

SWIMMING AUSTRALIA SELECTION POLICY 2024 WORLD AQUATICS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25M)

Purpose of this Criteria

This criteria outlines the eligibility and performance standards required to be selected to the 2024 World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) to compete 10 – 15 December 2024 in Budapest, Hungary. The team will provide athletes not selected for the Olympic Games to gain international racing experience ahead of the Los Angeles Olympic Cycle (in lieu of there not being an Australian A Team in 2024) as well as reward individual medallists from Paris.

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;
 - (ii) the Competition is the 2024 World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m);
 - (iii) the Competition will take place on 10 - 15 December 2024 in Budapest, Hungary; and
 - (iv) The Qualifying Event is the 2024 Australian Short Course National Championships which will take place on 26 – 29 September 2024.
- (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.

- (a) When selecting the Team, the SA Selection Panel 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 Panel.
- (c) The Team will, in accordance with applicable eligibility requirements for the Competition, consist of a maximum of 24 athletes (the **Team Size**); and

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

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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 2024 World Aquatics Point Score(s) 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 Panel will select the athlete(s) to the Team from the tied athletes at its absolute discretion.
- (g) The Team will be selected in two phases, with Phase One based on individual performances at the 2024 Olympic Games. Times swum at the 2024 Australian Short Course National Championships will be considered for Phase Two of selection for any remaining positions on the team. Swimming Australia will confirm athletes selected as part of Phase One, and the remaining positions available for Phase Two on August 26, 2024. For the avoidance of doubt, Phase Two will apply only for positions not already selected as part of Phase One, with Phase Two athletes not able to replace athletes selected in Phase One.

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.

Priority 1 – Individual Olympic Games Medallists

- (a) Individual Medallists from the 2024 Paris Olympic Games in a 2024 World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) event, provided they have a suitable World Aquatics Qualifying Time for that event, may be selected to the team as a Priority 1 Athlete. Up to ten athletes can qualify for the team as a Priority 1 Athlete, should more than 10 athletes medal individually at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, athletes will be ranked according to 3d, 3e and 3f to determine which athletes are selected. An athlete that meets this clause will be a priority 1 athlete.

Priority 2 – Remaining Individual Olympic Events

- (b) The first and second ranked eligible athletes in available Individual Olympic Event(s) at the Qualifying Event will be selected to the Team subject to the time that they swim equalling or beating the Qualifying Time for that event as listed in Appendix 1 and in accordance with clause 3 of this criteria. For the avoidance of doubt, if the first ranked eligible athlete equals or beats the relevant time, but the second ranked athlete does not, then only the first ranked eligible athlete will be selected to the Team.
- (c) If no athletes equal or beat the relevant Qualifying Time, then no athlete will be selected to the Team for that relevant Individual Olympic Event (Relevant Event) based on the selection process set out in clause 4(b) of this Selection Criteria.

Priority 3 – Relay Events

- (d) In determining the final and complete list of selected athletes in accordance with the number of quota positions (maximum of 24 athletes) as outlined in clause 3(c) the following process will be adopted to fulfil any remaining quota slots.

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After the athletes selected as per clause 4(a) and those who equal or better the Qualifying time for Individual Olympic Events as per clause 4(b), additional athletes may be nominated on a discretionary basis by the National Head Coach subject to medal potential and quota positions remaining for all relays (freestyle, medley and mixed) Utilisation of this clause is at the discretion of the National Head Coach and need not be exercised.

Priority 4 – Non Olympic Events

- (e) In determining the final and complete list of selected athletes in accordance with

The number of quota positions as outlined in clause 3 clause 3(c) the following process will be adopted to fulfil any remaining quota slots. After the athletes selected as per clauses 4(a) – 4(d), additional athletes may be nominated on a discretionary basis by the National Head Coach subject to medal potential and quota positions remaining for non-Olympic individual events.

5. Withdrawal

- (a) Should an athlete withdraw from the Team following their selection to the Team, the High Performance Director may request that the SA Selection Panel select a replacement athlete to Team. The SA Selection Panel may select an athlete at its absolute discretion provided the replacement athlete has met the relevant SA Qualifying Time as set out in Appendix 1.

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APPENDIX 1 – Qualifying Times

2024 WORLD AQUATICS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m)		
SELECTION EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
50m Freestyle	0:21.39	0:24.44
100m Freestyle	0:47.12	0:53.32
200m Freestyle	1:44.08	1:55.60
400m Freestyle	3:40.93	4:04.72
800m Freestyle	7:37.54	8:25.45
1500m Freestyle	14:35.27	16:09.72
100m Backstroke	0:51.01	0:57.67
200m Backstroke	1:52.66	2:05.54
100m Breaststroke	0:57.63	1:05.28
200m Breaststroke	2:06.23	2:23.07
100m Butterfly	0:50.57	0:57.40
200m Butterfly	1:53.11	2:08.39
200 IM	1:55.25	2:09.79
400 IM	4:08.72	4:36.77

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