

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) the Team is the Australian Swim Team for the 2021 World Junior Open Water Championships;
 - (ii) the Competition is the **2021 FINA World Junior Open Water Championships**;
 - (iii) the Competition will take place from 22nd – 24th August 2021 in Victoria, Seychelles; and
 - (iv) the Qualifying Event is the 2021 Australian Open Water Championships, which will take place from 29th – 31st January 2021; **venue TBC**.
- (b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SA will select athletes to the Team to compete at the Competition.
- (c) The athlete contribution as part of this selection criteria will be \$750 per athlete and will be invoiced at the time of selection. Please refer to [Swimming Australia's Athlete Contribution Model](#) for the details of this policy

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 eight athletes (four male and four female athletes) (the **Team Size**); and

Rankings

- (d) In the event of a tie for the final position on the team in an event, 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 2021 FINA World Junior Open Water Championships, 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**) 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) not be selected onto the 2021 Australia Junior Benchmark pool team (TBC).
- (b) be aged 16-19 years as at the 31 December 2021, i.e. born between 2002-2005
- (c) The first and second placed eligible athletes (in both genders) in the below events at the 2021 Australian Open Water Championships (Selection Event) will be selected to the Team.
 - (i) Boys and Girls – 16-17 years – 7.5km event
 - (ii) Boys and Girls – 18-19 years – 10km event

5. Open water swim mixed relay event

- (a) Only athletes selected to the Team are eligible to compete in the mixed relay event.
- (b) The Team leader or Head coach will determine which members of the Team will compete in the Open Water 5km mixed relay event at their absolute discretion.