



Clarification Statement regarding Swimming Canada 2024 Swimmer and Coach Internal Nomination Criteria and Relay Swimmer Nominations

Following the conclusion of the 2024 World Aquatic Championships in Doha (11th-18 February 2024) Swimming Canada have all 7 Olympic Relays ranked in the top 16 and therefore will receive an official invitation to participate in the 2024 Olympic Games.

Upon reviewing the Swimming Canada 2024 Swimmer and Coach Internal Nomination Criteria (INP) and the Official IOC/World Aquatics Qualification System it is noted that a maximum of 12 relay only athletes can be nominated by an NOC i.e. Canadian Olympic Committee (Swimming Canada).

In order to ensure the INP is aligned with the Official Qualification System a clarification is required, as outlined in this document in advance of the trials and the selection committee applying the INP nomination priorities. This clarification outlines how the Swimming Canada relays will be nominated to ensure full transparency ahead of the trials and the criteria being applied.

**SWIMMER AND COACH INTERNAL NOMINATION CRITERIA
PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES – POOL SWIMMING**

- Tour Dates:** July 12 – August 5/7, 2024 (5th Staff/Coaches/Minors, 7th Remaining Team)
- Competition Dates:** July 27 – August 4, 2024
- Location:** *Staging:* Caen, FRA - July 13 – July 22, (TBC)
Competition: Paris, FRA
- Team Size:** Maximum 26 female Swimmers and maximum 26 male Swimmers can be nominated.
Maximum of two Swimmers per event per gender
Maximum one relay team per event (male, female, mixed)
- 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 (5) Coaches will be appointed for nomination. Number is dependent on the accreditation allocation from Canadian Olympic Committee (COC)
- Nomination Events:** **2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell, May 13-19, 2024**
Other [World Aquatics approved Olympic qualification events](#): applicable only to Section III. Nomination Criteria, Priority 4, 5 and 6.

Notes: The Qualification System has been outlined by IOC and World Aquatics for the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024 Swimming events. Nomination is subject to this [Qualification System](#).
Type of Allocation of Quota Places: The quota place is allocated to the athlete by name in individual events. The quota place is allocated to the National Olympic Committee (NOC) in Relay events.

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 – 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 requirements set out by World Aquatics [\(Part 1 – 3.1.1\)](#), Swimming Canada [\(Part 1 – 5.1.1\)](#) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
2. A Swimmer must hold a Canadian passport as of March 28, 2024 and which expires no earlier than February 11, 2025.
3. Where a Swimmer is a Canadian citizen permanently residing outside of Canada, he / she must be registered directly with Swimming Canada or with a Swimming Canada registered swim club in accordance with Swimming Canada eligibility rules [\(Part 1 – 5.1.1.7 or 5.1.1.8\)](#).
4. A Swimmer must declare them self available for nomination no later than May 1, 2024, using the Athlete Declaration of Availability [form](#). 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 respective 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. ~~At the conclusion of the 2024 Canadian Swimming Trials nominated Swimmers, including provisional nominations, will be required to attend Post-Trials team meetings (May 20-21, 2024, location tbc). Details will be communicated prior to the conclusion of the 2024 Canadian Swimming Trials. Swimmers must plan and book flights accordingly. Swimming Canada is not responsible for the cost of flight changes.~~
8. 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 meet to review and, where appropriate, approve nominations.
9. Nomination and subsequent selection does not guarantee specific event entry. Individual entries and relay team composition will be determined by the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Team Head Coach. All nominated Swimmers are eligible for relay selection.
10. Only performances in Olympic events, as set out in the [Qualification System](#), are eligible for nomination purposes.
11. If nomination is declined, the performance of the declining Swimmer will be disregarded for the purpose of these Criteria.

III. NOMINATION CRITERIA – Swimmers

Priority 1:

The first and second placed Swimmers in the A final and achieving the Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT) [\(appendix A\)](#) at the [2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell](#), will be nominated. For Time Finals, all performance will be considered and the first and second placed Swimmers achieving the OQT at the [2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell](#) will be nominated.



Priority 2: clarification April 15, 2024

For freestyle relays that earned qualification to the Olympic Games, in accordance with the [Qualification System](#), the top four (4) placed Swimmers in the 100m and the top four (4) place Swimmers in the 200m Freestyle in the A final at the 2024 Canadian Swimming Trials will be nominated.

Priority 3: clarification April 15, 2024

For the women's and men's medley relays that earned qualification to the Olympic Games, in accordance with the [Qualification System](#), where there has not been a Swimmer nominated in the male or female 100m Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and/or Freestyle events in Priorities 1 and 2, the first placed Swimmers in the A final will be nominated for the appropriate relay.

Priority 2 – Men's and Women's Relay Nominations (Clarification April 15, 2024)

The men's and women's relays that earned qualification to the Olympic Games, in accordance with the [Qualification System](#), will be ranked based on the add-up of the A Final performances at the Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Swimming Trials, presented by Bell, of swimmers identified through following process:

For the women's and men's 4x100m freestyle and 4x200m freestyle relays, a relay add-up time will be produced by combining the times of the top four (4) placed Swimmers in the 100m freestyle and the top four (4) place Swimmers in the 200m Freestyle, in the A final at the 2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell, minus the relay take over allowance of 1.5 seconds.

For the women's and men's 4x100m medley relays, a relay add-up time will be produced by combining the times of the first placed Swimmers in the A final of each of the 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 100m butterfly and 100m freestyle at the 2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell, minus the relay take over allowance of 1.5 seconds. In the circumstance that one individual is the first placed Swimmer in multiple 100m events, the times of second placed Swimmers in those events will also be used in the relay add-up. The combination of Swimmers that produces the fastest relay add-up will be utilised in the ranking process.

