



SELECTION CRITERIA

20th FINA World Championships 2023 – Pool

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| Tour Dates: | July 11 – 31, 2023 TBC | | |
| Competition Dates: | July 23 – 30, 2023 TBC | | |
| Location: | Staging: | Toyota, JPN | July 12 – 19 |
| | Final Preparation: | Fukuoka, JPN | July 19 – 22 |
| | Competition: | Fukuoka, JPN | July 23 – 30 |
| Team Size: | Maximum of two male and two female Swimmers per event as outlined in the FINA Qualification Procedure to a maximum of 26 women and 26 men. | | |
| Team Leader: | Swimming Canada High Performance Director will be the Team Leader or his designate | | |
| Team Head Coach: | A Team Head Coach will be appointed | | |
| Team Coaches: | Up to five Team Coaches will be appointed | | |
| Selection Event: | Canadian Swimming Trials, Toronto, ON March 28 – April 2, 2023 | | |

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by Swimming Canada to select pool Swimmers for the 20th FINA World Championships 2023 Pool Team while meeting the qualification procedures outlined by FINA. In addition, this document sets out the criteria to identify Coaches eligible to be appointed to the 20th FINA World Championships 2023 Pool Team.

II. SWIMMER ELIGIBILITY

1. Only Swimmers identified by these criteria will be considered for selection. The following conditions must be satisfied to be eligible for selection to the 20th FINA World Championships 2023 Pool Team:
 - a. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by FINA ([GR 1](#)) and Swimming Canada ([CGR 1.2.1](#)),
 - b. Where a Swimmer is a Canadian citizen permanently residing outside of Canada, they must be registered directly with Swimming Canada or with a Swimming Canada registered swim club in accordance with Swimming Canada eligibility rules ([CGR 1.2.1.9 or .10](#))
 - c. A Swimmer must hold a valid Canadian passport at March 15, 2023 which expires no earlier than January 31, 2024.
 - d. A Swimmer must declare themselves available for selection prior to March 15, 2023 using the Swimmer Declaration of Availability [form](#). Any Swimmer who does not declare themselves eligible by this deadline may not be considered for selection to this Team.
 - e. Selected Swimmers must sign the current Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement by April 15, 2023. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian will



be required to co-sign the Agreement. The Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement will be provided to the Swimmer upon selection.

- f. Following the conclusion of the 2023 Canadian Swimming Trials selected Swimmers will be required to attend post-Trials Team meetings on April 3, 2023 in Toronto which will conclude no later than 2:00pm. Swimmers must plan and book flights accordingly. Swimming Canada is not responsible for the cost of flight changes.

III. SELECTION PROCESS RULES

1. The following statements outline the rules used in the selection process.
 - a. Only performances in Olympic Events are eligible for selection purposes.
 - b. Only individual performances in 'A' finals are eligible for selection purposes in individual events. The only exceptions shall be Time Final events, in which case all performances shall be considered for selection purposes.
 - c. Performances from other competitions may be considered for discretionary selection as outlined in Section IV. FINA will only accept entry times which have been achieved at competitions officially approved by FINA.
 - d. Results achieved in a Time Trial or as an intermediate distance in an individual event will not be considered eligible for selection purposes.
 - e. Selection does not guarantee specific event entry. Individual entries, relay entries and relay team composition will be determined by the Team Leader in consultation with the Team Head Coach. All selected Swimmers are eligible to be considered in relay team composition.
 - f. Mixed relays will be made up by swimmers selected to the team through the selection criteria.
 - g. If selection is declined, the selection performance of the declining Swimmer will be disregarded for the purpose of these Criteria.

IV. SELECTION CRITERIA – Swimmers

Priority 1:

From the results at the Selection Event the fastest eligible Swimmer(s) achieving the FINA 'A' standard ([Appendix A](#)), will be selected to a maximum of two Swimmers per event.

Priority 2:

From the results at the Selection Event, for freestyle relays that finished in the top 8 at the 19th FINA World Championships 2022 (Women's 4x100 FR, Men's 4x100 FR, Women's 4x200 FR), the top four placed eligible Swimmers in the Women's and Men's 100m Freestyle and the top four placed eligible Swimmers in the Women's 200m Freestyle, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1 will be selected.

