

SWIMMING AUSTRALIA SELECTION POLICY 2021 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY 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];
 - (iv) the Qualifying Events are the heats and finals of the 2021 Australian Swimming Trials, which will take place from 12 – 17 June 2021 in Adelaide.
- b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SA will select athletes to the Team to compete at the Competition.

3. Eligibility

To be considered for selection, an athlete must be:

- a) must be at least 18 years of age and no older than 25 years of age on the 31 December 2021 (born 1996-2003);
- b) Either:
 - i. be enrolled in, and currently proceeding towards, a course of study at a university, college of technical and further education or such other tertiary organisations included on the National Register of Higher Education Providers. For the purposes of this sub-clause "**currently proceeding**" includes the fact that the Athlete is not **deferred** from their course of study at the time eligibility is to be; or

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- ii. have graduated from one of the institutions referred to in **clause 3 (b,i)** after 3 July 2020.

4. Team composition, size and rankings.

Team composition and size

- a) When selecting the Team, the SA Selection Committee 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 Committee.
- c) The Team will, in accordance with applicable eligibility requirements for the Competition, consist of a maximum of:
 - (i) 30 athletes (no maximum number per gender) (the **Team Size**).

Rankings

- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) If the tied athletes remain tied after applying **clause 4.e)**, then the SA Selection Committee will select the athlete(s) to the Team from the tied athletes at its absolute discretion.

5. 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.

Individual Olympic Events

- a) The first and second ranked eligible athletes in the A or B Final (or heats if there are less than 24 athletes entered in that specific event) of an Individual Olympic Event at the Qualifying Event will be selected to the Team subject to the time that they swim in the specific Final (or heat) 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.

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- b) 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 5.a)** 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 5.b)**:
- (i) may be made by the Team Head Coach at his/her absolute discretion, which is not required to be exercised.
 - (ii) is not capable of being appealed either under the SA Appeal Charter or otherwise; and
 - (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.
- c) 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 betters 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

- d) All athletes selected on the team under this 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 University Team at their discretion and their decision will be final.
- e) In relation to the relay events selected under **clauses 5.g) to 5.i)**, meeting the criteria for a relay event at the Qualifying Event does not guarantee any athlete selection in the Team for that relay event.
- f) 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

- g) The Medley Relay involves a 100m swim of each stroke, each by a different athlete.
- h) The highest ranked eligible athlete in each of the following Individual Olympic Events at the Qualifying Event: 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m

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Breaststroke and 100m Butterfly, may be considered for selection to the Team for the Medley Relay.

100m and 200m Freestyle Relay

- i) 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.

6. 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 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 6.a)** is not capable of being appealed either under the SA Appeal Charter or otherwise.

7. Event Cancellation, Selection and Consideration

- a) In the event that the Qualifying Event are cancelled the SA Selection Committee will consider the Alternative Qualifying Event 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**.

8. 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 Event 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 Event due to COVID imposed travel restrictions may be selected in the place of an athlete that would otherwise have qualified for selection under **clause 5**.
- c) In the event that an Athlete determines that he or she is unable to attend the Qualifying Event, that Athlete must notify Swimming Australia of his or her non-attendance in writing as soon as practicable.

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- d) Swimming Australia may consider an Athlete's non-attendance at the Qualifying Event 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 Event as an Extenuating Circumstance. If Swimming Australia exercises its discretion, Athlete performance will be considered from the Alternative Qualifying Event.

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APPENDIX 1

2021 World University Games Team Qualifying Times		
SELECTION EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
50m Freestyle	22.42	25.19
100m Freestyle	49.78	54.91
200m Freestyle	1:48.93	2:00.32
400m Freestyle	3:53.13	4:14.51
800m Freestyle	8:02.16	8:44.99
1500m Freestyle	15:21.91	16:31.63
100m Backstroke	55.00	1:01.50
200m Backstroke	2:00.78	2:13.28
100m Breaststroke	1:00.99	1:08.98
200m Breaststroke	2:12.13	2:28.51
100m Butterfly	53.25	58.81
200m Butterfly	1:59.74	2:12.28
200 IM	2:01.52	2:14.40
400 IM	4:22.90	4:46.89

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APPENDIX 2

Designated Consideration Meets

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Meet 1	2021 Australian Swimming Championships, 14-18 April, Gold Coast
Meet 2	2021 Sydney Open, 13-16 May, Sydney

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 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