



## SWIMMING NEW ZEALAND SELECTION POLICY

*\*Note: This Policy applies to the selection of a designated Senior Development Team not to World Cup entry overall. Aquablacks meeting the entry times in this policy during the indicated Qualification Period can also be entered into the World Cups on request and welcomed to integrate with the Development Team and its protocols. For definition, Aquablacks means swimmers who have represented NZ at long course World Aquatics Championships, Olympic Games or Commonwealth Games.*

Team
<b>NZ Senior Development Team</b>
Events
<b>WORLD AQUATICS WORLD CUP SERIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stop 1 Carmel, USA 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October</li><li>• Stop 2 Westmont, USA 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October</li><li>• Stop 3 Toronto, Canada 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October</li></ul>
Qualification Period
14 February 2025 to 25 May 2025, inclusive.
Selection Events
Any World Aquatics approved meets within the above Qualification Period shall be considered a Selection Event for the purpose of selection  <i>Note: While times for selection can be set at a range of meets, Clause 3.2 requires that unless granted special dispensation in writing by the Selectors, to be eligible for selection, swimmers must compete at the 2025 NZ Swimming Championships, 21st to 25th May.</i>

### Eligibility

To be considered for selection, a swimmer must:

- I. Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in competition as per World Aquatics Competition Regulations, Part One, Rule 3.
- II. Be a registered and financial member of Swimming New Zealand (SNZ).
- III. Be a positive ambassador for SNZ.
- IV. 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.
- V. 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.

- VI. Have never represented NZ at World Aquatics Championships, Commonwealth or Olympic Games, or another pinnacle event and,
- VII. be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December 2025.

## 1. Team Size

**1.1** Maximum Team size will be in accordance with World Aquatics Competition Regulations

## 2. Team Announcements

**2.1** 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 Qualification Period.

## 3. Selection Process - Individual Event Selection

**3.1** To be considered for selection for an individual event at the World Cup Series, swimmers must record a time equal to or better than the times detailed below (Table One) in the relevant individual swimming event at a World Aquatics approved Selection Event in the Qualification Period.

**3.2** Unless granted special dispensation in writing by the Selectors, swimmers must compete at the 2025 SNZ Open Championships.

**3.3** In any decision regarding the selection of athletes to the team, the selectors may, at their sole discretion, consider any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 8.

**TABLE ONE**

**Individual Events (*World Aquatics A time plus 1.5%*)**

Women (+1.5%)	Event	Men (+1.5%)
25.23	50m Freestyle	22.38
55.06	100m Freestyle	49.07
2:00.00	200m Freestyle	1:48.30
4:13.98	400m Freestyle	3:51.57
8:42.34	800m Freestyle	7:55.69
16:39.33	1500m Freestyle	15:15.42
28.64	50m Backstroke	25.49
1:01.37	100m Backstroke	54.75
2:13.05	200m Backstroke	1:59.84
31.21	50m Breaststroke	27.74
1:07.87	100m Breaststroke	1:00.65
2:28.10	200m Breaststroke	2:12.27
26.62	50m Butterfly	23.71
59.20	100m Butterfly	52.55
2:11.15	200m Butterfly	1:58.26

<b>Women (+1.5%)</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Men (+1.5%)</b>
<b>2:14.82</b>	<b>200m Individual Medley</b>	<b>2:00.84</b>
<b>4:47.31</b>	<b>400m Individual Medley</b>	<b>4:21.34</b>

#### **4. Selection to the Team:**

- 4.1** New Zealand is permitted to enter a maximum of two swimmers per individual swimming event
- 4.2** At the conclusion of the selection period, each qualifying swim will be ranked in order of time, fastest to slowest and the first and second ranked athletes will be selected.
- 4.3** Where times are equal for the second qualifying place, the athletes' second fastest qualifying times in that event from the Qualification Period in this document shall be used to determine which athlete has the better overall performance. If there is no second time, or if those times are still equal, selection will at the discretion of the SNZ Selectors.
- 4.4** Relay times and other split times will not be considered for selection of the team.

#### **5. Discretionary**

- 5.1** Where no athlete has achieved the selection standard for an individual event in Table One, the SNZ Head Coach may recommend to the SNZ Selection Panel for consideration for selection to the team, the fastest non-qualified athlete in the individual event at a Selection Event
- 5.2** The Head Coach's recommendation remains at the discretion of the Selectors

#### **6. Additional Events**

- 6.1** Any athlete selected for an individual event may be able to swim additional events after consideration of the following criteria:
  - a. That there is a place available for them to swim in that event.
  - b. That by racing that event, the performance of the athlete in the individual events that the athlete has qualified to swim will not be compromised.
  - c. That by racing that event, the performance of any relay that the athlete may be selected for will not be compromised.

#### **7. Relay Selection**

- 7.1** Selection for relays will be made from within the team selected for the World Cup Series
- 7.2** Where the majority of a competitive relay team can be comprised from with the individual swimmers selected, the SNZ Head Coach may recommend to the SNZ Selection Panel for consideration additional swimmer(s) meeting Development Team eligibility to complete a team consistent with Development standards.
- 7.3** The final composition and order of each relay team at the Championships will be determined by the Head Coach at the event. Their decision will be absolute and final, in accordance with World Aquatics Competition Regulations.

#### **8. Extenuating Circumstances**

- 8.1** If a swimmer is unable to compete at the Selection Events due to extenuating circumstances (as set out below), the SNZ Selectors may consider previous

performances within the 12 months prior to the Qualification Period in a long course event at a competition acceptable to the SNZ Selectors and the SNZ High Performance Leader. If the previous performances are to be considered, then the fastest qualifying time, irrespective of where it was achieved, shall have priority.

**8.2** Swimmers must advise SNZ of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much notice as possible before the completion of the qualification period. If SNZ is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this selection criteria, then the SNZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

**8.3** In considering the selection of Swimmers 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.

- Injury or illness.
- Travel delays.
- Equipment failure.
- Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
- Events clash with the Athlete's Individual Performance plan
- Any other factors reasonably considered by the SNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

**8.4** 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 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.

**8.5** 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. Notes**

**9.1** SNZ may amend these selection criteria at any time, by giving reasonable notice to all swimmers eligible for selection. Publication on the SNZ website will constitute reasonable notice.

**Approved April 2025**

