



Technical Regulations

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1. EVENT STATUS

1.1 Event Authority

The European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) Swimming competition is organised under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

The sport-specific organisation and technical supervision shall be conducted by the EDSO Sport Director Swimming in cooperation with the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

The LOC shall be responsible for venue operations, logistics, scheduling, and on-site organisation.

All technical and regulatory authority remains with EDSO.

1.2 Event Type / Sport Status

EDYG Swimming is a youth development competition.

It is designed to:

- promote participation in international Deaf sport,
- support athlete development,
- provide competitive experience for young athletes,
- and encourage long-term engagement in Swimming.

EDYG Swimming is not an elite championship and does not serve as a qualification event for ICSD competitions, World Deaf Championships or Deaflympics.

1.3 Event Level

EDYG Swimming is conducted at the continental youth level under EDSO authority. It constitutes an official European youth competition for Deaf athletes.

1.4 Sport Classification

Swimming is classified as an individual sport.

In addition to individual events, the competition includes relay events, provided that the minimum participation requirements are met.

1.5 Competition Categories

The following categories may be organised:

- Boys
- Girls

Mixed relay events (2 male + 2 female athletes) may be organised if the minimum participation

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criteria are fulfilled.

1.6 Qualification Competitions

No qualification competitions are required for EDYG Swimming.

Participation is based on open entry, subject to the limits defined in these Technical Regulations.

1.7 Advancement Pathways

The EDYG Swimming competition does not serve as a qualification event for:

- European Deaf Championships (EDC)
- World Deaf Championships
- World Deaf Youth Games
- Deaflympics

The competition serves exclusively as a developmental and educational platform.

1.8 Ranking, Seeding and Cycle Systems

Results from EDYG Swimming do not form part of any official ICSD ranking system.

EDSO may, where appropriate, use results for internal youth development tracking and seeding purposes in future youth competitions.

No automatic ranking points or advancement rights shall apply unless explicitly stated.

2. PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Invitation / Nomination

Participation in the EDYG Swimming competition is subject to official nomination.

All National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs) in good standing with EDSO are entitled to nominate athletes for participation.

Only athletes duly nominated by their respective NDSF are eligible to compete.

Entries may only be submitted by authorised representatives of the respective NDSFs.

2.2 Eligibility

Participation in the competition is restricted to athletes who fulfil all eligibility requirements defined by EDSO and ICSD.

All athletes must:

- hold a valid ICSD athlete registration number,

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- be registered with a National Deaf Sports Federation recognised by ICSD,
- possess a valid and ICSD-recognised audiogram in accordance with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

Athletes without a valid ICSD ID and recognised audiogram are not eligible to compete.

2.2.1 Hearing Eligibility

Participation is restricted to athletes who are deaf and/or hard of hearing.

All athletes must comply with the ICSD Audiogram Regulations.

A minimum hearing loss of 55 dB in the better ear is required.

Audiograms shall be verified in accordance with the applicable ICSD procedures.

The use of hearing aids, cochlear implants or similar hearing devices is prohibited in the Restricted Zone.

2.2.2 Age Eligibility

EDYG Swimming is a youth-level competition.

Age eligibility is defined by year of birth, not by exact date of birth.

The following age categories apply:

Category	Year of Birth
Boys U16	2011 - 2014
Boys U19	2008 – 2010
Girls U16	2011 - 2014
Girls U19	2008 – 2010

The exact grouping into competitions depends on the number of registered athletes and shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

EDSO reserves the right to merge or adapt age categories if required to ensure meaningful competition.

All athletes who are sixteen (16) years of age or younger must obtain written permission from their parents or legal guardians and, where applicable, from their educational authorities.

2.2.3 Compliance

Only athletes who comply with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDYG General Provisions (Part I1),
- and the present Technical Regulations

are eligible to participate.

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2.3 Number of Teams

Not applicable.
(Swimming is an individual sport with relay events.)

2.4 Qualified Teams / Athletes

Participation in EDYG Swimming is based on open entry.

No qualification tournaments are required.
If the number of registered athletes exceeds the operational capacity of the event, EDSO may introduce:

- quota systems,
- entry caps per NDSF,
- or prioritisation criteria.

Any such measures shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.5 Maximum Number of Athletes and Team Officials per NDSF

2.5.1 Athletes

There is no overall numerical limit on the total number of swimming athletes that a National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may register and accredit for the EDYG Swimming competition.

Participation limits apply only at discipline and event level, as defined in Article 2.6.

2.5.2 Team Officials

In addition to the registered athletes, each National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may accredit team officials in accordance with its own organisational needs.

