



USA Swimming ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Games

DEFINITIONS

Available Swimmer. "Available Swimmer" means a swimmer who (i) qualifies to be selected to the Team in an Event according to these Selection Procedures and has complied with all eligibility requirements set forth in Sections 1.1-1.3 of these Selection Procedures; (ii) certifies to USA Swimming that he/she remains available to swim through the completion of the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships; (iii) indicates in writing that he or she will accept the invitation to be selected to the Team when that invitation is offered by USA Swimming and to swim in at least one Event for which he/she qualifies at the Junior Pan Pacific Championships (except as otherwise provided herein); (iv) is 13-18 years of age as of December 31st, 2018 (born in years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005); and (v) will not compete at the 2018 Pan Pacific Championships. If a swimmer does not satisfy these requirements, then he/she is not considered an Available Swimmer.

Event. "Event" refers to those individual pool competition events contested at the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Fiji August 23-27, 2018.

FINA Points Table, 2018. FINA Points Table, 2018 means the applicable FINA Points Table (i.e., men or women) updated as of February 2018, and found on the website www.fina.org.

Finals. "Finals" means the final results which are posted in each Qualifying Competition Event from which the Qualifying Competition finish order is determined. The results of the Finals will be used to determine the finish order for Available Swimmers. The results of the A final heat, B final heat, C final heat, the D final heat, and preliminary heats of the Qualifying Competition will be used (in that order) to determine finish order.

Head Coach. Unless otherwise indicated, "Head Coach" refers to the head coach of the Team for the applicable gender (i.e. the Men's Team Head Coach or Women's Team Head Coach).

Modified World Ranking. See "World Ranking", below.

National Junior Team Director. "National Junior Team Director" refers to the USA Swimming National Junior Team Program Director, or his/her designee.

Selected/Selection to the Team. "Selected/Selection to the Team" refers to the Team selected by USA Swimming, plus any replacements that may be added to the Team pursuant to Section 4 of these Selection Procedures.



Qualifying Competition. "Qualifying Competition" means the 2018 Phillips 66 Nationals, held Wednesday July 25, through Sunday July 29th in Irvine, California, at the William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Complex.

Team. "Team" means the 2018 Junior Pacific Championship Team announced on Thursday August 2nd, plus any changes or replacements made pursuant to these Selection Procedures.

World Ranking. World Ranking means the World Ranking list downloaded from the fina.org website at approximately 8:00 a.m. PST on July 25, 2018 and covering the period of January 1, 2018 through and including July 20, 2018.

Modified World Ranking. "Modified World Ranking" means the World Ranking list as modified by integrating all times from the Finals of the Qualifying Competition. An athlete's Modified World Ranking shall be determined by his/her time from the Finals of the Qualifying Competition.

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. *Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for Selection to the Team:*

1.1.1 In order to be considered for Selection to the Team, an athlete must, at the beginning of the Qualifying Competition and at the time of Selection to the Team:

- (a) be a registered athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing;
- (b) be a citizen of the United States; and
- (c) be eligible to represent the United States in International Competition.

In order to be considered for Selection to the Team, an athlete must, at the time of Selection, be an Available Swimmer.

1.1.2 Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport by August 13th, 2018 that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships.

1.1.3 Other requirements (if any):

- (a) An athlete must qualify for the Qualifying Competition, and compete in the Qualifying Competition;
- (b) Each swimmer that has been Selected to the Team must sign and return to USA Swimming, by 11:59 p.m. PST on August 1st, 2018, and abide by, the USA Swimming applicable competition forms which will be made available prior to the Qualifying Competition;



- (c) Each swimmer that has been Selected to the Team must comply with all applicable rules and requirements of Jr. Pan Pac Championships, WADA, USADA, and USA Swimming, including without limitation USA Swimming policies and protocols regarding Team preparation and participation, through the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships.

