



SARDINIA 2024 WORLD PARA SWIMMING OPEN WATER CUP

TECHNICAL MEETING

20th September 2024



Event Management Team



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- Cristina Bianchi Chief Open Water Italian Technical Officials
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- Alessandro Tangolo Chief Referee

General



- “World Para Swimming – Rules & Regulations” (June 2023) will apply
 - PART A: “General”
 - PART B: “World Para Swimming Regulations”
 - PART C: “World Para Swimming Competition Rules”
 - 10 “General Competition Rules” (i.e.: Technical Protests, minus one rules)
 - APPENDIX 1 “OPEN WATER”

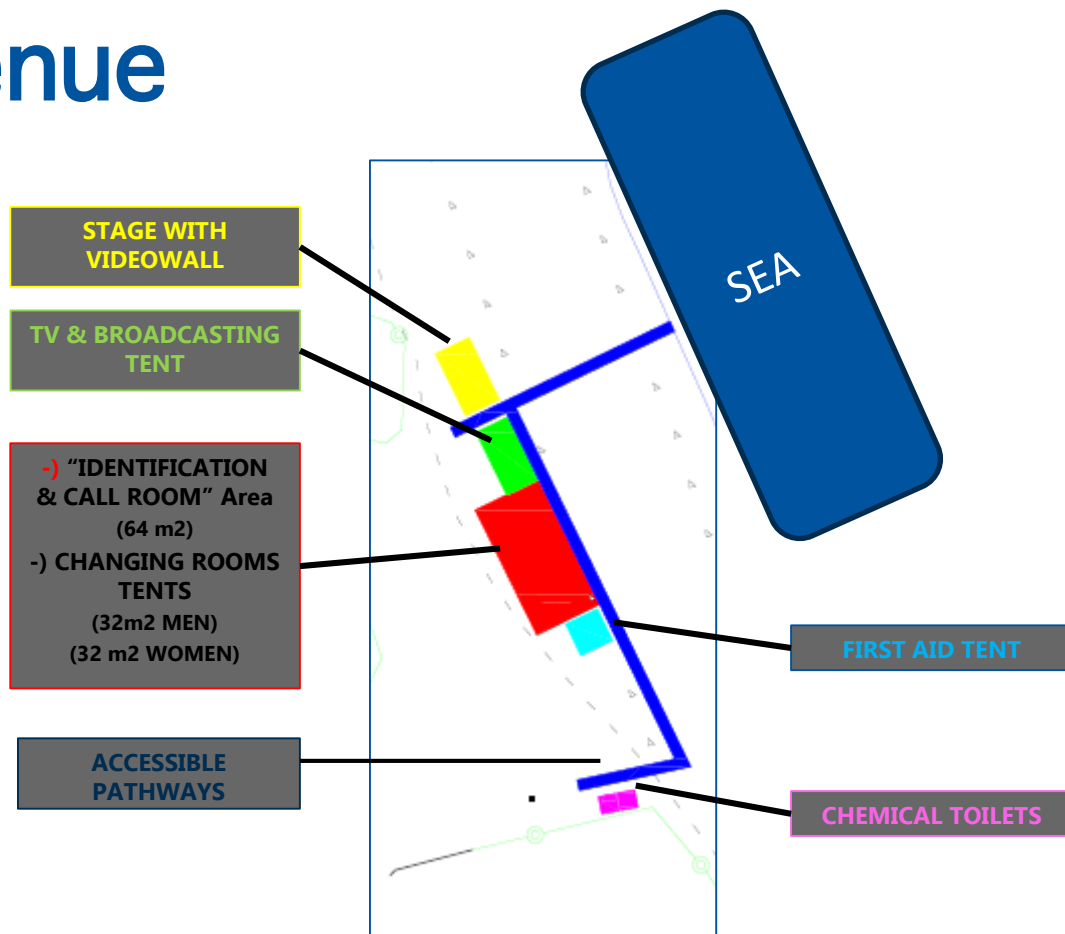
- Where there is any conflict between the Rules, then World Para Swimming Appendix 1 Open Water Rules shall apply

