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Dear Swimming NZ family member,

## Stage One Ticket Allocation for Rio 2016 and Swimming Flight/Accommodation Packages.

As you may be aware, Swimming is one of the highest demand events at any Olympic Games and Rio 2016 is no exception. With the combination of the high demand for the event and limited venue capacity, tickets are in very short supply worldwide. New Zealand's overall allocation by Rio 2016 was very limited with demand exceeding supply.

As a result, we will hold all New Zealand swimming tickets while we negotiate with Rio 2016 for additional tickets, await details of the anticipated Rio 2016 Friends and Family programme and can allocate the tickets we obtain in the fairest way possible.

NZ Olympic Travel are conscious that there are friends and family members who wish to support the Swimming team in at Rio and we appreciate your patience. We wish to ensure all our athletes have the support they need at Rio 2016.

While there is no official New Zealand-specific 'friends and family' programme, we do expect there will be an athlete friends and family programme offered by the Rio 2016 Organising Committee.

We expect that any programme will be confirmed in August and it is highly likely the programme will guarantee a maximum of one or two tickets per session only.

Please contact NZ Olympic Travel and let us know if you are an athlete friend or family and we will help you plan the best option for you.

As New Zealand's official Authorised Ticket Reseller, New Zealand Olympic Travel will be assisting Rio 2016 in managing this programme for New Zealanders. It is likely that the Friends and Family programme tickets will be in a different area in the stadium to tickets purchased through New Zealand Olympic Travel.

Accommodation in Rio during the Olympic Games is at a premium and is selling out quickly.

If you are interested in securing your accommodation and flights now, we have prepared package options exclusively for Swimming NZ families -4 - 16 August 2016. We expect this accommodation will sell out in the next month and wanted to present an early opportunity to secure this. The details will be sent to you directly in the next 2 weeks.

We also have group flight space held in and out of Rio (via Buenos Aires) with Air New Zealand. If you would like to secure seats on these flights, we can offer these at this stage.

We have a team of dedicated South America travel consultants on board who can assist with planning the rest of your experience should you wish to extend your stay. We would strongly recommend securing the Rio component of your journey prior to making any other travel arrangements.



If you have submitted a ticket request in Stage One, you will have received advice of any allocation of tickets for other sports you may have requested yesterday (Wednesday 24 June). If you have not registered your details with NZ Olympic Travel and you are intending on travelling to Rio 2016, please enter these online at <u>www.nzolympictravel.co.nz</u> to keep up to date with all communications around supporting the NZ team in Rio.

Please contact our team directly at <u>info@nzolympictravel.co.nz</u> if you would like further information on the accommodation and flights package or have any queries.

I trust this information assists in your planning for Rio 2016.

Kind regards,

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