1.2 Tryout Events:

The Qualifying Competition

1.3 Comprehensive Selection Process:

This Section 1.3 sets forth the steps by which Available Swimmers will be Selected to the Team. Although USA Swimming may announce during the Qualifying Competition that swimmers have “made the Team” or “qualified for the Team,” any such announcement is considered to be informal and subject to change. The process of determining who is eligible to be Selected to the Team will take place at or before approximately 9:00 p.m. PST on July 29, 2018, after completion of the Qualifying Competition. The results from the application of these Selection Procedures will be announced on August 2nd, 2018, although USA Swimming retains the right to make changes to the results to address withdrawals and vacancies through the date when the final entries are forwarded to the organizing committee for the 2018 Junior Pan Pac Championships. The specific steps for determining the athletes to be Selected to the Team are as follows:

- 1.3.1 **Team Size.** The maximum allowable Team size is twenty (20) men and twenty (20) women. The actual Team size will be determined once these Selection Procedures have been implemented. For purposes of these Selection Procedures, the men's and women's components of the Team will be considered separately. USA Swimming is under no obligation to Selected to the Team a full team of 20 athletes in each, or either, gender. Transgender athletes shall compete at the Championships consistent with IOC, FINA, USOC and Championships' Organizing Committee policies and criteria.
- 1.3.2 **Qualifying Competition.** Performances at the Qualifying Competition, from among those eligible to compete in the Qualifying Competition as provided in Section 1.2 above, will be used to determine the Team. Performances at the Qualifying Competition will be prioritized using the priority system described below.
- 1.3.3 **Voluntary Withdrawal.** Any athlete may choose to voluntarily withdraw from the Junior Pan Pacific Championships Team. An athlete choosing to voluntarily withdraw from the Team must do so in writing and is strongly encouraged to submit a written letter to the National Junior Team Director by 8:00 p.m. PST on July 30, 2018.
- 1.3.4 **Application of Priorities for Team Selection.** Performances in the individual Events at the Qualifying Competition will be prioritized for each gender as described in this Section.
- 1.3.5 **These Priorities will be applied on or before 9:00 p.m. PST on July 29, 2018, after completion of the Qualifying Competition.** Swimmers not qualifying via one of these priorities will not be eligible to be Selected to the Team, unless they are subsequently added to the Team as a replacement according to the process set forth in Section 4.



If, after applying the priorities set forth below, as well as the procedures set forth in Section 1.3.3, there are fewer than twenty (20) men or twenty (20) women, or both, on the Team, then USA Swimming will not field a full Team, unless the Team is filled as a result of adding one or more replacements as provided in Section 4.

- (a) Priority #1. The first priority will be comprised of (i) the first placing Available Swimmer based on the final results swum at the Qualifying Competition in each Event; and (ii) the second placing Available Swimmer based on the final results swum at the Qualifying Competition in the 100 and 200 freestyle.
- (b) Priority #2. The second priority will be the second placing Available Swimmer based on the final results swum at the Qualifying Competition in each Event, except in the 100 and 200 freestyle.
- (c) Priority #3. The third priority will be the third placing Available Swimmer based on the final results swum at the Qualifying Competition in each Event. This process will continue (e.g. fourth placing Available Swimmer, then fifth placing Available Swimmer, etc.) until there are twenty (20) men and twenty (20) women selected to the team, subject to Section 1.3.6 (c).
- (d) Limitation. Available Swimmers finishing below the sixth placing Available Swimmer at the Qualifying Competition cannot be considered for Selection to the Team (example: if an athlete is the 7th placing Available Swimmer in an Event and they meet the above criteria, they will not be eligible for selection to the team), with the exception of the 100 and 200 freestyle Events; up to and including the 8th placing Available Swimmer from the Qualifying Competition in these events will be eligible for Selection to the Team.

