

1. Definitions and Interpretation

- (a) This Selection Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Swimming Australia Ltd. (SA) Selection Guidelines.
- (b) All defined terms in this Selection Policy have the same meaning as in the Selection Guidelines, unless otherwise stated.

2. Background

- (a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
 - (i) This policy will only apply to male competitors as the female quota spot for the Tokyo Olympic 10km Marathon Swimming event in 2021, is already finalised, and ratified through the 2019 FINA World Championships 10km event.
 - (ii) the Team is the Australian Swim Team for the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2021 event;
 - (iii) the Competition is the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2021 event in Fukuoka, Japan;
 - (iv) the Competition will take place on 30th May 2021 in Fukuoka, Japan and
 - (v) the Qualifying Events are the;
 - (A) 2021 Australian 10km Championships, which will take place on the 29th January 2021.
 - (B) 2021 FINA 10km World Series Event which will take place on (TBC) Feb 2021 in Doha, Qatar.
- (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 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 two male athletes (the **Team Size**);

Rankings

- (d) In the event of a tie for the final position on the Team from the World series Qualifying event or the non-completion of the World Series race, the SA Selection Committee will select the athlete(s) based on results from the Australian Championships 10km Race. Should this also result in a tie for the final position on the team, then the SA Selection Committee will select the athlete(s) to the Team from the tied athletes, at its absolute discretion who:
- (i) will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Competition; and
 - (ii) is, and will remain until the conclusion of the Tokyo 2021 Olympics, a positive ambassador for the Sport, Swimming Australia and the Competition.

This absolute discretion is not capable of being appealed either under the Swimming Australia Appeal Charter or otherwise.

4. Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

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

- (a) The first and second ranked eligible athletes from the FINA 10km World Series Qualifying Event will be selected to the Team.
- (b) Athletes will compete in the World Series Race abiding and following all FINA Generals Rules, By-laws and Open Water Swimming Rules. Places will be final once all avenues of review have been exhausted within these rules and regulations. These final placings will be presented to the Selection Committee for final confirmation prior to team selection.

5. Financial Support – FINA 10km World Series

- (a) The first four eligible male athletes based on performances at the Australian 10km Championships will be funded by SA to participate at the FINA 10km World Series Event in Doha.
- (b) Athletes not funded by SA can still participate in the FINA World Series event and will be added to the SA team. They will be required to self-fund to this World Cup meet, sign a Swimmer Agreement, supply their own coach/feeder and comply with all directions by SA and Team Management.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, all Australian athletes entered into the FINA World Cup Qualifying Event are eligible for selection onto the Olympic Qualifier Open Water team.