



## SELECTION CRITERIA

### 21<sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 – Open Water

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<b>Tour Dates:</b>	January 17 – February 11, 2024 (TBC)		
<b>Competition Dates:</b>	February 2 – 10, 2024		
<b>Location:</b>	Staging:	Antalya, TUR	January 18 - 28 (TBC)
	Final Preparation:	Doha, QAT	January 28 – February 1
	Competition:	Doha, QAT	February 2 – 10
<b>Team Size:</b>	10 km: maximum two male Swimmers and two female Swimmers		
<b>Team Leader:</b>	Swimming Canada High Performance Director or his designate will be the Team Leader		
<b>Team Head Coach:</b>	Swimming Canada National Distance and Open Water Coach will be appointed as the Open Water Team Head Coach		
<b>Team Coaches:</b>	Up to two additional Open Water Team Coaches will be appointed		
<b>Selection Event 1:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2023		
<b>Selection Event 2:</b>	2023 Canadian Open Water Festival August 12, 2023		

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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 select Swimmers for the 21<sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 Open Water Team while meeting the qualification procedures outlined by World Aquatics. In addition, this document sets out the criteria to identify Coaches eligible for appointment to the 21<sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 Open Water 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 to be selected to the 21<sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 Open Water Team:
  - a. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirement rules set out in the World Aquatics General Rules ([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 Canadian passport as of July 15, 2023 which expires no earlier than **August 11, 2024**;
  - d. A Swimmer must declare themselves available for selection prior to July 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 September 15, 2023. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian will be



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

- f. Swimmers selected to the 10 km event at 2024 World Championships may also compete in the 5km event and the Team Event following consultation with the Team Head Coach and the Swimming Canada High Performance Director.

### **III. SELECTION PROCESS RULES**

The following statements outline the rules used in the selection process.

- a. The composition of the 'Team Event' (as described in the World Aquatics Event Summons) will be determined by the Team Leader in consultation with the Team Head Coach. All selected Swimmers are eligible to be entered in the 'Team Event'.

### **IV. SELECTION CRITERIA – Swimmers**

**Priority 1:**

The first placed eligible Swimmer, of each gender, in the 10 km swim at Selection Event 1 will be selected for the 10 km event.

**Priority 2:**

The first placed eligible Swimmer not already selected to the team, of each gender, in the 10 km swim at Selection Event 2 will be selected for the 10 km event.

### **V. TIE BREAKING – Swimmers**

1. Should a tie exist, the Swimming Canada High Performance Director in consultation with the Swimming Canada Selection Committee shall determine a tie breaking method, which will be applied.

### **VI. 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 21<sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 to the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Swimming Canada Distance and Open Water Coach in writing via email.
3. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made in concert by the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Swimming Canada Distance and Open Water Coach once selection 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 Distance and Open Water Coach 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 Distance and Open Water 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 time 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.

## **VII. 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 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).

## **VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION – Coaches**

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 August 11, 2024;
  - 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.
1. All Coaches identified by these criteria must become a member of the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada by September 1, 2023 either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach.



2. All Coaches identified by these criteria must sign the Swimming Canada Team Staff Agreement by September 15, 2023. Failure to do so will render the Coach as having officially declined appointment. The Team Staff Agreement will be provided to each appointed Coach upon their respective appointment to the 21<sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 Open Water Team.

## **IX. APPOINTMENT – Coaches**

1. Up to two Team Coaches will be appointed. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint up to two Team Coaches to the 21<sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 Open Water Team.

## **X. APPOINTMENT – Support Staff**

- a. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint the support staff to the 21<sup>st</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2024 Open Water 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.

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

### **Amendments to this Document**

3. 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 Selection Event 2 unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unforeseen Circumstances” provisions above.
  - a. Swimming Canada reserves the right to review and modify these Criteria or a decision related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from World Aquatics that affect the criteria set out in this document.
  - b. 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.

## **XII. 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/>

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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.*

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