

## **1. Definitions and Interpretation**

- (a) This Selection Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Swimming Australia Ltd. (SAL) 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 Open Water events at 2022 FINA World Championships;
  - (ii) the Competition is the 2022 FINA Open Water World Championships;
  - (iii) the Competition will take place from 13-19 May 2022 in Fukuoka, Japan; and
  - (iv) the Qualifying Events are the;
    - (A) 2022 Australian 10km Championships, which will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in Adelaide.
    - (B) 2022 Australian 5km Championships, which will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in Adelaide
    - (C) 2022 FINA 10km World Cup (city - TBC) which will take place on (date – TBC) March 2022 in (TBC).
- (b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SAL 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 SAL 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 SAL Selection Committee.
- (c) The Team will, in accordance with applicable eligibility requirements for the Competition, consist of a maximum of:
  - (i) eight athletes (the **Team Size**); and
  - (ii) four athletes from either gender.
- (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.

### *Rankings*

- (e) In the event of a tie for the final position in a World Championship event, or the cancellation of all Qualifying Events or Competitions, as outlined in clause 5, the SA Selection Committee will select the athlete(s), at its absolute discretion based on the following principles:
1. will be most likely to achieve the highest competitive results at the Competition; and
  2. is and will remain until the conclusion of the 2022 World 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**) at the Competition are as follows, and are subject at all times to adjustment in accordance with **clause 5** of the Selection Guidelines.

##### *4.1 Open water swimming - 10km event*

- (a) The first and second ranked eligible athletes (in both genders) who accrue the most points based on the combined point score from the Australian Championships and the FINA 10km World Cup Qualifying Events will be selected to the Team.
- (b) Points System: In the Australian 10km race and the FINA 10km World Series Qualifying Event, points will be awarded to the swimmers depending upon their **overall race finishing position**. Swimmers may accumulate points at each Event in which they participate and finish, with their total points counting towards the overall final rankings
- (c) Points Distribution: The points awarded for both the men's and women's races at each Qualifying Event based on the athletes **overall finishing position** in the Qualifying Events:
  - (i) 1st - 20 points
  - (ii) 2nd - 18 points
  - (iii) 3rd - 16 points
  - (iv) 4th - 14 points
  - (v) 5th - 12 points
  - (vi) 6th - 10 points
  - (vii) 7th - 8 points
  - (viii) 8th - 6 points

- (ix) 9th - 4 points
  - (x) 10th - 3 points
  - (xi) Highest ranked Australian if no Top 10 finishers – 2 points
- (d) In the case of a tie by two or more athletes on the combined points table from the two Qualifying Events, and that tie is determinative of whether one or more of the tied athletes are selected to the Team, Clause 3e will be applied;

#### *4.2 5km event*

- (a) The first place swimmer in the Men's and Women's 5km race at the Australian Open Water Championships will be selected to the team in the 5km event.
- (b) The Third ranked eligible swimmer under 4.1 will be selected to the 5km event.

#### *4.3 25km event*

- a) The 25km events will be held at the Competition. The SAL Program Manager - OWS will determine which, if any, members of the Team will compete in the 25km Event at his/her absolute discretion. Any decision made by the SAL Program Manager - OWS specified in **clause a)e** is not capable of being appealed either under the SAL Appeal Charter or otherwise.

#### *4.4 Mixed 5km Team Event*

- a) All swimmers selected on the team are eligible to compete in the Mixed 5km Team event.
- b) The Team Head Coach will determine and communicate the specific strategy for the Mixed 5km Team Event. To remain eligible for selection in this event, all athletes will be required to comply with the requirements that have been communicated by the Team Head Coach.
- c) The final selection of the team for the Mixed 5km Team event, will be at the absolute discretion of the Team Head Coach.

## **5. Financial Support – FINA 10km World Cups**

- (a) The first four eligible athletes (both genders) based on performances at the Australian 10km Championships will be funded by SAL to participate at the FINA 10km World Series race in (TBC).
- (b) Athletes not funded by SAL can still participate in the FINA World Series meets. They will be required to self-fund to these World Cup meets, sign a Swimmer Agreement and comply with all directions by SAL and Team Management.

- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, all Australian athletes entered into the FINA World Series Qualifying Events are eligible to accrue points towards qualification for the FINA World Championships Open Water team.