For EDYG Swimming events, no fixed maximum number of team officials per delegation is prescribed. The composition and number of team officials (e.g. coaches, head of delegation, medical staff, support personnel) shall be determined at the discretion of the respective NDSF, subject to overall event capacity and accreditation policies.

The final confirmation of accredited team officials, including categories, numbers and access rights, shall be determined by the Organising Committee and communicated via the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

2.6 Number of Athletes per Discipline / Event

Within the overall participation framework, the following limits apply:

Individual Events

- Maximum two (2) athletes per NDSF per individual discipline (e.g. 50 m Freestyle, 100 m Backstroke).

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Relay Events

- Maximum one (1) relay team per NDSF per relay event

Mixed Relay Events

- Maximum one (1) mixed relay team per NDSF
(2 male + 2 female athletes per team)

The same athlete may not compete twice within the same relay event.

The limits per discipline/event do not restrict the total number of athletes accredited by an NDSF.

2.7 Number of Reserves / Substitutes

NDSFs may nominate reserve athletes.

All reserve athletes must:

- be included on the Provisional and/or Final Name List, and
- comply fully with eligibility requirements.

Reserve athletes are subject to the same discipline and event limits defined in Article 2.6.

No reserve athlete may compete unless formally activated in accordance with these Technical Regulations.

2.8 Competition Entry Standards

No minimum performance standards apply.

EDYG Swimming is a development-oriented competition.

2.9 Competition Entry Rules

Only an authorised representative of each NDSF is allowed to submit entries.

All entries must be submitted using the official EDSO forms or platforms.

2.10 Non-Starting Athletes (DNS / No-Show)

A fine of EUR 30 shall be levied on each non-starting athlete.

This fine shall not apply if the athlete submits a medical certificate or a doctor's declaration stating that he/she is not allowed to start.

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3. ENTRIES & REGISTRATION

3.1 Entry Procedure

Entries for EDYG Swimming shall be submitted exclusively by the National Deaf Sports Federations (NDSFs).

All entries must be submitted using the official EDSO registration forms or platforms.

Entries shall be sent to the EDSO Sport Director Swimming, with a copy to the EDSO Representative and the Organising Committee.

3.2 Entry Phases

EDYG Swimming follows the standard multi-phase entry system for individual sports.

Due to the youth-development character of the EDYG, flexibility may be applied within the defined framework.

The following phases apply:

Phase 1 – Preliminary (Form 1)

NDSFs shall submit a non-binding preliminary entry indicating their intention to participate and the expected number of athletes.

Standard deadline: **30 June 2025**

This phase serves to:

- estimate participation numbers,
- support scheduling and court allocation,
- enable early planning of age categories and formats.

Phase 2 – Final Entry (Form 2)

NDSFs shall submit the number of athletes entered per individual discipline and per relay event.

A maximum of two (2) athletes per NDSF per individual discipline and one (1) relay team per relay event applies.

Standard deadline: **16 January 2026**

Special EDYG provision for Swimming:

At Phase 2, an NDSF may initially register:

- 0, 1 or 2 athletes per individual discipline, and
- 0 or 1 relay team per relay event.

An increase:

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- from 0 → 1 or 0 → 2 athletes, or
- from 1 → 2 athletes, and
- from 0 → 1 relay team

is permitted until Phase 3, in order to allow the late identification of talented youth athletes.

After Phase 3, no further increases shall be permitted.

Phase 3 – Provisional Name List (Form 3)

NDSFs shall submit a provisional and extended list of athletes, including reserve athletes.

Standard deadline: **16 May 2026**

This phase serves for:

- verification of eligibility,
- age category confirmation,
- discipline allocation,
- relay composition planning,
- safeguarding and supervision planning

Phase 4 – Final Name List (Form 4)

NDSFs shall submit the final and binding list of athletes.

Standard deadline: **16 July 2026**

Only athletes included on the Final Name List are eligible to compete, unless replacement rules apply.

3.3 Entry Limits

Entry limits per NDSF, discipline or event may apply.

For EDYG Swimming, the following principles apply:

- No overall limit on the total number of athletes per NDSF,
- Maximum two (2) athletes per NDSF per individual discipline,
- Maximum one (1) relay team per NDSF per relay event,
- Maximum one (1) mixed relay team per NDSF.

These limits refer exclusively to athletes and do not include coaches, officials, interpreters or support staff.

No fixed maximum number is imposed on the total number of non-athlete delegation members per NDSF.

However, the number of coaches and officials allowed in the field of play, competition area or restricted zones shall be limited and regulated in accordance with the sport-specific competition rules.

