



General Information

Winter Polish Open Championships in Para Swimming

27 - 30 November 2025 - Szczecin, Poland

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1. COMPETITION INFORMATION

On behalf of the Management of Sport Club for Disabled "START" Szczecin, we are honored to invite all Para swimmers to take part in Winter Polish Open Championships in Para Swimming, which will be held in Szczecin from 27 to 30 November 2025.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will make every effort to ensure that the competition is hosted in the best possible way for all swimmers and team staff.

1.1 SUPERVISOR

Polish Sports Association for the Disabled START supported by Polish Paralympic Committee.

1.2 ORGANIZER

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Please be informed that every effort will be made to ensure that, as in previous years, the Championships will be World Para Swimming Approved Competition. The Championships are conducted in accordance with the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations.

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1.3 DATE AND PLACE OF THE EVENT

Date: 27 – 30 November 2025

Place: City Centre of Sport, Recreation and Rehabilitation “Floating Arena”

Wąska Str. 16, 71-415 Szczecin, Poland

1.4 IMPAIRMENT GROUPS

The competition is open for swimmers with physical, visual and intellectual impairment.

1.5 OFFERED EVENTS FOR BELOW SPORT CLASSES

PI	VI	II
S1-S10	S11-S13	S14
SB1-SB9	SB11-SB13	SB14
SM1-SM10	SM11-SM13	SM14

1.6 TECHNICAL INFORMATION ABOUT COMPETITION POOL

Length: 50 meters

Number of lanes: 10

Depth: 2.24 meters

Lane width: 2.50 meters

Water temperature: 28°C

Timing: Automatic

Please be informed, that the 25-meter training pool will not be available due to maintenance works.

All training sessions, warm-ups and cool-downs will take place in the competition pool according to the attached detailed championships program.

In addition there will be dedicated warm-up area outside the competition pool accessible for participants during entire event.

Training facilities will be available for the participating athletes from 26 November until the end of the competition.

All swimmers and coaches are kindly requested to follow the warm-up procedure in order to ensure a safe and high quality warm-up for all participants.

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2. REGISTRATION PROCESS

2.1 ENTRY AND CLOSING DATE

Entries to the competition must be registered using the final entry booking form until **24 October 2025**.

2.2 FINAL ENTRY BOOKING FORM

In order to make your necessary accommodation booking, and ensure transport and accreditation for your team you must submit your Final Entry Booking Form by the Final Entry Deadline (**24 October 2025**) on the LOC e-mail address: biuro@start-szczecin.pl

The Final Entry Booking Form must contain the following, fulfilled information for your team:

- Page 1: Accreditation List
- Page 2: Accommodation Booking Request
- Page 3: Transport Information

Please be informed, that applications sent after the deadline may not be accepted.

Please complete the Entry Form carefully and responsibly, as no changes will be accepted after the deadline! Teams may be charged by the LOC in case of any changes or cancellations to their entries after the deadline.

Contact details are as follows:

Organizing Committee:

Name: Karolina Węgrzyn, Patrycja Witkowska, Natalia Kołat-Kosiorek,

E-mail: biuro@start-szczecin.pl

3. ENTRY PACKAGE

3.1 BASIC ENTRY FEE

The registration fee (the Basic Entry Fee) per person (athletes & team officials) is 200 €. This cost includes:

- Entry fee for participation in the competition
- Daily transport shuttle (hotel-venue)
- Competition operation costs

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Fees must be paid to the competition office upon arrival at the competition.

3.2 CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS POLICY

Cancellations until the Final Entry Deadline (24 October 2025)	Teams are not liable to pay the basic entry fee for any cancelled participants
Cancellations between 25 October and 13 November 2025	Teams are liable to pay 50% of the basic entry fee and 50% of accommodation costs for any of cancelled participant (whole team costs in case of cancelling participation of the team)
Cancellations from 14 November 2025	Teams are liable to pay 100% of the basic entry fee and 100% of accommodation costs for any of cancelled participant (whole team costs in case of cancelling participation of the team)

The outstanding fees due to cancellation must be paid to the LOC upon arrival at the competition. In case of cancelling participation of the whole team after 25 October 2025 (and therefore when there would be no possibility for the team to pay at the LOC office), the LOC will issue an invoice to the team for payment via bank transfer.

4. ACCOMMODATION/MEALS

Please be informed, that the LOC is responsible for all reservations at the Radisson Blu Hotel, a four-star hotel adapted for people with disabilities. This Hotel has been chosen because of its excellent standard and a high-quality service. Besides, the LOC has been cooperating with this hotel since 2006 and guarantees suitable accommodation during the competition. Radisson Blu Hotel is located in the center of Szczecin, nearby the shopping center and many city attractions. Radisson Blu Hotel is also located close to the venue which allows convenient transport for all teams.

Below we present you accommodation details:

RADISSON Blu Hotel

Rodła Sq. 10

PL 70-419 Szczecin Poland

phone: +48 91 35 95 595

e-mail: reservations.szczecin@radissonblu.com

www: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-szczecin>

Please note, that this hotel is the only official hotel for the competition and no other hotels are permitted to be used by competition participants.