1.3.6 Procedure if Selection to the Team Stand to Exceed 20 Per Gender. If the application of the procedures set forth in Section 1.3.5 results in a list of either more than twenty (20) male or more than twenty (20) female swimmers (or both) to be Selected to the Team, then the swimmers of the gender with more than 20 swimmers to be Selected to the Team shall be ranked and Selected to the Team according to the following procedure:

- (a) All swimmers from Priority #1 shall be Selected to the Team.
- (b) All swimmers from Priority #2 will be Selected to the Team; provided, however, that if adding all swimmers from Priority #2 would result in more than twenty (20) swimmers for a gender to be Selected to the Team, then the swimmers within Priority #2 shall be Selected to the Team in order of the best Modified World Ranking for the Event for which they qualify until a maximum of twenty (20) swimmers for that gender are Selected to the Team.
- (c) If all Priority #2 swimmers are Selected to the Team and the maximum Team size of twenty (20) swimmers per gender has not been attained, then the same procedure of using the best Modified World Rankings will be used to rank the swimmers from Priority #3, and Priority #3 swimmers will be Selected to the Team in order of their Modified World Rankings until the team is full. This process of adding Priority #3 swimmers to the list of those to be Selected to the Team will continue until either the team is full or the list of Available Swimmers



from Priority #1 through Priority #3 (subject to Section 1.3.5(d)) has been exhausted.

1.3.7 Breaking a Tie.

- (a) Tie in Same Event. In the instance where there is a tie between two Available Swimmers in the same Event for first place, both swimmers will be classified under Priority #1. In the instance where there is a tie between three or more Available Swimmers for first place in the same Event or where there is a tie between two or more Available Swimmers in the same Event for second place, a swim-off will be conducted at a time determined by the National Junior Team Director, the swimmers, and the personal coaches of the swimmers. If the parties are unable to agree on a date and time for the swim-off, then the date and time will be established by the National Junior Team Director. If the initial swim-off fails to break the tie, this process will continue until the tie is broken. The swimmers will be assigned to their respective Priorities based on their finish in the swim-off(s). The swim-off results will only be used to determine places of those involved in the swim-off and may not be used to change the finish order otherwise determined at the Qualifying Competition (for example, the winner of the swim-off between the second and third place finishers at the Qualifying Competition may not use his/her time in the swim-off to move to Priority #1 if the swim-off time is better than the time of the winner of the Qualifying Competition).
- (b) Tie in Determining Selection to Team Involving Swimmers from Different Events. In the instance where the application of Modified World Rankings is used to rank swimmers to be Selected to the Team (e.g. Sections 1.3.5 (b)-(c)), and where the application of the Modified World Rankings results in a tie between two or more swimmers in different Events for the final position(s) on the Team, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - (i) Each swimmer's fastest performance swum in his/her Event at the Qualifying Competition will be ranked according to the FINA Points Table, 2018. The swimmer who has the best ranking shall be Selected to the Team.
 - (ii) If this fails to break the tie, each swimmer's fastest performance swum in his/her Event at the Qualifying Competition will be converted into a ratio, using the swimmer's Qualifying Competition time as the denominator, and the FINA-approved World Record for that Event as of July 25, 2018 as the numerator, and the swimmer(s) with the highest percentage shall be Selected to the final position(s) on the Team. A World Record set at the Qualifying Competition would not qualify as a FINA-approved World Record because the record would not yet be officially approved by FINA.
 - (iii) If this fails to break the tie, the fastest time swum by each swimmer in his/her Event during the period from January 1, 2018 through June 20, 2018 will be ranked according to the Modified World Ranking lists, and the swimmer(s) will be Selected to the Team in order of the best ranking.
 - (iv) If this fails to break the tie, then the swimmer with the highest Modified World Ranking in an Event other than his/her Event involved in the tie shall be Selected to the Team (e.g. if a swimmer's results in the 100m freestyle are involved in the



tie, then that swimmer's highest Modified World Ranking in an Event other than the 100m freestyle shall be considered).

(v) If this fails to break the tie, each swimmer's fastest performance swum in an Event at the Finals of the Qualifying Competition other than the Event that is the subject of the tie will be ranked according to the FINA Points Table, 2018. The swimmer who has the best ranking shall be Selected to the Team. If only one swimmer involved in the tie swam a second Selected at the Qualifying Competition, then that swimmer will be Selected to the Team.