The Venue



- Clear and accessible pathways for para-Athletes (also wheelchair accessible) are provided
 - from road surface/shore to “Identification & Call Room” Area
 - from “Identification & Call Room” Area to Start Area
 - from Finish Area to shore
- “Identification & Call Room” Area is a covered area
- The pathways are wooden walkways which finish close to the waterline
- Chemical Toilets & Changing Rooms Tents (1 Men and 1 Women) are available
- 6 “Job (Beach) chairs” are available for wheelchair Athletes
- Expected Water Temperature (seasonal norm): between 22 and 24 °C
- Expected Air Temperature (seasonal norm): about 21 °C

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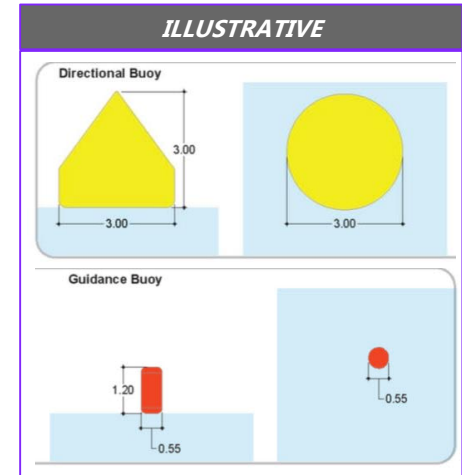
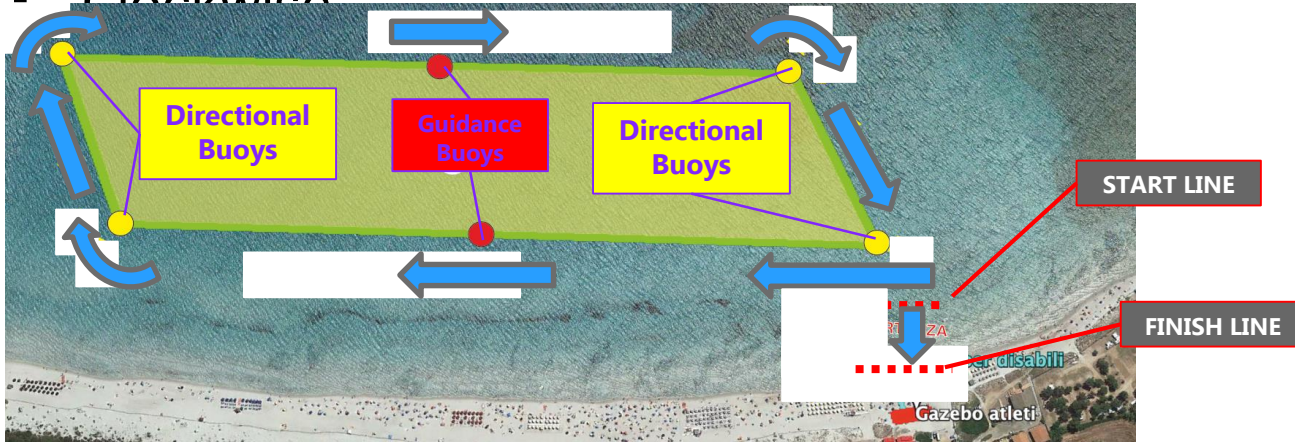
The Start