The add-up time produced from the procedure above of each qualified relay will then be ranked against the top 16 relay performances for that relay from the combined results of the 2023 Fukuoka and 2024 Doha World Championships. Only the fastest relay performance from each nation will be ranked.

Inclusive of the Swimmers nominated at priority 1, the four (4) swimmers used to create the relay add-up times as indicated above, for each of the 6 relay's i.e. 4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4x100m Medley for men and women, will be nominated in priority order based on the relay ranking, in keeping with the intent of the published policy. The mixed medley relay is not considered for relay nomination through this priority. This process will be applied until all relays under this priority are nominated or until all 12 relay-only Swimmer positions have been allocated.

In the circumstance that there are insufficient relay-only positions available to nominate all relay-only Swimmers required for a relay, (example: 3 relay-only Swimmers are required and only 2 relay-only Swimmer positions remain) the available relay-only positions will only be nominated if the remaining positions on the relay can be filled by swimmers already nominated to the team and who competed in the relay nomination



event at the 2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell. Should there not be already-nominated swimmers available to complete the relay team, the remaining relay-only positions will not be nominated under Priority 2.

Priority 5 Priority 3: (Clarification April 15, 2024)

Where an event has no qualifiers or only one qualifier with the OQT (appendix A) from the 2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell, a Swimmer who has achieved the OQT within the qualification period (March 1, 2023–June 23, 2024) and finishes in the top 2 in the event, at the 2024 Canadian Swimming Trials, shall be nominated, to a maximum of two OQT Swimmers per event.

Priority 6 Priority 4: (Clarification April 15, 2024)

In an event that currently does not have any nominations through Priorities 1 to 3, the event winner who has achieved the Olympic Consideration Time (OCT) (appendix A), and achieves a time at the 2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell that is within 1% of their fastest time achieved in the qualification period (March 1, 2023–June 23, 2024) will be provisionally nominated. These provisional nominations are subject to World Aquatics approval and invitation.

Priority 4 Priority 5: (Clarification April 15, 2024)

The Swimming Canada Selection Committee has the discretion to nominate eligible swimmers to enhance relays based on the recommendation of the High Performance Director.

Any team positions unclaimed after Priorities 1 through 6 Priorities 1 through 5 (Clarification April 15, 2024) are completed shall remain vacant.

IV. TIE BREAKING – Swimmers

1. Where there is a tie in the Swimmer nomination process from performances at the 2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell, each of the Swimmers' preliminary swims will be ranked 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 Selection Committee, the 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.
2. Where there is a tie in a timed final event 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 Selection Committee, the 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.
3. Where there is a tie in the Swimmer's times in events swum at World Aquatics Approved competitions outside of the 2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell, the Swimmer's results from the final of the specific event at the 2024 Canadian Olympic & Paralympic Trials, presented by Bell shall be used to break the tie. Where a tie still exists, 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.

V. ALTERNATES – Swimmers

1. Swimmers, not already nominated to the team, whose time meets the Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT) (appendix A) but who cannot be nominated due to quota limitations will be considered as an alternate in the specific event(s). Alternates will not be formally announced and are not considered team members.



Alternates are subject to all the regulations outlined in this document including Section VII Competitive Readiness.

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 Coach 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 Paris 2024 Olympic Games to the Swimming Canada High Performance Director 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 Team Head Coach once the 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 Team Head 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 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.

VII. REMOVAL OF A SWIMMER FROM TEAM

1. Swimming Canada may, at any time, disqualify a Swimmer from being considered for nomination to the Canada’s Paris 2024 Olympic 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.
2. A Swimmer will be removed from being considered for nomination to the 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.

VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION – 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, upon appointment;
 - f. have signed and submitted the Swimming Canada Screening Disclosure Form, upon appointment;
 - g. have completed all of the following required training programs prior to June 7, 2024:
 - 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 May 1, 2024, 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 by September 1, 2023 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 respective 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 (COG) 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.

IX. NOMINATION – Coaches

1. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint for nomination up to six (6) Coaches for nomination inclusive of Head Coach and Team Coaches.
2. The number of Coaches nominated is dependent on the number of staff accreditations allocated to Swimming Canada by the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).

X. 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 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.

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 the Nomination Event 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 or the IOC 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

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/> .

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

QUALIFICATION TIME STANDARDS for the OLYMPIC GAMES PARIS 2024

Male Olympic Qualifying Time OQT 2 entries	Male Olympic Consideration Time OCT 1 entry	Swimming event (50m)	Female Olympic Qualifying Time OQT 2 entries	Female Olympic Consideration Time OCT 1 entry
21.96	22.07	50 freestyle	24.70	24.82
48.34	48.58	100 freestyle	53.61	53.88
1:46.26	146.79	200 freestyle	1:57.26	1:57.85
3:46.78	3:47.91	400 freestyle	4:07.90	4:09.14
7:51.65	7:54.01	800 freestyle	8:26.71	8:29.24
15:00.99	15:05.49	1500 freestyle	16:09.09	16:13.94
53.74	54.01	100 backstroke	59.99	1:00.29
1:57.50	1:58.09	200 backstroke	2:10.39	2:11.04
59.49	59.79	100 breaststroke	1:06.79	1:07.12
2:09.68	2:10.33	200 breaststroke	2:23.91	2:24.63
51.67	51.93	100 butterfly	57.92	58.21
1:55.78	1:56.36	200 butterfly	2:08.43	2:09.07
1:57.94	1:58.53	200 Individual Medley	2:11.47	2:12.13
4:12.50	4:13.76	400 Individual Medley	4:38.53	4:39.92

*NOC's can enter two (2) athletes in the same event, only if both athletes have achieved the OQT time.
NOC's can only enter one (1) athlete per event having achieved an OCT Time.*