



## SWIMMER AND COACH INTERNAL NOMINATION CRITERIA Paris 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES – MARATHON SWIMMING

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<b>Tour Dates:</b>	July 24 – August 12, 2024 - TBC
<b>Competition Dates:</b>	August 8 and August 9, 2024
<b>Location:</b>	<i>Staging:</i> Caen, FRA - July 25 –August 4, 2024 <i>Competition:</i> Paris, FRA - August 8 and August 9, 2024
<b>Team Size:</b>	Maximum of four (4) Swimmers (2 female + 2 male)
<b>Team Leader:</b>	Swimming Canada High Performance Director will be the Team Leader or designate
<b>Team Head Coach:</b>	Swimming Canada Distance / Open Water Coach will be the Team Head Coach
<b>Team Coaches:</b>	Up to one (1) additional Open Water Team Coach may be appointed for nomination. Number is dependent on the accreditation allocation from Canadian Olympic Committee (COC)
<b>Qualification Event 1:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2023, Fukuoka, JPN Refer to the separated published <a href="#">selection criteria</a> for the 20 <sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2023 for eligibility to attend this competition.
<b>Qualification Event 2:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 Refer to the separated published selection criteria for the 21 <sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 for eligibility to attend this competition. <a href="#">[add link to criteria]</a>

**Note:** The Qualification System has been outlined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and World Aquatics for the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024 Marathon Swimming events. Nomination is subject to this [Qualification System](#). Nomination is subject to qualification requirements outlined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and World Aquatics, and the approval of the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by Swimming Canada to nominate Swimmers and Coaches to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) for inclusion in Canada's Paris 2024 Olympic Team.

### II. GENERAL INFORMATION – Open Water Swimmers

Only Swimmers identified by these criteria will be considered for nomination. The following conditions must be satisfied to be eligible for nomination to Canada's Paris 2024 Olympic Team:



1. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirement rules set out by World Aquatics ([GR1, GR2, and OWS1.2](#)), Swimming Canada ([CGR 1.2.1](#)) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
2. A Swimmer must hold a Canadian passport as of March 28, 2024, which expires no earlier than February 11, 2025.
3. 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](#))
4. A Swimmer must declare them self available for nomination prior to each phase of the nomination process using the Athlete Declaration of Availability form no later than **March 15, 2023 and July 23, 2023**, (see section III Nomination Criteria- Priority 3). Any Swimmer who does not declare them self eligible by this deadline may not be considered for nomination to this Team
5. Nominated Swimmers must sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Paris 2024 Eligibility Conditions Form no later than June 24, 2024, both of which will be provided to each nominated swimmer upon their nomination to Canada's Paris 2024 Olympic Team. Where the athlete is under the age of 18 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.
6. Nominated Swimmers must have signed the current Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement no later than June 1, 2024. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian will be required to counter-sign the Agreement. A copy of the Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement will be provided to each nominated swimmer upon their nomination to Canada's Paris 2024 Olympic Team.
7. Nomination does not guarantee selection. Selection is subject to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) approval.

### III. NOMINATION CRITERIA – Open Water Swimmers

**PRIORITY 1:** Any swimmer who receives a qualifying invitation for Paris 2024 from World Aquatics, **according to the [Qualification System](#)**, following the 20<sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2023 will be nominated.

**PRIORITY 2:** Any swimmer who receives a qualifying invitation for Paris 2024 from World Aquatics, **according to the [Qualification System](#)**, following the 21<sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 will be nominated.

### IV. COMPETITIVE READINESS

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 competition to the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Team Head Coach in writing via email using the Injury/Illness forms available from Swimming Canada.



3. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made in concert by the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Team Head Coach once nomination is completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about what 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 Team Head Coach will consider recommendations made by the National Team Physician in making a 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 Team Head Coach 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.

#### **V. REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE FROM TEAM**

1. Swimming Canada may, at any time, disqualify a Swimmer from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team or remove a Swimmer after nomination based on current or past behavior of the Swimmer that is inconsistent with Swimming Canada's Code of Conduct. A copy of this document is available upon request to Swimming Canada.
2. A Swimmer will be removed from being considered for nomination to Canada's Paris 2024 Olympic Team or removed after nomination if he/she is 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).
3. Prior to Team nomination to the COC, Swimming Canada will have final authority over final removal of a Swimmer. Following nomination, any such removals are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee.

#### **VI. GENERAL INFORMATION – Open Water Coaches**

1. To be eligible for appointment as Head Coach or Team Coach a coach must:
  - a. have been a 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 Selection Event;
  - 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 signed and submitted the UCCMS Consent Form (by date XXX? Upon appointment??);
  - f. have signed and submitted the Swimming Canada Screening Disclosure Form (by date XXX? Upon appointment??);
  - g. have completed all of the following required training programs prior to September 1, 2023:



- Respect in Sport Activity Leader training or CAC Safe Sport Training module
  - 2024 True Sport Clean online training
  - 2024 Role of the Athlete Support Personnel online course
  - Signed the CCES Contract to expressly acknowledge they are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP);
- h. have declared themselves available for appointment prior to **July 15, 2023**, using the Coach Declaration of Availability **form**. Any Coach who does not declare themselves eligible by this deadline may not be considered for selection to this event;
  - i. hold a passport that is valid for travel to the **host country** and visa processing within Canada, and which expires no earlier than February 11, 2025;
  - j. abide by the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Agreement and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code and have never had a violation of either the CADP Agreement or WADA Code.
2. All Coaches identified by these criteria must become a member in good standing with the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada on or before March 15, 2024 either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach.
  3. All Coaches identified by these criteria must sign the Swimming Canada Team Staff Agreement no later than June 1, 2024. Failure to do so will render the Coach as having officially declined nomination. A copy of the Team Staff Agreement will be provided to each nominated Coach upon their nomination to Canada's Paris 2024 Olympic Team.
  4. All Coaches identified by these criteria must sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Team Agreement and Organising Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form no later than June 24, 2024.
  5. Nomination does not guarantee selection. Selection is subject to the Canadian Olympic Committee approval. Swimming Canada will submit all nominations to the Canadian Olympic Committee on or before June 30, 2024. After this date, the Canadian Olympic Committee's Team Selection Committee will review and, where appropriate, approve nominations.

## **VII. NOMINATION – Open Water Coaches**

1. The Swimming Canada National High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint up to one (1) additional Open Water 10 km event Coach for nomination.
2. The number of Coaches nominated is dependent on the number of staff accreditations allocated to Swimming Canada by the Canadian Olympic Committee.

## **VIII. APPOINTMENT – Support Staff**

1. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint the support staff to the 2024 Olympic Games Open Water Swimming Team. Support Staff includes: Assistant Team Leader, Team Managers, Sport Medicine Staff, Sports Science Staff, Personal Support Coaches, Communications Staff and any other position the High Performance Director deems necessary to adequately support the team.



## **IX. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

### **Amendments**

1. 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 2024 Canadian Swimming Trials unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unexpected Circumstances” provisions above.
2. Swimming Canada reserves the right to review and modify this Nomination Criteria or decisions related to the nomination process in the case of rule or policy changes from World Aquatics or the IOC that affect the criteria set out in this document.
3. Any changes to this Nomination Criteria shall be communicated directly to all Swimming Canada Carded Swimmers and Coaches, and published to the Swimming Canada website forthwith.

### **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.
2. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.

## **X. 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 nomination. For a copy of these policies please contact Swimming Canada or refer to the following link: <https://swimming.ca/en/resources/board-governance/board-policies/>

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*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](mailto:hp-programs@swimming.ca)