The accommodation fee includes full board alimentation:

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- Double room: **150 €** per person per day
- Single room: **200 €** per person per day

All accommodation fees must be paid directly to the LOC upon arrival at the competition office. The hotel will be in charge only to collect any necessary extra costs incurred during your stay (i.e. laundry, telephone, mini bar, parking etc.)

4.1 EARLIER ARRIVALS

Under standard conditions, check-in at the Radisson Blu Hotel begins at 2 p.m.

In special cases we can try to welcome organized groups earlier, subject to prior consultation with the hotel's manager. Therefore, we kindly ask you to include this information in the notes section of the Final Entry Form.

For the organization of accommodation for early arrivals and days outside of the Competition period, please contact the LOC to make additional arrangements.

4.2 WHEELCHAIR USERS

To facilitate accommodation arrangements, we kindly ask national delegations to carefully complete the Final Entry Form with information regarding wheelchair users. This information is essential for booking suitable rooms at the Hotel. Please note that the number of adapted rooms is limited.

4.3 PARKING

This information applies to guests arriving with their own transport. Please be informed, that the LOC will not refund any parking fees at the hotel. Charges should be paid directly at the Radisson Blu Hotel reception.

CAR – 55,00 PLN/day (approximately € 13/day)

BUS – 55,00 PLN/day (approximately € 13/day)

Please notice, that the entrance to the car park is 2 meters high.

4.4 MEALS INFORMATION

The Accommodation Fee includes breakfast, lunch and dinner during the following period:

- First Meal – depending on the arrival time
- the Last Meal – depending on the departure time

Teams will be provided with meals prepared respectively as much as it would be possible depending on their arrival/departure time.

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Time of meals:

According to the competition schedule.

5. TRANSPORT

5.1 TRANSPORT AT COMPETITION

We pleasantly inform, that the LOC provides transportation adapted also for wheelchair users during the competition between the hotel and the venue (which is located two kilometers from the Radisson Blu Hotel). Buses will be operating according to the transportation schedule.

5.2 TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORTS

Please find below suggested airports to travel to Szczecin:

Goleniów Airport – Poland

The nearest International Airport is Szczecin Airport (well known as Goleniów Airport - which is located 50 kilometers away from the City Centre of Szczecin).

BUS/CAR SIZE	ONE-WAY (Szczecin-Goleniów-Szczecin)	TWO-WAYS (2x Szczecin-Goleniów-Szczecin)
8-people van	200 €	350 €

Berlin Brandenburg Airport – Germany

Another choice is to take flight connection to Berlin Airport (Germany) - which is located 180 km away from Szczecin.

Transfers for the teams arriving to Berlin or other airports can be provided with additional cost as follows:

BUS/CAR SIZE	ONE-WAY (Szczecin-Berlin-Szczecin)	TWO-WAYS (2x Szczecin-Berlin-Szczecin)
8-people van	400 €	700 €

The team must notify the LOC regarding their arrival and departure details by the final entry deadline (**24 October 2025**). Transfers cannot be guaranteed for information sent after this date.

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6. COMPETITION DETAILS

6.1 TRAINING

A full training schedule will be prepared after the LOC receives all entries. It will be distributed to all participating teams one week before the competition.

6.2 DOPING CONTROL

According to *The World Anti-Doping Code*, doping control can be conducted during the competition. Polish Commission Against Doping in Sport will be overseeing the process and will be responsible for the sample collection.

6.3 AWARDS

Individual events will be conducted as “point system multiple class events” with final rankings determined according to the 2025 World Para Swimming Point Scores. Medals will be awarded only to athletes who hold a valid World Para Swimming Athlete License, have been internationally classified and assigned a Sport Class (other than not Eligible (NE)) as listed in WPS SDMS.

Relay events will be conducted as “single class events” (the final ranking based on time). Event no. 29 will be opened to swimmers with all disabilities (without point limits), however, only one athlete with a S14/SB14/SM14 class may be included in the relay team. Medals will be awarded to all teams and athletes, regardless of national or international classification.

Medals in all the events will be awarded following the “-1 rule”.

At the individual request of the Team Leader, it is possible to issue a certificate for each athlete confirming their achieved results.

6.4 WORLD PARA SWIMMING LICENSE

Only athletes holding an active World Para Swimming license will be considered for the World Para Swimming rankings and record lists.

6.5 CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

Winter Polish Open Championships in Para Swimming will be conducted according to the World Para Swimming Rules and Regulations valid at the time of the competition.

During the competition, events from the Paralympic Games program will be contested. If you wish to register additional athlete starts as exhibition starts, please contact the LOC.

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6.6 VISA

In case your delegation will need to get Visas, below we present the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Poland where you can find more information:
<https://www.gov.pl/web/diplomacy/visas>

For those needing a visa, a letter of invitation can be provided by the LOC upon receipt of a duly completed *Visa Support Request Letter* containing the following details:

- Full name as in passport
- Function within the team
- Passport number
- Passport expiry date
- Photocopy of the passport (text must be clearly visible)

6.7 INSURANCE

Please note, that all participants (athletes and team officials) attending this event must ensure they have the appropriate personal, medical and travel insurance, as the LOC will not indemnify individual claims.

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