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All additional delegation members may only access spectator areas or non-restricted zones.

3.4 Reserve Athletes

Reserve athletes may be designated within the submitted name lists.

Reserve athletes do not increase the maximum number of athletes permitted per discipline or relay event.

Any activation of a reserve athlete must be approved by the Technical Committee.

3.5 Late Entries & Changes

Late entries, changes after deadlines or exceptional modifications require explicit approval by EDSO.

Such approvals shall only be granted in justified youth-development cases.

3.6 Non-Start, Withdrawal & Penalties

A fine of EUR 30 shall be levied for each non-starting athlete (DNS).

This fine shall not apply if the athlete submits an official medical certificate or a doctor's declaration confirming that he or she is not allowed to start.

Additional sanctions may apply in accordance with the EDSO Schedule of Fees.

3.7 Maximum Numbers of Teams and/or Athletes

The maximum number of athletes admitted to EDYG Swimming may be limited for organisational, scheduling or safeguarding reasons.

If necessary, restrictions shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

3.8 Accreditation Fees

Participation in the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) is subject to an accreditation fee payable to EDSO.

Unless otherwise specified in the sport-specific Technical Regulations, an accreditation fee of EUR 30 per person shall apply for:

- athletes,
- coaches,
- team officials,
- team leaders,
- physiotherapists,
- interpreters,
- and any other accredited delegation members.

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This accreditation fee is payable to EDSO and is mandatory for all persons accredited for participation in EDYG events.

3.8.1 Sport-Specific Exception – Beach Volleyball

For EDYG Beach Volleyball, the following exception applies:

- An accreditation fee of EUR 50 per pair shall apply for each competing beach volleyball pair (two athletes together).
- This pair-based accreditation fee replaces the individual athlete fee for beach volleyball athletes only.

All non-athlete delegation members (coaches, officials, interpreters, etc.) remain subject to the standard EUR 30 per person accreditation fee.

3.8.2 Local Organising Committee (LOC) Fees

Any additional fees charged by the Local Organising Committee (LOC), including but not limited to accommodation, meals, transport or local services, are not included in the EDSO accreditation fee.

Such LOC-related fees shall be invoiced separately by the LOC and are governed exclusively by the event-specific participation package.

4. COMPETITION RULES

4.1 Governing Rules

All EDYG Swimming competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the World Aquatics (formerly FINA) Swimming Rules in their valid version.

Where necessary, adaptations may be applied to reflect the youth-development character of the EDYG.

In case of conflict between World Aquatics rules and these Technical Regulations, these EDYG Swimming Technical Regulations shall prevail.

4.2 Deaf-Specific Adaptations

The following deaf-specific adaptations shall apply:

- Visual starting signals (e.g. light signals) are mandatory. Audible start signals may supplement the visual signals.
- Referees and officials shall ensure that all instructions are clearly visible.
- Written or visual announcements may be used for scheduling and calls.
- Match supervision shall take into account communication accessibility.

Any further sport-specific adaptations shall be announced at the Technical Meeting

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4.3 Competition Format

The competition format for EDYG Swimming shall be based on heats and, where applicable, finals, in accordance with World Aquatics rules.

Depending on the number of registered athletes, the competition may include:

- heats only,
- heats with finals, or
- timed finals.

The final format for each discipline shall be determined after the close of entries and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

The objective is to ensure fair competition, manageable schedules and meaningful participation for all youth athletes.

4.4 Field of Play & Equipment

All competitions shall be conducted in a 50-metre indoor swimming pool.

Competition venue:

Stadionbad Hannover
Robert-Enke-Straße 5
30169 Hannover

The pool, starting blocks, lane ropes, timing systems and all technical installations must comply with World Aquatics standards.

Only World Aquatics-approved swimsuits and equipment may be used.

4.5 Equipment Control / Verification

Equipment checks may be conducted before or during the competition.

Athletes are responsible for ensuring that:

- swimsuits comply with World Aquatics regulations,
- no prohibited equipment is used,
- all identification requirements are respected.

Non-compliant equipment may result in disqualification from the respective event.

4.6 Youth-Specific Provisions

Due to the youth-development character of the EDYG, the following provisions apply:

- limits on the number of starts per athlete per session may be applied,
- adequate rest periods between races shall be ensured,
- session lengths shall be adapted to youth athletes,
- athlete welfare, hydration and medical supervision shall be prioritised.

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Any youth-specific adaptations shall be communicated in advance and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

5. EVENT PROGRAMME

5.1 Disciplines / Events Offered

All events are subject to age category application as defined in Article 2.2.2.