1.4 Announcement.

Those officially selected to the Team will be announced at approximately 12:00pm MST on August 2, 2018.

1.5 Selection of Swimmers for Events.

All swimmers who are named to the Team through the Selection Procedures shall be eligible for entry into additional Events held at the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships provided that the athlete swims at least one Event in which he/she qualifies.

2. RELAY SELECTION

All swimmers who are Selected to the Team shall be eligible for selection to any and all relays to be held at the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships.

The National Junior Team Director, in consultation with the Head Coaches and the assistant coaches, shall select the swimmers for each relay conducted at the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships. In selecting the relay teams, the National Junior Team Director and the coaches, shall consider all available relevant information, including but not limited to each Team member's Qualifying Competition performances (including preliminary times, time trials, swim-offs and relay lead-off times), past relay performances, past relay reaction times, relay exchange experience, 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships performances, personal best performances, 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships event schedules, individual workload, other recent results and performances, consistency of performances, fatigue, health, fitness levels, training preparation, participation in relay training camps, scientific evaluation, attitude and team chemistry.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

3.1 An athlete Selected to the Team by USA Swimming may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Swimming's National Junior Team Director:

3.1.1 An athlete may choose to voluntarily withdraw from the Team. The athlete must submit in writing any withdrawal to the National Junior Team Director.

3.1.2 USA Swimming may remove an athlete who has an injury or illness, as certified by the approved USA Swimming team physician assigned to the sport of swimming, that is likely to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Junior Pan



Pacific Championships. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by the approved USA Swimming team physician assigned to the sport of swimming (or his/her medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Junior Pan Pacific Championships, and he/she may be removed.

- 3.1.3 An athlete may be removed if the National Junior Team Director, in consultation with the Head Coaches, the USA Swimming National Team Managing Director and the USA Swimming Athletes' Executive Vice Chair, determine that the swimmer is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for peak performance in the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships. (See Participation and Commitment Agreement, which is included in Attachment A.)
 - 3.1.4 Any swimmer may be dismissed from the Team at any time if the swimmer violates any of the applicable Junior Pan Pacific Championship Organizing Committee, USA Swimming or other rules and regulations applicable to the Team or its members, including without limitation applicable Codes of Conduct or Honor Codes.
 - 3.1.5 If a swimmer is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that swimmer shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be Selected to the Team) until: (i) the swimmer is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by FINA; (ii) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or (iii) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be Selected to the Team.
- 3.2 An athlete who is to be removed from the Team or from eligibility to be Selected to the Team, pursuant to these provisions, has the right to a hearing per the USA Swimming Bylaws (usaswimming.org) or the applicable anti-doping code/protocol before such removal or declaration of ineligibility.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1.1. Adjustments to the Team and Events from the time of announcement of the Team (approximately 12:00 p.m MST August 2, 2018) through the date which entries are due to the organizing committee):

If there is a vacancy in an Event that occurs between *the time of announcement of the Team (approximately 12:00 p.m MST August 2, 2018) through the date which entries are due to the organizing committee*, USA Swimming can add Available Swimmers to the team.

(a) Filling Vacant Event Positions with Team Vacancy.

Filling Vacant Event Positions in All Events

For all Events if the Team is not full (fewer than twenty (20) swimmers per gender) after a swimmer declines a position in an Event for any



reason, or Event positions otherwise become vacant, then the vacancy in any such Event(s) shall be filled by the next fastest Available Swimmer in that Event, subject to the priorities and limitations in Section 1.3 . If he/she declines to swim in the Event, then he/she shall not be considered an Available Swimmer for that Event, and the next fastest Available Swimmer will be selected according to Section 1.3.5. If adding the next Available Swimmer from each Event left vacant would cause the Team to exceed the maximum number (twenty (20) per gender), then those who qualify as the next fastest Available Swimmer in the Events left vacant shall be ranked according to the procedure described in Section 1.3.5. Those ranked highest according to that procedure shall be added to the Team in order until the Team reaches twenty (20) per gender, and any remaining Event vacancy will be filled from within the Team pursuant to Section 4.1.1(b)below.