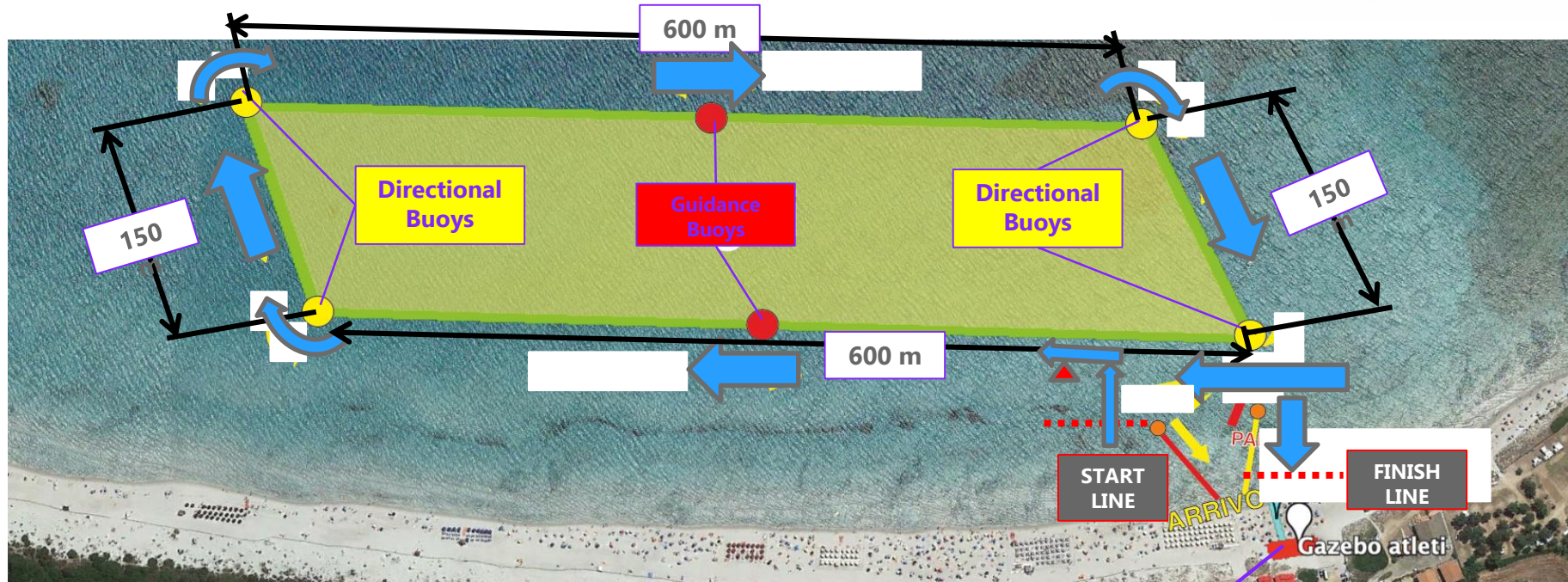
- No Starting Platform
- The Start is in the water (about 100 cm deep, sufficient to commence swimming on the start signal)
- Start line is clearly defined by a rope at water level
- Starting procedure will be as in WPS Rules

The Course

- Rectangular Course 1,5 km long
 - 1 lap for 1,5 km Event
 - 2 laps for 3 km Event
- 4 mandatory Directional Buoys (yellow) and 2 Guidance Buoys (red)
- Clockwise



The Course



- 1 lap for 1,5 km
- 2 laps for 3 km

The Finish



- The area leading to the Finish apparatus is clearly marked by rows of buoys which narrow as they get closer to the finish wall. This is the only way for Athletes to approach the Finish
- Finish wall is fixed to flotation devices, securely fastened in place so not to be moved
- Athletes must touch the Finish wall to finish the race
- Microchip Transponder is provided to Athletes (2 transponder each Athlete)
 - Athletes MUST wear the transponders throughout the race
 - If an Athlete loses a transponder, he/she must inform the nearest Technical Official to replace it
 - Any Athlete who finish the race without a transponder will be reported for disqualification
- The Finish will be video recorded

Water Quality & Hazards



- The water is normally used for “touristic swimming” and is declared swimmable by the local Authority
 - Additionally, before starting the event, water will be chemically analyzed in 3 different point of the course (i.e.: verifying Escherichia coli absence)
- Marine Life hazards (i.e.: jellyfish): since jellyfish phenomenon is influenced by
 - Sea currents
 - Climatic conditions
 - Jellyfish food availability in the waterthere is no foolproof method to predict where and when jellyfish could appear.
The L.O.C. and Local Authority monitor this issue.

