

Purpose of this Criteria

This criteria outlines the eligibility and performance standards required to be selected to the 2025 World Aquatics Championships Team to compete 26 July - 3 August in Singapore

1. Definitions and Interpretation

- (a) This Selection Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Selection Guidelines.
- (b) All defined terms in this Selection Policy have the same meaning as in the Selection Guidelines, unless otherwise stated.
- (c) In this Selection Policy, the following words have the corresponding meaning:
 - (i) **World Aquatics Point Score** means the scoring system administered by World Aquatics and available at <https://www.worldaquatics.com/swimming/points>;
 - (ii) **Individual Olympic Event** means an individual swimming event that will form part of the next Olympic Games; and
 - (iii) **Non-Olympic Event** means an individual or relay swimming event that will form part of the Competition that, at the time of SA implementing this Selection Policy, is not part of the swimming program at the next Olympic Games.

2. Background

- (a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
 - (i) the Team is the Australian Swim Team for the 2025 World Aquatics Championships;
 - (ii) the Competition is the 2025 World Aquatics Championships;
 - (iii) the Competition will take place on 26 July – 3 August 2025 in Singapore; and
 - (iv) the Qualifying Event is the 2025 Australian Swimming Trials, which will take place on 16 – 21 June 2025 in Adelaide and the 2025 Australian Open Championships (for athletes Selected onto the 2025 Australian Open Water Team only), which will take place on 21 – 24 April 2025 in Brisbane, Australia.
- (b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SA will select athletes to the Team to compete at the Competition.

3. Team composition, size and rankings.

Team composition and size

- (a) When selecting the Team, the SA Selection Committee will select the Team in accordance with this Selection Policy and the Selection Guidelines.
- (b) The composition of the Team is to be determined by the SA Selection Committee.
- (c) The Team will, in accordance with applicable eligibility requirements for the Competition, consist of a maximum of:
 - (i) 56 athletes (the **Team Size**); and
 - (ii) A maximum of 28 male athletes and 28 female athletes.

Rankings

- (d) Where more athletes meet the Performance Requirements for individual selection to the Team than the Team Size permits, those athletes will be ranked according to the Priority System and Ranking System as set out in the Selection Guidelines, with the number of top-ranked athletes equal to the Team Size being selected to the Team.
- (e) In the event of a tie for the final position on the Team based on the Ranking System, then the 2025 World Aquatics Point Score for the tied athletes will be used to separate the tied athletes.
- (f) If the tied athletes remain tied after applying **clause 3(e)**, then the SA Selection Committee will select the athlete(s) to the Team from the tied athletes at its absolute discretion, in accordance with the factors provided at **clause 4(k)** (substituting the word "individual" for "relay") and applying **clauses 4(l) and 4(m)**.

4. Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

The requirements to be met by an athlete in order to be considered for selection (**Performance Requirements**) for different events at the Competition are as follows, and are subject at all times to adjustment in accordance with **clause 5** of the Selection Guidelines.

Individual Olympic Events

- (a) The first and second placed eligible athletes in the Open Final of an Individual Olympic Event at the Qualifying Event will be selected to the Team subject to the time that they swim in the Open Final equalling or beating the SA Qualifying Time for that event listed in Appendix 1. For the avoidance of doubt, if the first placed eligible athlete equals or beats the relevant time, but the second placed athlete does not, then only the first placed eligible athlete will be selected to the Team.
- (b) Athletes selected on the 2025 Australian Open Water World Championships Team will be able to nominate to use either the 2025 Australian Open Championships or the 2025 Australian Swimming Trials as their Qualifying Event for the Men's and Women's 800m Freestyle and 1500m Freestyle Events. This option is only available to athletes selected onto the 2025 Australian Open Water World Championships Team and they will only be able to nominate one qualifying event. The times swum by athletes who have nominated the 2025 Australian Open Championships as their qualifying event will be included in the overall rankings at the 2025 Australian Swimming Trials, with the top 2 overall athletes selected to the team subject to those athletes equalling or beating the SA Qualifying Time for that event listed in Appendix 1.
- (c) If no athletes equal or beat the relevant SA Qualifying Time, then no athlete will be selected to the Team for that relevant Individual Olympic Event (**Relevant Event**) based on the Open Final selection process set out in **clause 4(a)** of this Selection Policy. However, athletes selected to the Team for other Individual Olympic Events may be selected by the National Head Coach to compete in the Relevant Event at the Competition, subject to that athlete having met any applicable World Aquatics qualification time(s) for the Relevant Event. Any selection for a Relevant Event on the basis of this **clause 4(c)**:
 - (i) may be made by the National Head Coach at their absolute discretion, which is not required be exercised; and