Priority 3:

From the results at the Selection Event, for freestyle relays that did not finish in the top 8 at the 19th FINA World Championships 2022, (Men's 4X200 FR) the top four placed eligible Swimmers in the Men's 200m Freestyle, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1 will be selected for relays provided that the add-up of the four swimmers times minus 1.5 seconds is equal to or faster than the Swimming Canada Relay Standards ([Appendix B](#)).

Priority 4:



From the results at the Selection Event where no FINA 'A' standard has been achieved in an individual event, the fastest placed eligible Swimmer, provided they have attained the Swimming Canada secondary qualification standard ([Appendix A](#)), will be selected

Priority 5:

After selection of the Swimmers through Priorities 1 to 4, is complete, from the results of 100m events at the Selection Event, for medley relays that finished in the top 8 at the 19th FINA World Championships 2022 (Women's 4x100 MR), the fastest eligible female Swimmer in each 100m event inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priorities 1, 2 and 4 will be selected.

Priority 6:

After selection of the Swimmers through Priorities 1 to 4 is complete, from the results of 100m events at the Selection Event, for medley relays that did not finish in the top 8 at the 19th FINA World Championships 2022 (Men's 4x100 MR), the fastest eligible male Swimmer in each 100m event inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priorities 1, 2 and 4 will be selected provided that the add-up of the four swimmers times minus 1.5 seconds is equal to or faster than the Swimming Canada Relay Standards ([Appendix B](#)).

Priority 7:

The High Performance Director may at his sole discretion select eligible Swimmers where space remains in individual events or may select Swimmers to enhance relays.

V. TIE BREAKING – Swimmers

1. Where there is a tie in the Swimmer selection process from performances at the Selection Event the Swimmers' preliminary swims will be utilized to break the tie. Should a tie exist in the preliminaries a swim-off shall be conducted at a time mutually agreed upon by the Swimmers and their Personal Coaches. If a swim-off cannot be agreed upon within a timeline determined by the Swimming Canada High Performance Director, then the High Performance Director, in consultation with the Swimming Canada Selection Committee shall determine a tie breaking method, which shall be applied.

VI. ALTERNATES – Swimmers

1. All eligible Swimmers not already selected to the team, whose time meets the FINA 'A' Standard ([Appendix A](#)) but who cannot be selected due to quota limitations will be considered as an alternate in that specific event(s). Alternates will not be formally announced and are not considered team members. Alternates are subject to all sections of this criteria.

VII. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE – Swimmers

1. In the event that injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstances of a significant nature inhibit a Swimmer's preparation for the Selection Event, or prohibit a Swimmer from competing at the Selection Event, a Swimmer may submit a written Request for Consideration of Performance. Any time for pool swims submitted in such a request must have been achieved between June 1, 2022 and March 28, 2023 at a FINA approved qualification event.



- a. The deadline for any request consideration for injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstances arising before the Selection Event under this clause is 24 hours before the start of the first event at the 2023 Canadian Swimming Trials and must be submitted directly to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee (c/o Iain McDonald – imcdonald@swimming.ca). The submission must include:
 - i. A fully completed Request for Consideration of Performance form (**Appendix C**)
 - ii. A letter from a medical doctor explaining the injury, illness, etc. and expected recovery time.
 - iii. A letter from the Swimmer’s Personal Coach explaining the effect of the injury, illness, etc. on training both leading into the Selection Event and the training plan post Selection Event.
 - b. Should injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstances arise during the Selection Event the deadline to submit any request for consideration is 2 hours before the start of the preliminary heats of the event in question. Swimmers in this situation, or encountering illness/ injury at any point during the competition day, are required to immediately submit a Request for Consideration of Performance Form (**Appendix C**) and be examined by the National Team Physician or their designate onsite at the Selection Event.
2. All Requests for Consideration of Performance received will only be considered after the conclusion of the Selection Event and where space remains on the team.
 3. Any Swimmer identified for selection within Section VII Request for Consideration of Performance will not unseat any Swimmer selected through Section IV Selection Criteria – Swimmers, Priorities 1 through 6.
 4. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director as per Section IV Priority 7, will have sole discretion on the decision to select the Swimmer.