The following disciplines and events shall be offered in EDYG Swimming, subject to the minimum participation requirements being met.

All events are conducted separately for:

- Boys
- Girls

unless otherwise specified.

5.1.1 Individual Events

Freestyle

- 50 m Freestyle
- 100 m Freestyle
- 200 m Freestyle
- 400 m Freestyle
- 800 m Freestyle (Girls only)
- 1500 m Freestyle (Boys only)

Backstroke

- 50 m Backstroke
- 100 m Backstroke
- 200 m Backstroke

Breaststroke

- 50 m Breaststroke
- 100 m Breaststroke
- 200 m Breaststroke

Butterfly

- 50 m Butterfly
- 100 m Butterfly
- 200 m Butterfly

Individual Medley

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- 200 m Individual Medley
- 400 m Individual Medley

5.1.2 Relay Events

Single-Gender Relay Events

- 4 × 100 m Freestyle Relay
- 4 × 200 m Freestyle Relay
- 4 × 100 m Medley Relay

Each relay team consists of four (4) athletes of the same gender.

5.1.3 Mixed Relay Events

The following mixed relay events may be organised:

- 4 × 100 m Mixed Freestyle Relay (2 female + 2 male athletes)
- 4 × 100 m Mixed Medley Relay (2 female + 2 male athletes)

Each mixed relay team consists of two (2) female and two (2) male athletes.

5.2 Confirmation of Programme

The final event programme shall be confirmed after the completion of the final entry phase (Form 2).

The Organising Committee, in cooperation with the EDSO Sport Director Swimming, shall determine:

- which events will be conducted,
- whether all listed distances can be offered,
- and the final structure of the competition programme.

The confirmed programme shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

5.3 Timetable

The EDYG Swimming competitions are scheduled within the official EDYG event period:

17–23 August 2026

The swimming competition days are planned as follows:

17–22 August 2026

The exact number of competition days and daily schedules shall depend on the number of registered athletes, disciplines and relay events.

The provisional and final timetables shall be:

- published on the official event website www.dg-sportjugend.de/de/edyg-2026, and

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- confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

5.4. Minimum Participation Requirements

Where minimum participation requirements are not met, events may be cancelled or age categories may be merged (e.g. U16 and U19) in order to ensure fair and meaningful competition.

Any such adjustments shall be communicated in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

Competitions shall only be conducted if the following minimum participation criteria are met:

5.4.1 Individual Events

- At least four (4) athletes per event,
- From at least two (2) different countries.

5.4.2 Relay Events

- At least four (4) relay teams,
- Representing at least four (4) different countries.

If the minimum requirements are not met, the respective event may be cancelled or merged with another age category, where appropriate.

5.5. Competition System and Formats

All swimming events shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable swimming rules.

Depending on the number of entries, events may be conducted using:

- heats and finals,
- timed finals,
- or combined formats.

The applicable format for each event shall be determined after the close of entries and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

5.6. Programme Adjustments

EDSO reserves the right to adapt the competition programme in order to ensure:

- meaningful competition,
- athlete safety,
- appropriate workload for youth athletes,
- and operational feasibility.

Possible adjustments include:

- cancellation of events,
- merging of age categories,

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- modification of distances,
- or timetable adjustments.

All changes shall be communicated to the participating NDSFs without delay.

6. TECHNICAL MEETING

6.1 General Provisions

A Technical Meeting shall be held prior to the start of the EDYG Swimming competitions.

The Technical Meeting serves as the official forum for:

- confirmation of entries and athlete eligibility,
- clarification of competition rules and procedures,
- presentation of technical and organisational information,
- explanation of the event programme and timetable,
- addressing questions from participating delegations,
- and the adoption of binding technical decisions.

All decisions taken at the Technical Meeting shall be binding for the competition.

6.2 Date, Time and Location

The date, time and location of the Technical Meeting shall be determined by EDSO and the Organising Committee.

Date - Time		Location
TBA	First Technical Meeting	TBA
TBA	Second Technical Meeting	TBA

This information shall be published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin and communicated to all participating National Deaf Sports Federations.

6.3 Attendance

Each participating National Deaf Sports Federation (NDSF) may send up to two officials, at least one of whom must be deaf. In addition, a maximum of one interpreter may accompany the country if the second official is not deaf.

6.4 Chair and Organisation

The Technical Meeting shall be chaired by the EDSO Sport Director Swimming or by a person designated by EDSO.

The Organising Committee and the Sports Liaison Officer (SLO) shall support the organisation of the Technical Meeting, including:

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- room booking,
- provision of interpretation,
- distribution of documents,
- and preparation of attendance lists.