- (ii) is not capable of being appealed either under the SA Appeal Charter or otherwise.
- (iii) may be made irrespective of whether there are no athletes selected to the Team for the Relevant Event, or if only one athlete is selected to the Team for the Relevant Event and Australia is permitted more than one competitor in the Relevant Event.
- (d) In the case of a tie by two or more athletes in the Open Final of an Individual Olympic Event at the Qualifying Event, and that tie is determinative of whether one or more of the tied athletes are selected to the Team, and each athlete swam a time in the Open Final that equals or betters the applicable SA Qualifying Time listed in Appendix 1, a further race will be conducted at the Qualifying Event between the tied athletes at a time to be determined by the Competition Technical Manager, with the winner of that race obtaining selection to the Team, and where a second place remains available in that event for the Team (for example, where three athletes are competing for two positions on the Team), the second placed athlete will also be selected to the Team.

Relay Events

- (e) In relation to the relay events selected under **clauses 4(g) to 4(m)**, meeting or beating the SA Qualifying Time for a relay event at the Qualifying Event does not guarantee any athlete selection in the Team for that relay event.
- (f) The following criteria will apply to determine the selection of athletes for the following events at the sole and absolute discretion of SA Selection Committee.

Medley Relay

- (g) The Medley Relay involves a 100m swim of each discipline, each by a different athlete.
- (h) The highest ranked and second-highest ranked eligible athlete in each of the following Individual Olympic Events at the Qualifying Event: 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke and 100m Butterfly, may be considered for selection to the Team for the Medley Relay.
- (i) For the avoidance of doubt, additional athletes will not be selected as relay only athletes for the Mixed 4 x 100 Medley relay.

100m and 200m Freestyle Relay

- (j) The first and second placed eligible athletes in the Open Final of the 100m and 200m Freestyle at the Qualifying Event will be selected to the Team.
- (k) The eligible athletes ranked 3rd-8th in the Open Final of the 100m and 200m Freestyle events at the Qualifying Event may be considered for selection onto the Team as a "relay-only" athlete (**Relay Only**). In selecting the Relay Only athletes, the SA Selection Committee at its absolute discretion may select the athletes, from those ranked 3rd-8th in the relevant Open Final, to fill the remaining positions in the Team. Without in any way limiting the discretion of the SA Selection Committee, in making a determination as to which of the athletes to select as Relay Only athletes under this clause, the SA Selection Committee may consider the following factors (**Factors**):
 - (i) past relay performances;

- (ii) past relay skills;
 - (iii) performances at previous domestic and international events; and
 - (iv) any other factors the SA Selection Committee considers relevant.
- (l) The discretion granted to the SA Selection Committee in **clause 4(k)** is absolute and it is not required to be exercised. In exercising its discretion, the SA Selection Committee may consider any Factor, or combination of Factors that is, in the opinion of the SA Selection Committee, relevant for consideration when selecting Relay Only athletes to the Team and may attribute whatever weight it deems appropriate to any particular Factor when making its decision.
- (m) For the avoidance of doubt, the SA Selection Committee is not required to consider, turn its mind to, or rely on all the Factors in the exercise of its discretion to make a selection decision (for example, the SA Selection Committee is therefore entitled to rely on one Factor, two Factors, three Factors, etc. or a combination of a number of Factors in the exercise of its discretion to make a selection decision).

5. Non-Olympic Events

- (a) Non-Olympic events may be held at the Competition including the Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle.
- (b) The National Head Coach will determine which, if any, members of the Team will compete in the Non-Olympic Events at their absolute discretion. Any decision made by the Team Head Coach regarding the Non-Olympic Events specified in **clause 5(a)** is not capable of being appealed either under the SA Appeal Charter or otherwise.

APPENDIX 1

SA Qualifying Times			
2025 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Qualifying Times			
SELECTION EVENTS	MEN		WOMEN
50m Freestyle	21.94		24.72
100m Freestyle	48.34		54.16
200m Freestyle	1:46.70		1:58.23
400m Freestyle	3:47.54		4:10.23
800m Freestyle	7:48.66		8:34.62
1500m Freestyle	15:01.89		16:24.56
50m Backstroke	24.81		27.74
100m Backstroke	53.93		1:00.40
200m Backstroke	1:57.98		2:10.51
50m Breaststroke	27.06		30.33
100m Breaststroke	59.75		1:06.87
200m Breaststroke	2:10.32		2:25.91
50m Butterfly	23.05		25.77
100m Butterfly	51.62		57.90
200m Butterfly	1:56.03		2:09.21
200 IM	1:59.05		2:11.96
400 IM	4:17.48		4:43.06