreed criteria to their squad of athletes and nominate athletes to the 2010 PCI Panel

#### ***December 2009:***

- PCI approve the 2010 PCI Panels.

## *January 2010:*

- PCI write to all nominated athletes advising them of the programme of events for 2010 including the PCI Multisport Training Camps.
- Athletes requested to sign and return a copy of the “PCI Participant Rules” as the method of confirming their place on the panel.
- 2010 PCI Panel announced.

## *February 2010:*

- PCI panels invited to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 PCI Multisport Camp

## **Amendment & Review**

The criteria are subject to annual review by PCI in consultation with the nominated representative of the sport of Swimming.

The panel, once announced, is not fixed. Athletes may be added and withdrawn by PCI in consultation with nominated representative of the sport of Athletics.

## **Conditions:**

- Sports nominating athletes to PCI Panels must be in good standing with the PCI at the time of nomination in order for athletes in their sport to be included and receive support services from PCI.
- Athletes are invited to accept their place on the panel by PCI. They confirm acceptance of their place on the panel by completing and returning the PCI participant Rulebook. Panel membership is only confirmed once the completed PCI participant Rulebook has been received by PCI.
- Panel members confirming their place on the panel agree to the Anti-Doping Rules of the PCI as amended from time to time. Members of the PCI Panel are included on the “Registered Testing Pool” of PCI with the Irish Sports Council and the International Paralympic Committee.
- Non compliance with anti-doping obligations or rules will result in immediate removal from the PCI Panel. This includes, but not exclusive to, failure to comply with whereabouts information requests from PCI/ISC/IPC.
- PCI panel membership has no bearing on selection for the 2012 Irish Paralympic Team. The 2012 Irish Paralympic Team will be selected in accordance with team selection criteria to be produced by PCI in late 2011.