(b) Filling Vacant Event Position with No Team Vacancy.

If the Team is still full (twenty [20] per gender) after the withdrawal from an Event, the vacancy in any Event(s) will be filled by an Available Swimmer already on the Team. First priority will be given to the next highest place finisher at the Qualifying Competition. If no swimmer already on the Team swam the Event at the Qualifying Competition, then the Available Swimmer on the Team with the highest World Ranking in the Event will be selected; provided, however, that the replacement swimmer must agree, after consulting with the Head Coach and National Junior Team Director, to compete in the additional Event. If the replacement swimmer does not agree to swim in the additional Event, then this process will repeat until the vacant Event is filled.

4.1.2. Adjustments to the Team and Events after submission of Entries by Name to the Organizing Committee:

After August 7th or the date in which entries are due to the organizing committee (whichever is earliest), no swimmers will be added to the Team.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Swimming will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the conclusion of the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, those documents included as Attachment B are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of selection to the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships (*to be provided at or before the Qualifying Competition*).



7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Swimming in the following locations:

7.1. USA Swimming Web site:

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible.

8. DATE OF SELECTION

The selection of Athletes will be published on the USA Swimming website and will be posted on August 2nd, 2018 at approximately 12:00pm MST.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Site</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Travel to Assembly Point, Depart | August 17 th | Los Angeles, California |
| Arrival in Fiji | August 19 th | Nadi, Fiji |
| Pre Competition Days | August 19-22 nd | Fiji |
| Pool Competition | Aug 23-26 | Fiji |
| Open Water Competition | August 27 th | Fiji |
| Return home | August 27 th | Los Angeles, California |

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all WADA, Jr. Pan Pacific Championship, and USADA anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by WADA, Jr. Pan Pacific Championships, and USADA Rules, as applicable.

11. USA SWIMMING BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Swimming Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: usaswimming.org

12. DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on JUNIOR PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE regulations, as applicable and as presently known and understood. Any change in the Selection Procedures caused by a change in JUNIOR PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZING COMMITTEE and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The Selection Procedures are based on the latest information available to USA Swimming. However, the Selection Procedures are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.



If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these Selection Procedures will be revised.

The terms and conditions of these written Selection Procedures shall take priority over any verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of the Selection Procedures, and an athlete relies on a verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures at his or her sole risk. Any request or question that would involve a formal clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures, or that would address an issue not otherwise covered in these Selection Procedures, should be submitted to the National Team Managing Director or National Junior Team Program Director at USA Swimming in writing by no later than June 30th, 2018, and the response to such request by USA Swimming must be provided in writing and, where appropriate, must be published promptly on the USA Swimming website.

An athlete who is Selected to the Team by virtue of an error or oversight by USA Swimming may be removed from the Team at any time.



ATTACHMENT A

USA SWIMMING

2018 JUNIOR PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM PARTICIPATION AND COMMITMENT

I agree to abide by the USA Swimming Athlete Selection Procedures, competition requirements, competition protocols, the Honor Code and the USA Swimming Code of Conduct.

I agree to fully commit to a comprehensive training program designed for a competitive performance at the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships. If for any reason I become unable to fulfill this commitment, I will immediately notify the National Junior Team Director.

I understand that I may be removed from the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championship Team if circumstances interfere with my preparation for peak performance.

I give USA Swimming National Team Division permission to give out my contact information for 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championship Staff use:

_____ Yes _____ No

I give USA Swimming National Team Division permission to give out my contact information for internal USA Swimming Staff use: _____ Yes _____ No

_____ Signature _____ Printed
Name _____ Date

If under 18:

_____ Parent Signature _____ Parent Printed
Name _____ Date