6.5 Languages and Accessibility

The official working language of the Technical Meeting shall be English. International Sign Language (ISL) interpretation shall be provided.

All important information shall be communicated in a visually accessible manner.

6.6 Agenda and Content

The agenda of the Technical Meeting shall normally include:

- confirmation of participating delegations,
- confirmation of athlete eligibility,
- explanation of the competition format and session structure,
- explanation of applicable swimming rules and EDYG-specific adaptations,
- lane allocation and heat procedures,
- relay entry confirmation procedures,
- training and warm-up arrangements,
- protest procedures,
- safety and medical information,
- and any other relevant technical matters.

6.7 Binding Effect of Decisions

All technical clarifications and decisions made during the Technical Meeting shall be binding. Delegations are responsible for informing their athletes accordingly.

7. TRAINING & WARM-UP

7.1 Official Training

Official training sessions may be organised prior to the start of the EDYG Swimming competitions.

The availability, duration and structure of official training sessions shall depend on:

- venue availability,
- pool operating hours,
- competition schedule,
- number of participating athletes,
- and organisational feasibility.

Participation in official training sessions is optional unless explicitly stated otherwise.

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7.2 Training Schedule

The official training schedule shall be determined by the Organising Committee in coordination with EDSO.

For EDYG Swimming, the following applies:

- Training period: TBA
- Daily time slots: TBA
- Venue: Stadionbad Hannover, Robert-Enke-Straße 5, 30169 Hannover

The detailed training schedule shall be published on the official event website and/or in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

7.3 Warm-Up Areas

Warm-up procedures shall be organised to ensure athlete safety and fair preparation conditions.

Warm-up may include:

- in-water warm-up sessions,
- controlled lane allocation,
- time-based access to the pool.

Athletes must follow all instructions given by officials and pool staff during warm-up periods.

7.4 Restricted Zone

The Restricted Zone includes:

- the competition pool,
- designated warm-up lanes,
- starting areas,
- athlete waiting zones,
- and any other areas designated by the Technical Committee.

Within the Restricted Zone:

- the use of hearing aids, cochlear implants or similar hearing devices is prohibited,
- all applicable ICSD and EDSO hearing device regulations apply.

The boundaries of the Restricted Zone shall be clearly marked and communicated to all delegations.

7.4.1 Hearing Devices

The use of any hearing device(s), amplification systems or external cochlear implant parts is strictly forbidden within the Restricted Zone.

For EDYG Swimming, the Restricted Zone applies from the moment athletes enter:

- the pool deck,

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- starting areas,
- warm-up lanes,
- and competition lanes,

and remains in effect throughout the entire warm-up and competition period.

7.4.2 Violation and Penalty

When this rule is violated, the athlete shall be immediately disqualified from the respective event.

Further sanctions may apply in accordance with the [ICSD Audiogram Regulations](#), 8: Violations and Penalties.

8. CHECK-IN / CALL ROOM

8.1 Procedures

Check-in procedures shall apply for all EDYG Swimming competitions.

All athletes must report to the designated check-in and/or call area prior to their scheduled race in order to:

- confirm their presence,
- verify identity and accreditation,
- confirm eligibility,
- receive last-minute technical instructions,
- and ensure the orderly conduct of the competition.

A Call Room system may be applied in accordance with swimming competition practice and venue requirements.

8.2 Timing

The timing of check-in and call procedures, including:

- first call,
- last call,
- reporting deadlines,

shall be communicated:

- at the Technical Meeting, and
- in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

Failure to report within the prescribed time limits may result in:

- disqualification,
- DNS (Did Not Start),
- or loss of the right to compete in the respective event,

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in accordance with the applicable competition rules.

8.3 Substitution & Replacement

Substitution and replacement rules shall be governed by:

- the entry phase regulations (Chapter 3),
- the eligibility rules (Chapter 2),
- and the youth safeguarding principles of EDYG.

Once the final name list deadline has passed, replacements shall only be permitted:

- for medical reasons,
- in case of injury,
- or for other exceptional circumstances,

and must be approved by the Technical Committee.

Failure to appear in time at check-in may result in DNS.

8.4 Swimming-Specific Provisions

For EDYG Swimming, the following sport-specific procedures apply:

- Athletes must report to the Call Room or designated check-in area in accordance with the published schedule.
- Athletes shall present themselves without hearing devices or prohibited equipment.
- Lane assignments and heat composition shall be based on the official start lists.
- Athletes must follow the instructions of referees, starters and technical officials at all times.
- Athletes must report to the Call Room or designated check-in area in accordance with the published schedule

8.4.1 Event Overlaps and Waiting Procedures

In the case that an athlete is entered in multiple events scheduled close together:

- reasonable waiting times may be granted,
- the Referee or Technical Committee shall decide on necessary adjustments,
- athlete safety and recovery shall be prioritised.

