

# SWIMMING AUSTRALIA SELECTION POLICY 2021 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR TEAM

## 1. Definitions and Interpretation

- a) This Selection Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Swimming Australia (SA) Selection Guidelines.
- b) All defined terms in this Selection Policy have the same meaning as in the Selection Guidelines, unless otherwise stated.
- c) In this Selection Policy, the following words have the corresponding meaning:
  - (i) **FINA Point Score** means the scoring system administered by FINA and available at <http://www.fina.org/content/fina-points>
  - (ii) **Individual Olympic Event** means an individual swimming event that will form part of the next Olympic Games; and
  - (iii) **Non-Olympic Event** means an individual or relay swimming event that will form part of the Competition that, at the time of SA implementing this Selection Policy, is not part of the swimming program at the next Olympic Games.

## 2. Background

- a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
  - (i) the Team is the Australian Swim Team;
  - (ii) the Competition is the 2021 Pathways Duel Meet;
  - (iii) the Competition will take place on 18-21 August in [Brisbane TBC]; and
  - (iv) the Qualifying Events are the;
    - (A) final of the 2021 Australian Age Championships, which will take place on 5-12 April 2021 in Gold Coast.
    - (B) final of the 2021 Australian Swimming Championships, which will take place on 14 – 18 April 2021 in Gold Coast.
- b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SA will select athletes to the Team to compete at the Competition.

## 3. Team composition, size and rankings.

### *Team composition and size*

- a) When selecting the Team, the SA Selection Panel will select the Team in accordance with this Selection Policy and the Selection Guidelines.
- b) The composition of the Team is to be determined by the SA Selection Panel.
- c) The Team will, in accordance with applicable eligibility requirements for the Competition, consist of a maximum of:
  - (i) 30 athletes (15 male and 15 female athletes) (the **Team Size**); and
- d) Subject to enough athletes from each gender meeting the Performance Requirements, the Team will be made up of the same number of male swimmers as female swimmers.

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- e) Where the number of athletes from a gender who meet the Performance Requirements is less than half of the Team Size, the SA Selection Panel may, at its absolute discretion, alter the composition of the Team so that more athletes from the other gender (who had more athletes meet the Performance Requirements) are selected to the Team. The SA Selection Panel is not obliged to exercise this discretion to alter the composition of the team.

### *Rankings*

- f) Where more athletes meet the Performance Requirements for individual selection to the Team than the Team Size permits, those athletes will be ranked according to the Priority System and Ranking System as set out in the Selection Guidelines, with the number of top-ranked athletes equal to the Team Size being selected to the Team.
- g) In the event of a tie for the final position on the Team based on the Ranking System, then the 2021 FINA Point Score(s) for the tied athletes will be used to separate the tied athletes.
- h) If the tied athletes remain tied after applying **clause 3.g)**, then the SA Selection Panel will select the athlete(s) to the Team from the tied athletes at its absolute discretion.

#### 4. Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

The requirements to be met by an athlete in order to be considered for selection (**Performance Requirements**) for different events at the Competition are as follows, and are subject at all times to adjustment in accordance with **clause 5** of the Selection Guidelines.

To be eligible for selection in the Team for the Competition, an athlete must:

- a) be aged Men: born in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 and Women: born in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

### *Individual Olympic Events*

- b) The first and second ranked eligible athletes in an Individual Olympic Event at the Qualifying Events will be selected to the Team subject to the time that they swim equalling or beating the SA Qualifying Time for that event listed in Appendix 1. For the avoidance of doubt, if the first ranked eligible athlete equals or beats the relevant time, but the second ranked athlete does not, then only the first ranked eligible athlete will be selected to the Team.
- c) If no athletes equal or beat the relevant SA Qualifying Time, then no athlete will be selected to the Team for that relevant Individual Olympic Event (**Relevant Event**) based on the selection process set out in **clause 4.b)** of this Selection Policy. However, athletes selected to the Team for other Individual Olympic Events may be selected by the Team Head Coach to compete in the Relevant Event at the Competition, subject to that athlete having met any applicable FINA qualification time(s) for the Relevant Event. Any selection for a Relevant Event on the basis of this **clause 4.b)**:

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- (i) may be made by the Team Head Coach at his/her absolute discretion, which is not required to be exercised; and
  - (ii) is not capable of being appealed either under the SA Appeal Charter or otherwise.
  - (iii) may be made irrespective of whether there are no athletes selected to the Team for the Relevant Event, or if only one athlete is selected to the Team for the Relevant Event and Australia is permitted more than one competitor in the Relevant Event.
- d) In the case of a tie by two or more athletes in an Individual Olympic Event at the Qualifying Event, and that tie is determinative of whether one or more of the tied athletes are selected to the Team, and each athlete swam a time that equals or better than the applicable SA Qualifying Time listed in Appendix 1, a further race will be conducted at the Qualifying Event between the tied athletes at a time to be determined by the Competition Technical Manager, with the winner of that race obtaining selection to the Team, and where a second place remains available in that event for the Team (for example, where three athletes are competing for two positions on the Team), the second placed athlete will also be selected to the Team.