Safety & Rescue Capability



- 4 Lifesaver (with torpedo equipment) on boats along the course

- First Aid Tent next to the “Identification & Call Room” Area
 - 2 Doctors
 - Paramedics First Aid Staff
 - 1 Ambulance in case of hospital transportation
 - 1 boat always ready and available for Doctor

- Chief Security Guard & Security Staff are provided

- Boats: Inflatable Boats (Canoes as additional support)

Boats along the course



ALL Boats are there principally to provide safety for all athletes

- 1 Referee Boat
- 5 Turn and Race Judge Boats
- 1 “Broom Service” Boat following the last Athlete
- 1 Medical (Doctor) Boat
- 4 Dedicated Life Saver Boats
- 1 Boat providing video coverage
- Canoes

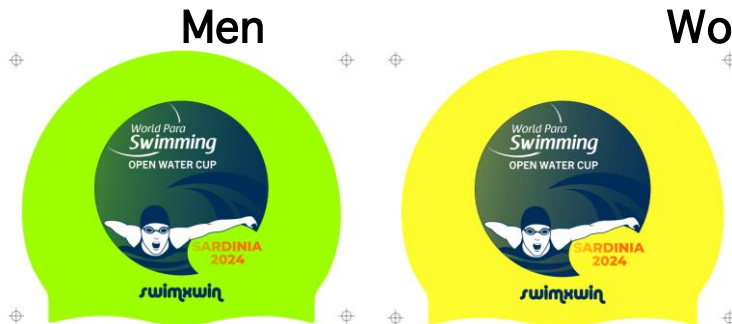
Personal inflatables marker



- Personal inflatables markers are not permitted for WPS Athlete.
- Athletes of the concurrent Italian Para Event can decide to use their own
 - NOTE: L.O.C. do not provide them
- In this case, the marker will be checked and approved in the Identification / Call Room areas by the Technical Officials:
 - size
 - safety aspects
 - to make sure no assistance is provided by them

Swimwear (1)

- “World Para Swimming Advertising Guidelines” will apply
- Caps
 - One cap is provided by the L.O.C. and it must be used during the Race



- It is permissible to wear a maximum of two (2) caps: this number includes any hair retaining device or “soul cap”.
- In the case of 2 caps use, the L.O.C. caps must be the “outside cap”
- “Inside caps” must adhere to WPS Advertising Guidelines
- *(The Caps for the Concurrent Italian Para Swimming Event are white)*

Swimwear (2)



- Swimsuit/Wetsuit:
- If Water Temp above 20°C swimsuits shall be worn which must comply with WPS rules
- If Water Temp is between 18°C and 20°C swimmers may wear either swimsuits or wetsuits
- If Water Temp is below 18°C then ALL swimmers MUST wear wetsuits
- Any modification of a wetsuit or swimsuit to accommodate an Athlete's impairment is to be brought to the World Para Swimming Technical Delegate / WPS Lead Official for consideration and approval.
- It is the responsibility of each Athlete, prior to the start of the Event to have a space/thermal blanket

Support Staff (1)



- Support Staff are only permitted to assist an Athlete if such a requirement is recorded for the Athlete in the WPS Classification Master List (CoE “A” or “T”)
 - If there is a need for an Athlete to have an additional COE the request must be made during the Technical Meeting to WPS Technical Delegate/ WPS Lead Official

- Sport Classes S11, S12 and S1 to S4 Athletes who cannot navigate the course independently, will be permitted navigational assistance (i.e., Support Staff)
 - The request to use any such assistance must be made to WPS Technical Delegate / WPS Lead Official during the Technical Meeting
 - Support Staff may be in the form of a guide paddle craft, surfboard or swimmer
 - The Athlete is responsible for arranging their Support Staff and craft if required
 - Any such Support Staff are to remain for an additional briefing

Support Staff (2) – Additional if Required



- Support Staff shall ensure their Athlete is made aware of any disqualification or infringement the Referee gives against their Athlete.
- Athlete may require Support Staff for the start of the Event
- Race Judges shall instruct any Athlete who in, in their opinion, taking unfair advantage by pacing or slip streaming with the Support Staff to move clear
- If in the opinion of the Chief Referee or Referees, any Athlete, or Athlete approved Support Staff takes advantage by committing any violation of the Rules or by making intentional contact with any Athlete, Disqualification Procedure shall apply
- If in the opinion of a Referee an action of an Athlete or Athlete's Support Staff is deemed to be "unsporting" the Referee shall disqualify the Athlete concerned immediately.
- Support Staff shall manoeuvre so as not to obstruct or place themselves directly ahead of any Athlete and not to take advantage by pacing or slip streaming.
- No whistle allowed to Support Staff
- Athletes with a Vision Impairment may be touched by their Support Staff to indicate the finish of the race.
- No support staff will be permitted afloat or in the water unless previously approved by WPS or WPS Technical Delegate / WPS Lead Official.