Repeated or unjustified failure to report may result in DNS or further sanctions.

8.4.2 Failure to Appear

If an athlete fails to appear after the final call:

- the athlete shall be marked as DNS,
- the respective event entry shall be forfeited,
- and applicable penalties may apply in accordance with EDSO regulations.

9. PROTESTS & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

9.1 Protests

All protests must be submitted in writing within the prescribed time limits. For EDYG Swimming, the following procedures apply:

9.1.1 Lodging a Protest

All sport-related protests shall be resolved in accordance with:

- the applicable World Aquatics (FINA) Rules,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- these EDYG Swimming Technical Regulations.

Any official protest must:

- be submitted in writing in English,
- be completed on the Official EDSO Protest Form,
- be submitted to the EDSO Sport Director Swimming,
- be accompanied by a protest deposit of EUR 100,
- be submitted within 30 minutes after the official posting of the relevant results.

9.1.2 Classification of Protests

The EDSO Sport Director Swimming shall determine whether a protest is:

- sport-related (technical, rules, judging, competition procedures), or
- eligibility-related (athlete status, age, registration, compliance).

Sport-related protests shall be reviewed by the Protest Committee.

Eligibility-related protests shall be referred to EDSO for decision.

9.1.3 Protest Deposit

The protest deposit shall be returned only if the protest is upheld. If the protest is rejected, the deposit shall be retained.

9.2 Disciplinary Bodies

For EDYG Swimming, the following disciplinary and adjudication bodies may be appointed:

9.2.1 Technical Committee

The Technical Committee shall be responsible for the technical organisation and supervision of the competition.

It shall normally be composed of:

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EDSO Sport Director Swimming (Chair)	TBA
EDSO Representative	Burcu Piskin
World Aquatics / nationally licensed Head Referee	TBA
Deaf Representative	TBA
Sport Liaison Officer	TBA

The final composition shall be confirmed in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

9.2.2 Protest Committee

A Swimming Protest Committee shall be established.

It shall normally consist of:

EDSO Representative (Chair – no Voting Rights)	Burcu Piskin
EDSO Sport Director Swimming	TBA
World Aquatics / nationally licensed Head Referee	TBA

The Protest Committee shall adjudicate all sport-related protests.

9.3 Protest Review and Decision Procedure

9.3.1 Procedure for Reviewing a Protest

The Protest Committee shall meet at a location and time determined by the Chair of the committee.

Unless otherwise stated, the following rules apply:

- The EDSO Representative shall chair the meeting.
- The Sport Liaison Officer (SLO) shall arrange the meeting room and interpretation.
- The SLO shall notify all committee members of the time and location.
- The EDSO Sport Director Swimming shall liaise with the relevant competition officials.
- The SLO shall inform the hosting Deaf Sport Federation.
- The EDSO Sport Director Swimming shall inform the EDSO Executive Board of the protest and the decision.

9.3.2 Decision Authority

All sport-related protest decisions taken by the Protest Committee are binding for the competition.

EDSO retains final authority in all disciplinary and eligibility matters.

9.3.3 Unforeseen Cases

In cases not covered by these regulations, the Protest Committee shall decide.

If the Protest Committee is not available, the EDSO Sport Director Swimming shall make a provisional decision, subject to later confirmation.

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9.4 Penalties and Financial Sanctions

For EDYG Swimming, no separate sport-specific financial penalty catalogue applies beyond the provisions of:

- the World Aquatics Rules,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- and the EDSO Schedule of Fees.

Sanctions may include, depending on the nature and severity of the violation:

- warnings,
- disqualification from an event,
- exclusion from the competition,
- referral to EDSO disciplinary bodies.

Financial penalties apply only where explicitly defined by EDSO (e.g. withdrawal, no-show, or entry-related fees).

10. AWARDS & CEREMONIES

10.1 Location and Procedure of Award Ceremonies

The location, timing and procedure of award ceremonies shall be determined by the Organising Committee and published in the Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

Award ceremonies shall normally take place at or near the competition venue.

10.2 Medals

For EDYG Swimming, medals shall be awarded as follows:

- Gold medal for 1st place
- Silver medal for 2nd place
- Bronze medal for 3rd place

Only one bronze medal shall be awarded per individual event.

In case of a tie, where two or more athletes achieve identical official times, the respective placing shall be shared.

