

Swimming New Zealand Selection Criteria

Event
World Junior Championships 19-24 August 2025 - Location TBC
Selection Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2025 NAGs Championships, 13-17 April, Hawkes Bay▪ 2025 Australian Age and MC Age Championships, 10-18 April, Brisbane▪ 2025 Australian Open Championships, 21-24 April, Brisbane▪ 2025 NZ Open Championships, 21-25 May, Auckland
<i>Note: While qualifying times can be set at these meets, Clause 1.2 requires that in order to be eligible for selection, unless granted special dispensation in writing by the Selectors, swimmers must compete at the 2025 NAGS, or if ineligible for NAGS, at the 2025 NZ Open Championships</i>

Eligibility

To be considered for selection, athletes must:

1. Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in competition as per World Aquatics General Rule 2 (GR2).
2. Be a registered and financial member of Swimming NZ (SNZ).
3. Be and remain in “good standing” with SNZ and always 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.
4. 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.
5. **Be aged 14 to 18 years old as at the 31 December 2025**

Team Commitments

All selected athletes must:

1. Always Comply with the provisions of the SNZ Code of Conduct.
2. Conform to 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.
3. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SNZ.
4. Be available to compete in relay events that do not interfere with individual events.
5. Not act in such a manner as to bring themselves or SNZ into public disrepute.

Selection Process

1. Individual Event Selection

- 1.1 To be considered for selection for an individual event at the 2025 World Junior Aquatics Championships, swimmers must record a time equal to or better than the times detailed below (Table A) in the relevant individual swimming event at a Selection Event.
- 1.2 Unless granted special dispensation in writing by the SNZ Selectors, swimmers must compete at the 2025 NAGS Championships or, if not eligible for NAGS, the 2025 NZ Open Championships.

1.3 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 7.

Table A – Individual Events

Women	Event	Men
25.98	50m Freestyle	23.14
56.31	100m Freestyle	50.92
2:02.05	200m Freestyle	1:51.65
4:18.10	400m Freestyle	3:59.43
8:54.27	800m Freestyle	8:19.28
17:06.28	1500m Freestyle	15:50.45
28.87	50m Backstroke	25.79
1:02.80	100m Backstroke	56.92
2:15.69	200m Backstroke	2:04.40
31.80	50m Breaststroke	28.01
1:10.41	100m Breaststroke	1:03.23
2:32.07	200m Breaststroke	2:17.96
26.98	50m Butterfly	24.11
1:00.79	100m Butterfly	54.59
2:14.88	200m Butterfly	2:03.48
2:17.77	200m Individual Medley	2:05.37
4:52.84	400m Individual Medley	4:30.16

2 Selection to the Team:

2.1 A maximum of 2 athletes per individual event, in line with World Aquatics rules, can be selected

2.2 Should more than two swimmers achieve a qualifying time after the completion of Selection Events, the Swimmer(s) with the fastest times will be selected: except

2.2.1 If there are more than two swimmers eligible after applying this criterion, then the swimmers' second fastest times at the Selection Events in the Individual Swimming Event will be used to determine which swimmer(s) are selected, except:

2.2.2 If there are still more than two Swimmers eligible after applying this further criterion the Selectors shall consider the following Specific Selection Factors to determine which Swimmer(s) will be selected:

- a. Any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Selection Events.
- b. The potential of an Athlete for the Los Angeles 2028Olympic Games.
- c. Adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es).
- d. Demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment.
- e. Demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions.
- f. Understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing at the

Championships, including respect for team members and support staff.

- g. Willingness to promote SNZ in a positive manner.
- h. Demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and results.
- i. Proven ability to be reliable; and
- j. Any other factors the Selectors consider relevant.

2.2.3 Relay splits and other split times will not be considered for selection for individual events or relay events.

3 Additional Events

3.1 Any athlete selected for an individual event may be able to swim additional events after consideration of the following criteria.

3.2 That there is a place available for them to swim in that event.

3.3 That by racing that event, the performance in events that the athlete has qualified to swim will not be compromised.

3.4 That by racing that event, the potential performance of any relay that the athlete may be selected for will not be compromised.

4 Relay selection

The selection of a relay team is dependent on the group of swimmers meeting the minimum standards in Table B, at the Selection Events:

a. 4 x 100m Free Consideration of selection of a 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay team will be given to the four fastest athletes in the 100m Free who have a total combined time that is equal to or better than the times in Table B below:

b. 4 x 200m Freestyle Consideration of selection of a 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay team will be given to the four fastest athletes in the 200m Free who have a total combined time that is equal to or faster than the times in Table B below:

c. 4 x 100m Medley Consideration of selection the 4 x 100m Medley Relay team will be given to the fastest athlete(s) in the 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Butterfly and 100m Breaststroke events whose total combined time is equal to or faster than the times in Table B below:

Table B – Relay Standards

	4 x 100 Freestyle	4 x 100 Medley	4 x 200 Freestyle
Female	3:46.54	4:10.56	8:10.71
Male	3:23.55	3:43.75	7:29.14

d. Mixed Relay teams shall be decided from within the final team of athletes who are selected to compete at the World Junior Championships in either an individual or a relay event.

Final Composition of Relay Teams

Swimming 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 rules and regulations.

5 Team Size

Maximum Team size will be in accordance with World Aquatics rules.

6 Team Announcements

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 Selection Events.

7 Extenuating Circumstances

7.1 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 completion of the Selection Events 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.

7.2 Swimmers must advise SNZ of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much notice as possible before the completion of the Selection Events. 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.

7.3 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.

- 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.

7.4 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.

7.5 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.

8.1 Notes

8.6 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 be reasonable notice.

Approved 1st November 2024