



Para Swimming Talent Identification Application

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Who should complete this form?

Are you/do you know a swimmer with a disability who has aspirations to progress towards a high performance standard and who meets the following criteria:

1. 10+ years of age
2. Have a physical, visual or intellectual impairment
3. Motivated to develop as a Para Swimmer

Process

- 1) Complete the form below in full
- 2) Film a 30 second clip of the swimmer in the pool performing their most favoured stroke (*it is the responsibility of the person submitting the form to gain consent from the swimmer or their parent/guardian if under the age of 18 years to film and submit the video*).
- 3) Submit the fully completed form and video to Swim Wales National Para Pathway Manager: matt.kendrick@swimming.org or 07583060339
- 4) The video and form will be reviewed by performance staff at Swim Wales
- 5) Swimmers will be given some feedback with regards to the next steps. This could include, but is not limited to:
 - Invite to the National Para Performance Centre in Swansea for further talent screening
 - Signposted to a relevant classification opportunity
 - Further development within a club environment

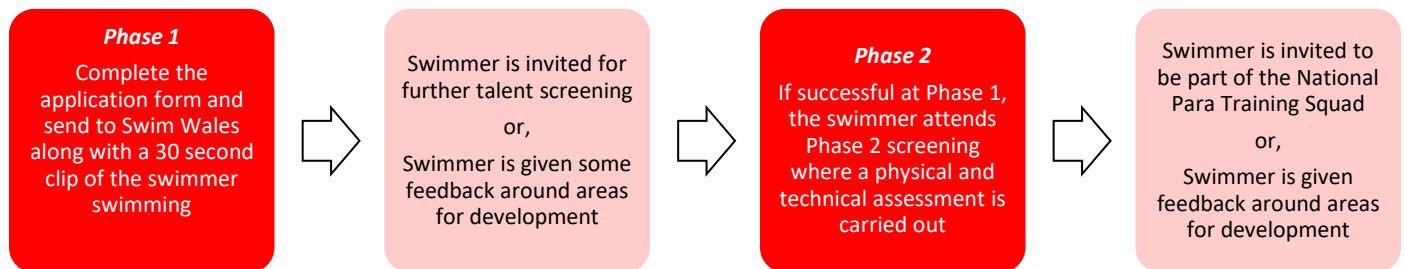
Date:		Venue/Event of assessment:	
Coach/Officer completing form: Coach/Officer contact details:		Email: Phone:	
Swimmer name:		Swimmer email: Swimmer membership number:	
Swimmer DOB:	Swimmer phone:	Swimmer's parent/guardian contact details: Email: Phone:	
Place of birth:	Postal address:	School/College/University/Work:	
Medical diagnosis:			
Degenerative / Stable / Not identifiable	Classification if known:		
How does your/their disability affect your/their swimming?	(e.g. Fatigue quickly? Which strokes can you swim? Do you need support getting in/out of the pool?)		
Preferred stroke/event:		Personal best time: (official meet or time trial)	
Frequency of training: (Sessions and hours per week)		How long have you been swimming for? (Years/Months)	
Club:		Club Coach: (if applicable)	
Club Coach contact details: (if applicable)		Aspirations within Para Swimming:	
I hereby provide consent for this information to be stored by Swim Wales in compliance with GDPR for the purposes of Talent Identification. Please tick: <input type="checkbox"/>		Signed:	

FAQ's

What is the purpose of this talent identification process?

Swim Wales Performance Team's vision is to systematically develop swimmers capable of progressing onto the British Swimming World Class Programme, and winning medals at Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic level. Through this talent screening process, we are looking to identify swimmers with disabilities with the potential to develop to the highest level of performance.

What is the talent identification process?



Para swimmer criteria?

1. 10+ years of age
2. Have a physical, visual or intellectual impairment
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We would really like to hear from people with the following: Short stature, Impaired muscle power, Loss of limb or limb deficiency, Impaired passive range of movement, Leg-length difference, Hypertonia, Ataxia, Athetosis, Visual, Intellectual.

Why do I need to complete this form and send a video?

This form and the video provides the Swim Wales performance team with the necessary information to assess whether the swimmer in question should be invited for further talent screening.

What should I expect if I am invited for a phase 2 screening?

The screening will happen at the Wales National Pool Swansea and will be alongside the Welsh National Para Performance Centre Squad. The swimmer will be assessed technically and physically by our coaching team. You will be asked to complete a series of land based movements as well as pool based drills to assess your potential. Following the phase 2 assessment the coaches provide a report to the National Para Pathway Manager and we will decide whether to invite you onto the talent pathway or provide feedback on areas to develop in your home training.

My video file is too large to send via email – what do I do?

You can send it via 'Whats App' to the National Para Pathway Manager (07583060339) referencing the swimmers full name.

What happens after I have submitted my information?

The Swim Wales performance team will meet and review the information you have provided. In this meeting, we will decide whether to invite the swimmer for a second phase of talent screening in Swansea.

How long will I have to wait to hear back from the Swim Wales Performance Team?

Once your form and video have been received, you will usually hear back from Swim Wales within 1 month. However, at busy times it may take longer.

If I submit my form and I am not invited for a second phase of screening, what happens next?

You will be informed of the decision within 1 month and given some feedback alongside some areas to work on by Swim Wales.