

New Zealand Swimming Relay Qualification Process														
Competition	2016 Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) August 5th – 21st													
Initial Release Date	30th October 2015													
Background	<p>There will be 16 teams in each relay event at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio 2016.</p> <p>The first 12 teams in each relay event qualified at the Kazan World Championship in 2015. New Zealand did not qualify in any relay events.</p> <p>The remaining 4 teams per relay event will be the teams with the fastest times in the FINA World Rankings of 31 May 2016 achieved during the qualification period of March 1 2016 to May 31 2016.</p>													
Opportunities to Qualify a Relay Team	<p>Swimming New Zealand has established there will be three potential opportunities for New Zealand to qualify a relay team. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary Relay Qualification events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2016 Swimming NZ Open Championships March 28th – April 1st b. 2016 Canadian National Championships April 5th – 10th 2. Secondary Relay Qualification event: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2016 Arena Pro Series at Charlotte May 12th to 15th 													
Primary Relay Qualification Events:	<p>Swimmers may be invited to form a relay team if the NZ selectors feel that a composite team has the potential to achieve a time equal to or better than 12th place at the 2015 FINA World Swimming Championships in Kazan.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="528 1406 1402 1572"> <thead> <tr> <th>Men</th> <th>Event</th> <th>Woman</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>3:16.01</td> <td>4 x 100m Freestyle</td> <td>3:40.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7:13.72</td> <td>4 x 200m Freestyle</td> <td>8:01.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3:35.30</td> <td>4 x 100m Medley</td> <td>4:02.13</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Calculation Procedure:</i> The procedure to calculate potential times for relay teams will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <u>Freestyle</u> 2.4 seconds (relay changeovers 0.8 sec x3) will be deducted from the total sum of times of the 4 fastest available New Zealand Athletes in the 100m and 200m freestyle events at the Primary Relay Qualification Events. – <u>Medley</u> 2.4 seconds (relay changeovers 0.8 sec x3) will be 		Men	Event	Woman	3:16.01	4 x 100m Freestyle	3:40.89	7:13.72	4 x 200m Freestyle	8:01.48	3:35.30	4 x 100m Medley	4:02.13
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	<p>deducted from the total sum of times of the fastest available New Zealand Athletes in each stroke 100m event at the Primary Relay Qualification Events.</p> <p>At each of the Primary Relay Qualification events the swimmers may be invited to enter a relay event based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • four fastest available New Zealand athletes at the 100m freestyle events may be invited to form a 4x 100m freestyle relay team at that event. • four fastest available New Zealand athletes at the 200m freestyle events may be invited to form a 4x 200m freestyle relay team at that event. • For the 4 x 100m medley relay the four available New Zealand athletes who are calculated to provide the fastest combined time of the relay team may be invited to form a relay team at that event
<p>Secondary Relay Qualification Event</p>	<p>If the times swum in the relay at the Primary Relay Qualification events are not faster than the 12th place time at the 2015 World Swimming Championships (as above) a composite team of swimmers from both Primary Relay Qualification events may be invited to form a relay team at the Secondary Relay Qualification Event.</p> <p>The process used to invite the athletes to participate in the Secondary Relay Qualification Event will be the same as the process outlined for the Primary Relay Qualification events with only times achieved at a Relay Qualification Event considered.</p>