VIII. COMPETITIVE READINESS – Swimmers

1. “Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the Swimmer to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the Swimmer achieved in qualifying.
2. Swimmers who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team. Swimmers and their Personal Coaches are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 20th FINA World Championships 2023 to the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Swimming Canada Senior Coach, Olympic Program, in writing via email.
3. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Swimming Canada Senior Coach, Olympic Program, will make the final decision on competitive readiness in concert once the selection process is completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about which factors they will consider in making the final decision.
4. In the case of injuries or illnesses, the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Swimming Canada Senior Coach, Olympic Program, will consider recommendations made by the National Team Physician in making the final decision.



5. Injured or ill Swimmers may be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Swimming Canada Senior Coach, Olympic Program, in consultation with the Swimmer's Personal Coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. These Swimmers will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that the Swimmer is not competitively ready once onsite at the event, they may be asked to return home immediately.

IX. REMOVAL OF A SWIMMER FROM TEAM

1. Swimming Canada may, at any time, disqualify a Swimmer from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team, or remove a Swimmer after selection based on current or past behavior of the Swimmer that is inconsistent with Swimming Canada's General Code of Conduct or the Team Athlete Code of Conduct (Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement, Schedule A). These documents are available upon request.
2. A Swimmer will be removed from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or be removed after selection if they are found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Swimming Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

X. GENERAL INFORMATION – Coaches

1. To be eligible for appointment a Coach must:
 - a. have been resident in Canada and duly employed as a swimming coach by a Swimming Canada affiliated organization for 90 days prior to the first day of the Selection Event 1;
 - b. be a fully registered Coach and member in good standing with the Canadian Swim Coaches Association (CSCA) and Swimming Canada;
 - c. be a minimum NCCP Senior Coach Level 3 In-training or be a Chartered Professional Coach with the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada;
 - d. if a valid Police Record Check (PRC), or a valid Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), is not on file with Swimming Canada, provide a valid Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) in accordance with Swimming Canada's Safe Sport Screening Policy effective September 2021;
 - e. have completed all of the following required training programs prior to March 28, 2023:
 - Respect in Sport Activity Leader training or CAC Safe Sport Training module
 - 2022 True Sport Clean online training
 - 2022 Role of the Athlete Support Personnel online course
 - have signed the CCES Contract to expressly acknowledge they are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP);
 - f. have declared themselves available for appointment prior to March 15, 2023 using the Coach Declaration of Availability [form](#). Any Coach who does not declare themselves eligible and available for appointment by this deadline may not be considered to be appointed as a Coach for this event;
 - g. hold a passport that can be used for travel to the host country and for Visa processing within Canada, and which expires no earlier than January 31, 2024;
 - h. abide by the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Agreement and World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) Code and have never had a violation of either the CADP or WADA code;
 - i. appointed Coaches will be required to commit to attending a post-Trials meeting (date and location details tbc).



2. All Coaches identified by these criteria must be a registered member of the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada on or before April 30, 2023 either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach.
3. All Coaches identified by these criteria must agree to and sign the Swimming Canada Team Staff Agreement by April 15, 2023. Failure to do so will render the Coach as having officially declined appointment. A copy of the Team Staff Agreement will be provided to each appointed Coach upon their respective appointment to the 20th FINA World Championships 2023 Pool Team.

XI. APPOINTMENT – Coaches

1. Up to five Team Coaches will be appointed. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint up to five Team Coaches to the 20th FINA World Championships 2023 Pool Team.

XII. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND AMENDMENTS

Unforeseen Circumstances

1. Should the Swimming Canada Selection Committee determine that unforeseen circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these Criteria, the Selection Committee shall have the full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.

