

## 12<sup>th</sup> Oceania Swimming Championships – Papua New Guinea 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018

<b>Selection Criteria</b>	<p><b>Pool:</b> Qualifying period April 1 2017 to March 1 2018</p> <p><b>Open Water:</b> New Zealand Open Water Championships, Taupo 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018.</p>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>To be considered for selection, a swimmer must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in competition as per FINA General Rule 2 (GR2);</li> <li>• Be a registered member of Swimming New Zealand;</li> <li>• Be and remain in “good standing” with Swimming NZ and always comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement of Swimming NZ and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute;</li> <li>• Have indicated their availability via the SNZ database before midnight of first day of the relevant selection event for Open Water. Pool Swimmers should notify their availability before the final day of the qualification period;</li> <li>• Not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete’s 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Performance Requirements</b>	<p><b>Pool swimmers</b></p> <p>Selection for Olympic events will be;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the two fastest times achieved in a long course event at a FINA approved meet from athletes eligible for selection.</li> </ul> <p>Where times are equal for the second qualifying space, the swimmers second time from the same event shall be used to determine which swimmer has the better overall performance.</p> <p>Where there are more than 15 male and 15 female swimmers qualify on the above criteria, selection will be made using 2017 Long Course FINA points.</p> <p><b>Relays:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selection for relays will be made from within the team selected for 2018 Oceania Championships.</li> </ul> <p>The coaching staff and team management at the 2018 Oceania Championships will determine the final composition of the relay teams</p> <p><b>Nomination for Other Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the sole discretion of SNZ, swimmers who qualify for an event on the above basis, on request, may be able to swim in other events where there is an available position.</li> <li>• Times achieved in finals during the qualification period will take precedence over times achieved in and heats.</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Water Swimmers</b></p> <p>To be selected for individual events athletes are required to be the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First place eligible swimmer at New Zealand Open Water Championships in the 10 km.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> place eligible athletes will be selected if within 2 minutes of the first eligible athlete.</li> <li>• If selected athletes are eligible to swim in the 5 km as well</li> </ul>

<b>Team Commitments</b>	<p>Swimmers are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be available compete in relay events that do not interfere with individual races;</li> <li>• be available for all team meetings and activities before the event;</li> <li>• wear team uniform as required</li> <li>• be available for the entire campaign and any pre-meet requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Team Size</b>	<p>Maximum team size is 36 swimmers consisting of up to 30 for pool, (15 male and 15 female) and up to 6 for open water (3 male and 3 female).</p>
<b>Team Announcements</b>	<p>The selection of the swimmers that have met the eligibility and performance requirements will be announced no later than one week after the completion of the relevant selection event or qualification period.</p>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>SNZ may amend the selection criteria at any time, by giving reasonable notice to all swimmers eligible for selection</p> <p>If a swimmer is unable to satisfy SNZ requirements after selection and needs to be withdrawn 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 SNZ</p> <p><b>Extenuating Circumstances</b></p> <p>If a swimmer is unable to compete to qualify due to extenuating circumstances (as set out below), the SNZ Selectors may consider previous performances within the 12 months prior to the selection event, in a long course event at a competition acceptable to the SNZ Selectors and the SNZ Head Coach. If the previous performances are to be considered, then the fastest qualifying time, irrespective of where it was achieved, shall have priority.</p> <p>Swimmers must advise SNZ of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much notice as possible before the commencement of the selection event(s). If SNZ is not notified of any extenuating circumstances before the selection event (s) in accordance with this selection criteria, then the SNZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.</p> <p>In considering the selection of athletes in accordance with the selection criteria, the SNZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Injury or illness;</li> <li>(b) Travel delays;</li> <li>(c) Equipment failure;</li> <li>(d) Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or</li> <li>(e) Any other factors reasonably considered by the SNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.</li> </ul> <p>In the event of illness or injury, athletes will be required by the SNZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and may be required to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by SNZ, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the SNZ Selectors including an indication of the current and future performance impact of the condition. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the SNZ Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.</p>

Selection of an athlete, as outlined above, will be subject to confirmation of their satisfactory return to training. This process is to include a test in the swimming event that they have been selected for. The test must be performed by a designated date decided by the SNZ Head Coach. A target time indicating satisfactory progress will be decided by the SNZ Head Coach and announced to the swimmer before the designated date

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