



## **SWIMMING NEW ZEALAND SELECTION POLICY**

2025 WORLD AQUATICS OPEN WATER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – 10km, 5km, and 3km  
Knockout Sprint

### **1. The Event**

- a. Competition dates are 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- b. The event will take place in Singapore
- c. This policy shall consider selection for the 10km, 5km and 3km Open Water events
- d. Other Open water events at the Championships shall be considered as additional events

### **2. Qualification Events:**

- a. 2025 NZ Open Water Championships, 11th and 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Lake Taupo.
- b. 2025 Swimming Australia National Open Water Championships, 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Brusselton.
- c. 2025 NZ Swimming Championships, 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### **3. Eligibility**

- a. Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in competition as per World Aquatics Competition Regulations, Part One, Rule 3
- b. Be a registered and financial member of Swimming New Zealand (SNZ).
- c. Be a positive ambassador for SNZ
- d. Comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement of SNZ and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute
- e. Have 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 World Aquatics' Anti-Doping Bylaw

### **4. Team Size**

- a. In accordance with World Aquatics Competition Regulations, Part One, Rule 6.3.1. SNZ can select up to a maximum of two (2) male and two (2) female competitors for each Individual open water event

### **5. Team announcements**

- a. Athletes will be informed directly of their selection no later than one week after the completion of the last selection event
- b. Announcements to the general community shall follow the above

### **6. Selection Process**

- a. **Open water swimming – 10km event**
  - i. To be considered for selection for the 10km event an athlete must be the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Swimmer at the 2025 NZ Open Water Championships in the Open 10 km event  
**and**

- ii. Achieve a Top 5 placing (eligible Australian and NZ Athletes) at the 2025 Australian OW Championships in the Open 10 km event
- iii. Athletes who do not achieve a top 5 finish at the Australian OW 10km Championship but who finish within 30 seconds of the highest place eligible Australian or NZ swimmer may be considered for selection
- b. Following the completion of both qualification events, NZ eligible athletes shall be ranked by final placings in the 10km event at the Swimming Australian Open Water Championships. Places on the team shall be offered in accordance with World Aquatics rules on team size (clause 4 above)
- c. Athletes who are selected for the 10km event are permitted to swim the 5km event at the Championships

**7. Open Water Swimming – 3km knockout Sprint**

- a. Athletes who achieve a time equal to or faster than the times detailed below in Table One at the 2025 New Zealand Championships shall be considered for selection to compete in the 3km knockout sprint at the World Open Water Championships
- b. For clarity, athletes who qualify and are selected in this event are not permitted to swim either the 5km or the 10km events at the Open Water World Championships unless they also separately qualify and are selected for the 10km event

**TABLE ONE**  
**World Aquatics B standards**

	Men	Women
1500m Freestyle	15:33.46	16:59.02

**8. Extenuating Circumstances**

- a. If a swimmer is unable to compete at the Qualification Events due to extenuating circumstances (as set out below), the SNZ Selectors may consider previous performances in a relevant event at a competition acceptable to the SNZ Selection Panel
- b. Swimmers must advise SNZ of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, as soon as possible and prior to selections being made. If SNZ is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this selection criteria, the SNZ Selectors have no obligation to consider such circumstances
- c. In considering the selection of Swimmers in accordance with this 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
  - i. Injury or illness
  - ii. Travel delays.
  - iii. Equipment failure
  - iv. Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
  - v. Events clash with the Athlete’s Individual Performance plan
  - vi. Any other factors reasonably considered by the SNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances
- d. In the event of illness or injury, swimmers will be required by the SNZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and may be required to undergo an examination by one or more health practitioners 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

- e. Selection of any swimmers, as outlined above, will be subject to confirmation of their satisfactory return to training. This process may include a test in the swimming event that they have been selected for. Any test must be performed by a designated date decided by the SNZ High Performance Leader. A target time indicating satisfactory progress will be decided and announced to the swimmer before the designated date

#### **9. Financial assistance**

- a. Swimmers who are not designated Level 1 Elite or Level 2 Potential in accordance with the High-Performance Sport New Zealand Tailored Athlete Pathway Support Program shall be self-funded
- b. Participation in all Qualification Events is self-funded