Identification Phase



- The following will apply
 - The numbering (marking up) of Athletes is to appear on the arms, upper backs and hands of competitors.
 - The numbering will be made by Technical Officials using black (or white if required) permanent marker pens
 - Numbering will apply also to authorized “Support Staff” / “Navigational Assistance” entering the water
 - Please DO NOT put any cream on your skin until after you have been numbered

- Operational Procedure
 - Identification closes no later than 30 minutes before the start
 - Athletes must present the Event Accreditation (*) or Identity Document
 - Nails, Caps, Swimwear (and if used personal inflatable marker) will be checked by Technical Officials.
 - The wearing of jewellery (including watches) is not permitted
 - It is not mandatory wearing Swimsuit / Wetsuit during Identification, but it is mandatory to present Swimsuit / Wetsuit that will be used by the Athlete for a preliminary check

(*) L.O.C. provides Accreditation to all Para Athletes (WPS Open Water Cup & Italian Championships)

Call Room Phase



- The following rules will apply
 - Athletes must have completed Identification Phase
 - Athletes must report to the Identification & Call Room Area no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the Start Time.
 - Athletes must present Event Accreditation (*) or Identity Document
 - The Event Accreditation (*) or Identity Document will be collected by Technical Officials and will be stored by TOs till the Finish
 - Athletes will pick up their own Event Accreditation (*) or Identity Document after finishing (or after withdrawing)
 - Only authorized “Support Staff” / “Navigational assistance” can enter in the Call Room

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Identification & Technical Briefing Time



- **ONLY 1 IDENTIFICATION PHASE**

- Identification Phase for both 1,5 km Event and 3 km Event (*): from 07:30 to 08:30
- 1,5 km Event
 - Pre-Race Safety Briefing (“Identification & Call Room” Area): 08:30
 - Start Time: 09:00
 - Time Limit: 10:00
- 3 km Event
 - Pre-Race Safety Briefing (“Identification & Call Room” Area): 10:00
 - Start Time: Men - 10:15
 - Start Time: Women - 10:20
 - Time Limit: 1 hr 30mins

(*) In case of particular needs (to be declared during Technical Meeting and approved by WPS Technical Delegate / WPS Lead Official), a TO will be available for specific Identification also between 09:00 and 09:30

In case of difficulty during the race



- In any case of difficulty call attention to the nearest boat / canoe
 - VISIBLE: Lay on Back – Lift and wave arms/upper limbs
 - AUDIBLE Call for help
- In any case of difficulty DO NOT EXIT THE COURSE WITHOUT WARNING/INFORMING Technical Officials
- PICKING UP THE ACCREDITATION / IDENTITY DOCUMENT AFTER A WITHDRAWAL IS MANDATORY

Number of Starts



Based on number of Boats on the Water and Safety & Rescue Capability.

- **1,5 km Event** (Only Para Swimming Event – WPS Open Water Cup & Italian Championship)
 - 14 Athletes (MEN + WOMEN): 1 Start

- **3 km Event** (Only Para Swimming Event – WPS Open Water Cup & Italian Championship)
 - 16 MEN: 1 Start
 - 16 WOMEN: 1 Start

Medals



To be eligible for medals an Athlete must have an International Classification Status of

- Review (R)
- Fixed Date Review (FDR)
- Confirmed (C)
- For Athlete with Status New (N) will be a separate ranking and no prize award

Medals are allocated based on the Italian Open Water Point System

- This System has been developed according to long course World Records of 200m FREESTYLE (from S3 to S6) and 400m FREESTYLE (from S7 to S14).

One set of Medals (“minus 1 rule applied”) for the following Group

- 1,5 km (S3 – S6) MEN
- 1,5 km (S3 – S6) WOMEN
- 3 km (S7-S10) - MEN
- 3 km (S7-S10) - WOMEN
- 3 km (S11-S14) - MEN
- 3 km (S11-S14) - WOMEN

Official Results on <https://www.natatoria.com>

**Thank
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