Swimmer is first Paralympian to star on Playboy cover as Elena Krawzow stuns as Playmate after s

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SWIMMER Elena Krawzow became the first Paralympian to star on a Playboy cover.

Krawzow - who has only three per cent vision - posed topless for the German version of the famous magazine.

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Krawzow specialises in breaststroke and freestyle

The 26-year-old pouted at the camera and held her hair in her hands as she stripped down for the photoshoot.

She said afterwards: "I couldn't turn down this opportunity.

"The two days of shooting that I had were great. I've always wanted to experience a day as a professional model and I did that. I had a lot of fun.

"After it became known that I was on the Playboy cover, there was, of course, a lot of excitement.

"Some were very shocked but I have to say that I have been pleasantly surprised by all the great feedback and many compliments."

The Kazakhstan-born athlete, who has Russian roots, was diagnosed with Sargardt disease - a genetic eye disorder - aged seven and has continued to progressively lose her sight sever since.

Krawzow moved to Germany aged 12 with her family.

And she took up swimming as a 16-year-old in 2009, having been invited to join a training session at a club in Nuremberg.

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Krawzow specialises in breaststroke as well as freestyle and three years after taking up the sport, she meddled at the 2012 London Games.

The five-time European gold medalist won silver in the 100m breaststroke.

She then qualified for the Rio Games four years later, but was unable to medal.

The visually impaired star hopes to compete at the delayed Tokyo Games, which has been pushed back to 2021 amid the coronavirus pandemic.

But she took time out of training to shoot for Playboy and attended an after party event at Playboy's headquarters in Munich.

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Krawzow said: "I got to know a lot of new people and also the Playmates from previous years. We got on well and had a great evening.

I have really been very busy organising interviews and filming in the swimming pool and at home.

"I wanted to take advantage of the nice weather today and drive to the lake [the day] after training and filming.

"I was so exhausted that I slept through the whole day. Apparently I needed it.

"You get used to the long sessions over time.

"When I'm so exhausted, I really like to think about my last vacation, the beautiful beach, the sea and my great shoots that I love to do."

- The Sun