Amendments to this Document

2. Swimming Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary. No such changes shall be made after the commencement of the Selection Event unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unforeseen Circumstances” provisions above.
3. Swimming Canada reserves the right to review and modify these Criteria or decisions related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from FINA that affect the Criteria set out in this document.
4. Any changes to these Criteria shall be communicated directly to all Swimming Canada Carded Swimmers and Coaches, and Swimmers and Coaches who declared themselves eligible for selection, and published to the Swimming Canada website forthwith.

XIII. APPEALS

1. The Swimming Canada “Complaints, Disciplinary Action and Dispute Resolution Policy” and the Swimming Canada “Appeals Policy” govern all decisions made by Swimming Canada, including issues pertaining to selection. For a copy of these policies please contact Swimming Canada or refer to the following link: <https://www.swimming.ca/en/resources/board-governance/board-policies/>



These Criteria were duly created and approved by the Swimming Canada Selection Committee, which by its terms of reference have been properly delegated to perform this task by the Chief Executive Officer of Swimming Canada.

Contact: For questions or clarification on the contents of this document, please contact Swimming Canada at hp-programs@swimming.ca

APPENDIX A

20th FINA World Championships 2023 A Qualifying Time Standards (02 August 2022)
Swimming Canada Secondary Standard: FINA A Time plus 1%

| Female | | | Male | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Secondary standard: FINA A + 1% | A 2 Entries | | A 2 Entries | Secondary Standard: FINA A + 1% |
| 25.29 | 25.04 | 50m Freestyle | 22.12 | 22.34 |
| 54.79 | 54.25 | 100m Freestyle | 48.51 | 49.00 |
| 1:59.85 | 1:58.66 | 200m Freestyle | 1:47.06 | 1:48.13 |
| 4:13.08 | 4:10.57 | 400m Freestyle | 3:48.15 | 3:50.43 |
| 8:43.08 | 8:37.90 | 800m Freestyle | 7:53.11 | 7:57.84 |
| 16:39.47 | 16:29.57 | 1500m Freestyle | 15:04.64 | 15:13.69 |
| 1:01.20 | 1:00.59 | 100m Backstroke | 54.03 | 54.57 |
| 2:12.39 | 2:11.08 | 200m Backstroke | 1:58.07 | 1:59.25 |
| 1:08.02 | 1:07.35 | 100m Breaststroke | 59.75 | 1:00.35 |
| 2:27.37 | 2:25.91 | 200m Breaststroke | 2:10.32 | 2:11.62 |
| 58.91 | 58.33 | 100m Butterfly | 51.96 | 52.48 |
| 2:10.50 | 2:09.21 | 200m Butterfly | 1:56.71 | 1:57.88 |
| 2:14.31 | 2:12.98 | 200m Ind. Medley | 1:59.53 | 2:00.73 |
| 4:45.89 | 4:43.06 | 400m Ind. Medley | 4:17.48 | 4:20.05 |



APPENDIX B

**Swimming Canada Relay Standards
(12th ranked NF time from 2022 FINA World Rankings at 31 August 2022)**

| Relay | 12 th Ranked NF |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Men's 4x200 FR | 7:12.68 |
| Men's 4x100 MR | 3:34.66 |



APPENDIX C

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Name: _____

Date of Submission: _____

Are you able to compete at the 2023 Canadian Swimming Trials: Y or N

Briefly describe the injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstance:

Event(s) for consideration: _____

Event Best Time(s), please also include the date and location where the best time was achieved*:

**Note that for selection to the 20th FINA World Championships 2023 only times posted between June 1, 2022 and March 28, 2022 at FINA approved qualification events will be considered.*

Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____
(if swimmer is under the age of 18)

Once complete, please submit this form along with a letter from your doctor and your coach as outlined in Section VII Request for Consideration of Performance to Iain McDonald (imcdonald@swimming.ca).

Notice of Receipt: (for staff use)

This form was received by Swimming Canada on (date and time): _____

Form received by: _____ *Signature:* _____



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In the instance that the injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstance occurs at the 2023 Canadian Swimming Trials the following section must be completed by the Swimming Canada National Team Physician or their designate:

Physician Notes:

Date & Time: _____

Name of Physician: _____

Signature: _____