

2017 SNZ National Squads

Changes to the 2017 Squad Structure are as follows:

- I. Two-year age groups for selection into the National Development Squad.
- II. Expanding the age range of the National Development Squad over the existing Talent Identification squad. The new squad will be Males 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 and Female 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, as opposed to Males 14,15,16 and Female 13,14,15 for the current Talent Identification Squad. *Note: Age differentiation between male and female swimmers is to distinguish the differences in maturity between the two genders.
- III. The use of FINA points as a tool for selecting the National Development Squad, and a shift to using FINA B times to Select swimmers for the National Team Squad. This squad will be open to all ages for swimmers that qualify.
- IV. Allowance for both Jerry and I to select `wildcard' swimmers based on a system of talent identification that will include factors such as; attitude, technique, maturity, competitiveness, physique, willingness to learn and work etc.
- V. A systematic progression of FINA Points related standards for the National Development Squad that sits below the FINA B qualifying standards needed for selection to the National Squad.
- VI. Open Water swimmers will be selected for the National Team Squad by placing in the top 10 at the Australian Open Water Championships each year or finishes within one minute of the winner at Australian Open Water Championships.

*note: Open water swimmers in the National Development age range need to achieve the pool time standards for Female 800m and Male 1500m to be selected into the National Development Squad.
- VII. Selection meets for the National Development Squad will be; the 2017 NZ National Age and Open Championships, and the 2017 Australian Age Championships. This team will be announced on the 1st of May 2017.
- VIII. The 2017 National Team Squad will be selected from times swum at any official FINA long course competition from the 31 August 2016 to the 8th April 2017.
*note; Swimmers who qualify at FINA approved competitions overseas who wish to be included in the National Squad will need to submit their qualifying times to amanda@swimming.org.nz