### *Relay Events*

- e) All athletes selected on the team under these criteria are eligible for selection in the relay events where Australia has entered a team. The Team Head Coach will consider available information for selection of each relay team at the time of the 2021 Australian Junior Team at their discretion and their decision will be final.
- f) In relation to the relay events selected under **clauses 4.h)** to Error! Reference source not found., meeting the criteria for a relay event at the Qualifying Event does not guarantee any athlete selection in the Team for that relay event.
- g) The following criteria will apply to determine the selection of athletes for the following events at the sole and absolute discretion of SA Selection Panel.

### *Medley Relay*

- h) The Medley Relay involves a 100m swim of each discipline, each by a different athlete.
- i) The highest ranked and second-highest ranked eligible athlete in each of the following Individual Olympic Events at the Qualifying Event: 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke and 100m Butterfly, may be considered for selection to the Team for the Medley Relay.
- j) For the avoidance of doubt, additional athletes will not be selected as relay only athletes for the Mixed 4 x 100 Medley relay.

### *100m and 200m Freestyle Relay*

- k) The first four highest ranked eligible athletes in the 100m and 200m Freestyle at the Qualifying Events may be considered for selection onto the Team.

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### 5. Non-Olympic Events

- a) Non-Olympic events that will be held at the Competition are the Men's and Women's 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke, and 50m Butterfly.
- b) The SA Team Head Coach will determine which, if any, members of the Team will compete in the Non-Olympic Events at his/her absolute discretion. Any decision made by the Team Head Coach regarding the Non-Olympic Events specified in **clause 5.a)** is not capable of being appealed either under the SA Appeal Charter or otherwise.

### 6. Event Cancellation, Selection and Consideration

- a) In the event that the Qualifying Events are cancelled the SA Selection Committee will consider the Alternative Qualifying Events as follows:
  - (i) the Qualification Times will be the minimum standard for selection to the Team. Athlete performance will be considered from the results achieved at the Designated Consideration Meets.
  - (ii) In the event that both Designated Consideration Meets are cancelled the SA Selection Committee will give consideration to the Secondary Consideration Meets.
- b) The selection or non-selection of Athletes under this **clause 6** will be confirmed to athletes on **Friday, 18 June 2021**.

### 7. Extenuating circumstances

- a) In determining whether an Athlete has satisfied the criteria set out in **clause 4 or clause 5**, Swimming Australia may, in its absolute discretion, have regard to Extenuating Circumstances.
- b) In the event that an athlete is not able to attend the Qualifying Events due to COVID imposed travel restrictions the athlete will be considered for selection subject to **clause 4 and 5** under the process outlined in clause 6. For the avoidance of doubt, an Athlete who is not able to attend the Qualifying Events due to COVID imposed travel restrictions may be selected in the place of an athlete that would otherwise have qualified for selection under **clause 4 and 5**.
- c) In the event that an Athlete determines that he or she is unable to attend the Qualifying Events, that Athlete must notify Swimming Australia of his or her non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable.
- d) Swimming Australia may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at the Qualifying Events to be an Extenuating Circumstance in its absolute discretion. Swimming Australia may require an Athlete to undergo a medical examination as a condition of treating the Athlete's non-attendance at the Qualifying Events as an Extenuating Circumstance. If Swimming Australia exercises its discretion, Athlete performance will be considered from the Alternative Qualifying Events.

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**APPENDIX 1**

<b>2021 Australian Junior Team Qualifying Times</b>		
<b>SELECTION EVENTS</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
50m Freestyle	22.86	25.68
100m Freestyle	50.75	55.98
200m Freestyle	1.51.05	2.02.66
400m Freestyle	3.57.66	4.19.45
800m Freestyle	8.11.53	8.55.18
1500m Freestyle	15.39.81	16.50.89
100m Backstroke	56.07	1.02.70
200m Backstroke	2.03.12	2.15.87
100m Breaststroke	1.02.17	1.10.32
200m Breaststroke	2.14.69	2.31.39
100m Butterfly	54.29	59.96
200m Butterfly	2.02.06	2.14.85
200 IM	2.03.88	2.17.01
400 IM	4.28.00	4.52.46

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## APPENDIX 2

### Designated Consideration Meets

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Meet 1	2021 Sydney Open, 13-16 May, Sydney
Meet 2	2021 Australian Swimming Trials, 12-17 June, Adelaide

### Secondary Consideration Meets

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Meet a	2020 NSW Senior State Age Championships, 12 -17 December
Meet b	2020 McDonald's Queensland Championships, 12-18 December
Meet c	2020 Hancock Prospecting Western Australian Swimming Championships, 18-22 December
Meet d	2021 South Australia State Open, 22- 24 January 2021
Meet e	2021 Victoria State Championships, 18-21 February, Melbourne
Meet f	2021 Victoria Age Championships, 4-8 March, Melbourne
Meet g	2021 South Australia Stage Age Championships, 4-8 March, Adelaide
Meet h	2021 Northern Territory Open and Age Championships, 4-7 March, Darwin
Meet i	2021 CRIPPS Tasmania Age and Open Championships, 5-8 March, Hobart
Meet j	2021 NSW State Championships, 18-21 March, Sydney