

<b>1. Competition</b>	<b>World Aquatics Junior Championships Open Water</b> <b>Date and location yet to be published by World Aquatics</b>
<b>2. Initial Release Date</b>	September 2023
<b>3. Selection Events</b>	NSW Open Water Championships, 17 December 2023 <b>AND</b> 2024 NZ Open Water Championships 13 January 2024  <i>See details below in section 6.</i>
<b>4. Eligibility Rules</b>	<b>To be considered for selection, athletes must:</b> <b>4.1</b> Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in competition as per the World Aquatics General Rules <b>4.2</b> Be a registered and financial member of Swimming NZ <b>4.3</b> 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. <b>4.4</b> 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 Swimming NZ’s or FINA’s Anti-Doping Bylaw. <b>4.5</b> Must be able to comply with SNZ’s policy on Covid-19 Vaccinations. <b>4.6 Be eligible for this competition in line with the World Aquatics age restrictions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aged 16 to 19 years old (male and female) on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Team Commitments</b>	All selected athletes must: <b>5.1</b> Always comply with the provisions of the Swimming NZ Code of Conduct. <b>5.2</b> Commit to Swimming NZ’s requirements regarding team participation. This includes, but may not be limited to, providing an acceptable Individual Performance Plan (IPP), attendance at a pre-event camp and wearing team uniform as required make themselves available for all team activities designated by Swimming NZ. <b>5.3</b> not act in such a manner as to bring themselves or Swimming NZ into public disrepute.

<b>6. Performance Requirements</b>	To be considered for selection for an individual event at the 2024 World Aquatics Junior Open Water Championships, subject to clause 9 below, athletes must either: <b>6.1 Priority one:</b> <b>6.1.1</b> Place in the Top 3 (Australian and NZ athletes only) in the relevant individual event and age group in Table 1 below at the 2023 NSW Open Water Championships and <b>then also</b> , <b>6.1.2</b> Place in the Top 2 (NZ athletes only) in the relevant individual event and age group at the 2024 NZ open Water Championships in Table 1
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<p><b>7. Selection to the Team and Team Size</b></p>	<p><b>7.1</b> At the conclusion of the Selection Events, each eligible athlete who achieves the standards as per Table 1, 2 at the relevant selection event (s) and complies with all Eligibility Rules outlined in section 4 will be considered for selection.</p> <p><b>7.2</b> Up to two athletes per gender per age group (two male and two female) can be selected.</p> <p><b>7.3</b> At the sole discretion of Swimming NZ, athletes 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.</p>																				
<p><b>8. Team Announcements</b></p>	<p><b>8.1</b> The selection of the athletes that have met the eligibility and performance requirements will be announced no later than one week after the completion of the final selection event.</p>																				
<p><b>9. Extenuating Circumstances</b></p>	<p><b>9.1</b> If an athlete is unable to compete at the Selection Events due to extenuating circumstances (as set out below), the Swimming NZ Selectors may consider previous performances within the 12 months prior to the Selection Events in a long course event at a competition acceptable to the Swimming NZ Selectors.</p> <p><b>9.2</b> Athletes (or parents if U18 must advise the Swimming NZ Selectors (<i>via the HP Manager <a href="mailto:amanda@swimming.org.nz">amanda@swimming.org.nz</a></i>) of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, prior to commencing the individual event. If Swimming NZ is not notified of any extenuating circumstances before the athlete commences their individual race, then the Swimming NZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.</p>																				

	<p><b>9.3</b> In considering the selection of athletes in accordance with the selection criteria, the Swimming NZ 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>• Injury or illness</li> <li>• Travel delays</li> <li>• Equipment failure</li> <li>• Bereavement or personal misfortune</li> <li>• Covid-19 (pool closures)</li> <li>• Any other factors reasonably considered by the Swimming NZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.</li> </ul> <p><b>9.4</b> 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 Swimming NZ, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Swimming NZ 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 Swimming NZ Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.</p> <p><b>9.5</b> Selection of any athletes, 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 Swimming NZ Targeted Program Manager. A target time indicating satisfactory progress will be decided and announced to the athlete before the designated date.</p>
<p><b>10. Note</b></p>	<p>Swimming NZ may amend these selection criteria at any time, by giving, where practicable, reasonable notice to all athletes eligible for selection.</p> <p>This is a User pays event.</p>
<p><b>11. Approved</b></p>	<p>29 September 2023</p>