All tied athletes shall receive the same medal. No additional swim-off or tie-breaking procedure shall be applied.

10.2.1 Individual Events

For individual swimming events:

- one (1) medal per placing shall be awarded,
- medals shall be awarded separately for each age category and gender, where applicable.

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10.2.2 Relay Events

For relay events:

- each member of the medal-winning relay team shall receive one medal,
- a maximum of four (4) medals per team shall be awarded per relay event,
- mixed relay teams shall receive medals under the same principles.

No additional bronze medals shall be awarded.

Coaches, team officials, medical staff or other delegation members are not entitled to receive medals.

Commemorative items or certificates for coaches and officials may be provided at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

10.3 Trophies, Cups and Team Awards

No trophies or cups shall be awarded as part of the official EDYG Swimming medal programme.

The Organising Committee and/or the host federation may, at their discretion, introduce additional special awards, such as:

- fair play awards,
- best performance awards,
- age-group achievement recognitions.

Such awards:

- are optional,
- have no effect on official rankings, titles or medal classifications,
- and shall not be considered official EDYG titles.

10.4 Certificates and Diplomas

Where applicable, certificates, diplomas or participation confirmations may be issued.

According to EDSO practice, official certificates may be awarded up to 8th place per event.

The design, format and distribution of certificates shall be defined by EDSO and/or the Organising Committee.

11. FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1 Event Modification or Cancellation

EDSO reserves the right to modify, reschedule, suspend or cancel the EDYG Swimming competition, in whole or in part, due to:

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- safety reasons,
- weather conditions,
- force majeure,
- insufficient participation numbers,
- organisational or logistical constraints,
- or other exceptional circumstances.

Any such changes shall be communicated to all participating NDSFs as soon as possible.

11.2 Reactivated / Pilot Sports

As a youth and development-oriented event, EDYG Swimming may be conducted under adapted, simplified or transitional formats.

Such adaptations shall aim to:

- ensure meaningful competition,
- protect athlete welfare,
- promote participation,
- and support long-term athlete development.

These adaptations shall not compromise fairness, safety or sporting integrity.

11.3 Authority

These Technical Regulations are issued under the authority of the European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).

All participants, officials and delegations are bound by these regulations.

11.4 Language

This Technical Regulation is issued in English.

In case of any discrepancies, ambiguities or differing interpretations, the English version shall prevail.

11.5 Additional Provisions

Any matters not explicitly covered in this Swimming Technical Regulation shall be governed by:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- Part I – EDYG General Provisions,
- and the applicable Event-Specific Technical Bulletin.

12. ADDENDUM

This Addendum supersedes the standard provisions defined in Chapters 1–11 where explicitly stated.

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This Addendum is reserved for future supplementary provisions, clarifications and technical specifications relating to the European Deaf Youth Games (EDYG) Swimming competition.

It may be used to publish:

- additional competition details,
- late technical clarifications,
- updated procedures,
- modified formats,
- safeguarding-related adaptations,
- or newly introduced provisions

which could not reasonably be included in the main body of these Technical Regulations at the time of publication.

Any future addenda shall form an integral part of these EDYG Swimming Technical Regulations and shall be published by EDSO.

Such provisions shall not conflict with:

- the EDSO Statutes,
- the EDSO General Regulations,
- the EDSO Technical Regulations Handbook (Part E),
- Part I – EDYG General Provisions,
- or applicable ICSD Regulations (where relevant).

12.1. Event Programme Adjustment (reference 5.1)

Due to the high number of registrations received across both age categories, and in order to ensure a safe, youth-appropriate and operationally feasible competition schedule, the originally planned EDYG Swimming event programme has been adjusted.

As a result, the total number of disciplines has been reduced from eighty (80) to forty-two (42) events.

Only selected key disciplines appropriate to the respective age categories shall be conducted.

The adjusted programme supersedes the programme listed in Chapter 5 where applicable. All other provisions of these Technical Regulations remain unchanged.

