



SELECTION CRITERIA

21st World Aquatics Championships 2024 – Pool

Tour Dates:	January 26 – February 19, 2024 TBC		
Competition Dates:	February 11- 18, 2024 TBC		
Location:	Staging:	Antalya, TUR	January 27 – February 6
	Final Preparation:	Doha, QAT	February 6 – February 10
	Competition:	Doha, QAT	February 11- 18
Team Size:	Maximum of two male and two female Swimmers per event as outlined in the World Aquatics Qualification Procedure.		
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 1:	20 th World Aquatics Championships 2023, July 23-30, 2023		
Selection Events 2:	Speedo Canadian Swimming Championships, August 1 – August 6, 2023 2023 World Aquatics Junior Championships, September 4-9, 2023		
Selection Event 3:	2023 Pan Am Games, October 21 – 25, 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 21st World Aquatics Championships 2024 Pool Team while meeting the qualification procedures outlined by World Aquatics. In addition, this document sets out the criteria to identify Coaches eligible to be appointed to the 21st World Aquatics Championships 2024 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 21st World Aquatics Championships 2024 Pool Team:
 - a. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by World Aquatics ([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 July 9, 2023 which expires no earlier than August 19, 2024.



- d. A Swimmer must declare themselves available for selection prior to July 9, 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 October 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.

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. All individual performances in individual events and relay lead-off performances at the 20th World Aquatics Championships 2023, the 2023 World Aquatics Junior Championships and the 2023 Pan American Games are eligible for selection purposes.
 - c. Performances from other competitions may be considered for discretionary selection as outlined in Section IV, Priority 7. World Aquatics will only accept entry times which have been achieved at competitions officially approved by World Aquatics.
 - 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. 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 of individual events at Selection Event 1, the fastest eligible Swimmer achieving the World Aquatics 'A' standard ([Appendix A](#)), will be selected to a maximum of one Swimmer per event. Priority will be to performance from the finals, followed by performances in the semi-finals and lastly by performances in the preliminary heats.

Priority 2:

From the results at Selection Events 1 and 2, the fastest eligible Swimmer(s) achieving the World Aquatics 'A' standard ([Appendix A](#)), will be selected to a maximum of two Swimmers per event, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1.

Priority 3:

From the results at Selection Events 1, 2 and 3, the four fastest eligible Swimmers in the 100m Freestyle and the four fastest eligible Swimmers in the 200m Freestyle, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1 and 2 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](#)). Non-lead relay splits from the 20th World Aquatics Championships 2023, the 2023 World Aquatics Junior Championships and the 2023 Pan Am Games, will be ranked using the individual split time plus 0.5 seconds.



Priority 4:

After selection of the Swimmers using Priority 1 to 3, is complete, from the results of 100m events at Selection Events 1, 2 and 3, the fastest eligible swimmer in each 100m event, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priorities 1, 2 and 3, will be selected for the Women's and Men's Medley 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](#)). Non-lead relay splits from the 20th World Aquatics Championships 2023, the 2023 World Aquatics Junior Championships and the 2023 Pan Am Games will be ranked using the individual split time plus 0.5 seconds.

Priority 5:

From the results at Selection Event 3, where spaces remain open in individual events, the fastest eligible Swimmer(s) achieving the World Aquatics 'A' standard ([Appendix A](#)), will be selected to a maximum of two Swimmers per event, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1, 2.

Priority 6:

From the results at Selection Events 1,2 and 3, where spaces remain open in individual events where no World Aquatics 'A' standard has been achieved, the fastest eligible Swimmer, provided they have attained the Swimming Canada secondary qualification standard ([Appendix A](#)), will be selected.

Priority 7:

The Swimming Canada Selection Committee has the discretion to select eligible swimmers where space remains in individual events and to enhance relays based on the recommendation of the High Performance Director.

V. TIE BREAKING – Swimmers

1. Where there is a tie in the Swimmer selection process from performances at the Selection Events, the tied Swimmers' second fastest swims in that event from the Selection Events will be utilized to break the tie. Should a tie still exist the Swimming Canada Selection Committee and the Swimming Canada High Performance Director shall then have the full discretion to determine a tie breaking method, which they will apply.

VI. ALTERNATES – Swimmers

1. All eligible Swimmers not already selected to the team, whose time meets the World Aquatics '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. 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 21st World Aquatics Championships 2024 to the Swimming Canada High Performance Director, in writing via email.
3. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director 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, 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 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.

VIII. 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).

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION – Coaches

1. To be eligible for appointment as Head Coach or Team Coach 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 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. declare themselves available for appointment prior to July 9, 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;
 - i. 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 August 19, 2024;
 - j. 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;
 - k. **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 October 15, 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 October 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 21st World Aquatics Championships 2024 Pool Team.

X. APPOINTMENT – Coaches

1. Up to six coaches, inclusive of Head Coach and Team Coaches will be appointed. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint coaches to the 21st World Aquatics Championships 2024 Pool Team.

XI. APPOINTMENT – Support Staff

1. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint the support staff to the 21st World Aquatics Championships 2024 Pool 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.

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.



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 the **2023 Canadian Swimming Trials** unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unexpected Circumstances” provisions above.
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.

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 Needs Updating

The 21st World Aquatics **Championships 2024 A Qualifying Time Standards** will be included once they have been published

The Swimming Canada Secondary Standard will be developed from the 21st World Aquatics **Championships 2024 A Qualifying Time Standards** once they have been published (World Aquatics A Time plus 0.5%)

APPENDIX B

Swimming Canada Relay Standards (16th place time from the 2022 World Rankings)

Female Standard	Event	Male Standard
3:43.59	4x 100 FR	3:15.97
8:03.04	4 x 200 FR	7:17.91
4:05.29	4 x 100 MR	3:36.29