

Selection Criteria – 2014 Oceania Championships – Open Water



Competition	2014 Oceania Championships (Open Water), Taupo, New Zealand: 11-12 January 2014
Initial Release Date	3 October 2013
Selection Event	1. New South Wales (NSW) Open Water Championships: 13-14 December 2013
Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in the Competition as per FINA General Rule 2 (GR2). 2. Be a registered member of Swimming New Zealand in good standing. 3. Have a signed current Swimming New Zealand Athlete Agreement. 4. Compete in the 2013 NSW Open Water Championships unless granted an exemption under the provisions of the criteria by the SNZ Selectors. This exemption will only be granted due to extenuating circumstances. On request of SNZ, evidence shall be provided of the extenuating circumstances, prior to the exemption being considered. 5. Be available to fulfil the Team Commitments as listed below and any additional commitments following selection. 6. Not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athletes body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in SNZ's or FINA's Anti-Doping Bylaw.
Team Commitments	<p>All swimmers selected must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comply with the provisions of the SNZ Athletes Agreement at all times 2. Conform to SNZ requirements regarding team participation. This includes, but may not be limited to, providing an acceptable IPP, attendance at a pre-event camp and wearing team uniform as required. 3. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SNZ. 4. Not act in such a manner as to bring the athlete or SNZ into public disrepute.

<p>Performance Requirement</p>	<p>Criteria for selection for 2014 Oceania Championships (Open Water), Taupo, New Zealand for individual events.</p> <p>A maximum of 3 swimmers per event may be considered for selection.</p> <p>To be selected for individual events at the 2014 Oceania Championships (Open Water), athletes are required to:</p> <p>Olympic Distance (10km) Open Water Event</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compete at the NSW Open Water Champs 2013 and finish in the top 3 male / female eligible New Zealand competitors in the Olympic distance (10km) event. <p>Non-Olympic Distance Open Water</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletes who have been selected for the Open Water Olympic distance (10km) event for the 2014 Oceania Championships can request to the SNZ Selectors to be entered in additional event (5km). Selections for an additional event will depend on the swimmers’ experience in those events and/or a positive influence on the event to which the selection has been granted.
<p>Team Size & Announcement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Team size for individual events will be in accordance with FINA and Oceania rules. If the number of swimmers meeting the performance criteria exceeds the FINA limit, the highest ranked swimmers who satisfy the selection criteria will be selected. 2. The selection of the athletes that have met all of the Eligibility and Performance Requirements will be announced on or about the 16th December 2013.
<p>Notes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SNZ may amend these selection criteria at any time, by giving reasonable notice to all swimmers eligible for selection. 2. If a swimmer is unable to satisfy SNZ requirements after selection and needs to withdraw from the team, SNZ may at their discretion select the next swimmer who has met all the eligibility and performance requirements. SNZ reserve the right to request that any swimmer being considered for selection under the provisions of this clause undertakes a fitness test, the parameters of which will be determined by the SNZ High Performance Director at his sole discretion. 3. In the event that a swimmer is unable to compete at the Selection Event due to extenuating circumstances, SNZ Selectors may consider previous performances in 10km events. <p>In the event of illness or injury a medical certificate will be requested, indicating the current and future performance impact of the condition.</p>

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	<p>Selection of a swimmer, as outlined above, will be subject to confirmation of their satisfactory return to training. This process to include a test that must be performed by a designated date decided by the SNZ High Performance Director in consultation with the SNZ Open Water Manager. A target time and /or position indicating satisfactory progress will be decided by the SNZ High Performance Director and announced to the swimmer by the designated date.</p> <p>4. Attendance at the Selection Event is on a user pays basis.</p> <p>5. Participation at the Oceania Championships is on a user pays basis.</p>
Approved / Designation / Date	Swimming New Zealand Board 28 th September 2013