	U16			U19		
	Boys	Girls	Mixed	Boys	Girls	Mixed
50 m freestyle	X	X				
100 m freestyle	X	X		X	X	
200 m freestyle				X	X	
400 m freestyle	X	X				
800 m freestyle				X	X	
50 m backstroke	X	X				
100 m backstroke	X	X		X	X	
50 m breaststroke	X	X				
100 m breaststroke	X	X		X	X	
200 m breaststroke				X	X	
50 m butterfly	X	X				

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100 m butterfly	X	X		X	X	
200 m butterfly				X	X	
400 m individual medley				X	X	
4 x 100 m freestyle relay	X	X				
4 x 200 m freestyle relay				X	X	
4 x 50 m freestyle relay			X			
4 x 100 m freestyle relay						X

12.2. Timetable (reference 5.3)

Monday, 17.08.2026

time	disciplines	heats	finals
10:00	W U19 200 Freestyle	X	
10:15	M U19 200 Freestyle	X	
10:30	W U16 100 Backstroke	X	
10:45	M U16 100 Backstroke	X	
11:00	W U19 100 Breaststroke	X	
11:15	M U19 100 Breaststroke	X	
11:30	W U16 4x100 Freestyle	X	
11:45	M U16 4x100 Freestyle	X	
17:00	W U19 200 Freestyle		X
17:15	M U19 200 Freestyle		X
17:30	W U16 100 Backstroke		X
17:45	M U16 100 Backstroke		X
18:00	W U19 100 Breaststroke		X
18:15	M U19 100 Breaststroke		X
18:30	W U16 4x100 Freestyle		X
18:45	M U16 4x100 Freestyle		X

Tuesday, 18.08.2026

time	disciplines	heats	finals
16:30	W U16 400 Freestyle	X	
16:45	M U16 400 Freestyle	X	
17:00	W U16 100 Breaststroke	X	
17:15	M U16 100 Breaststroke	X	
17:30	W U19 100 Backstroke	X	
17:45	M U19 100 Backstroke	X	
18:00	W U19 800 Freestyle	X	
18:15	M U19 800 Freestyle	X	
18:30	Mix U16 4x50 Freestyle	X	
18:45	Mix U19 4x100 Freestyle		X

Wednesday, 19.08.2026

time	disciplines	heats	finals
10:00	W U19 200 Butterfly	X	
10:15	M U19 200 Butterfly	X	
10:30	W U16 100 Freestyle	X	

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10:45	M U16 100 Freestyle	X
11:00	W U16 50 Breaststroke	X
11:15	M U16 50 Breaststroke	X
11:30	W U19 4x200 Freestyle	X
11:45	M U19 4x200 Freestyle	X
17:00	W U19 200 Butterfly	X
17:15	M U19 200 Butterfly	X
17:30	W U16 100 Freestyle	X
17:45	M U16 100 Freestyle	X
18:00	W U16 50 Breaststroke	X
18:15	M U16 50 Breaststroke	X
18:30	W U19 4x200 Freestyle	X
18:45	M U19 4x200 Freestyle	X

Thursday, 20.08.2026

time	disciplines	heats	finals
10:00	M U19 100 Freestyle	X	
10:15	W U19 100 Freestyle	X	
10:30	W U16 50 Butterfly	X	
10:45	M U16 50 Butterfly	X	
11:00	W U19 200 Ind. Medley	X	
11:15	M U19 200 Ind. Medley	X	
11:30	W U16 50 Freestyle	X	
11:45	M U16 50 Freestyle	X	
17:00	M U19 100 Freestyle		X
17:15	W U19 100 Freestyle		X
17:30	W U16 50 Butterfly		X
17:45	M U16 50 Butterfly		X
18:00	W U19 200 Medley		X
18:15	M U19 200 Medley		X
18:30	W U16 50 Freestyle		X
18:45	M U16 50 Freestyle		X

Friday, 21.08.2026

time	disciplines	heats	finals
10:00	W U16 100 Butterfly	X	
10:15	M U16 100 Butterfly	X	
10:30	W U19 200 Breaststroke	X	
10:45	M U19 200 Breaststroke	X	
11:00	W U16 50 Backstroke	X	
11:15	M U16 50 Backstroke	X	
11:30	W U19 100 Butterfly	X	
11:45	M U19 100 Butterfly	X	
17:00	W U16 100 Butterfly		X
17:15	M U16 100 Butterfly		X
17:30	W U19 200 Breaststroke		X
17:45	M U19 200 Breaststroke		X
18:00	W U16 50 Backstroke		X
18:15	M U16 50 Backstroke		X

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18:30	W U19 100 Butterfly	X
18:45	M U19 100 Butterfly	X

Saturday, 22.08.2026

time	disciplines	heats	finals
10:00	W U16 400 Freestyle		X
10:15	M U16 400 Freestyle		X
10:30	W U16 100 Breaststroke		X
10:45	M U16 100 Breaststroke		X
11:00	W U19 100 Backstroke		X
11:15	M U19 100 Backstroke		X
11:30	W U19 800 Freestyle		X
11:45	M U19 800 Freestyle		X
12:00	Mix U16 4x50 Freestyle		X
12:15	Mix U19 4x100 Freestyle		X