



SWIMMING NEW ZEALAND SELECTION POLICY

****Updated 19th Feb 2025**

Event
WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES, BERLIN - July 2025 Competition dates 17 th to 23 rd July inclusive
Qualification Period
14 February 2025 to 25 May 2025, inclusive.
Selection Events
Any World Aquatics approved meets within the above Qualification Period shall be considered a Selection Event for the purpose of selection to the 2025 World University Games. <i>Note: While times for selection can be set at a range of meets, Clause 3.2 requires that unless granted special dispensation in writing by the Selectors, to be eligible for selection, swimmers must compete at the 2025 NZ Swimming Championships, 21st to 25th May.</i>

Eligibility

To be considered for selection, a swimmer must:

- I. Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in competition as per World Aquatics Competition Regulations, Part One, Rule 3.
- II. Be a registered and financial member of Swimming New Zealand (SNZ).
- III. Be a positive ambassador for SNZ.
- IV. Comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement of SNZ and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute.
- V. Have not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in SNZ's or World Aquatics' Anti-Doping Bylaw.
- VI. Satisfy the **University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (UTSNZ) - Eligibility and Participation in International Event Criteria** ([Appendix A](#))

1. Team Size

1.1 Maximum Team size will be in accordance with FISU Regulations (up to 2 swimmers in each individual event)

2. Team Announcements

2.1 The selection of the swimmers that have met the eligibility and performance requirements will be announced no later than one week after the completion of the Qualification Period.

3. Selection Process - Individual Event Selection

- 3.1** To be considered for selection for an individual event at the 2025 World University Games, swimmers must record a time equal to or better than the times detailed below (Table One) in the relevant individual swimming event at a World Aquatics approved Selection Event in the Qualification Period.
- 3.2** Unless granted special dispensation in writing by the Selectors, swimmers must compete at the 2025 SNZ Open Championships.
- 3.3** In any decision regarding the selection of athletes to the team, the selectors may, at their sole discretion, consider any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 8.

TABLE ONE

Individual Events (World Aquatics A time plus 1.5%)

Women (+1.5%)	Event	Men (+1.5%)
25.23	50m Freestyle	22.38
55.06	100m Freestyle	49.07
2:00.00	200m Freestyle	1:48.30
4:13.98	400m Freestyle	3:51.57
8:42.34	800m Freestyle	7:55.69
16:39.33	1500m Freestyle	15:15.42
28.64	50m Backstroke	25.49
1:01.37	100m Backstroke	54.75
2:13.05	200m Backstroke	1:59.84
31.21	50m Breaststroke	27.74
1:07.87	100m Breaststroke	1:00.65
2:28.10	200m Breaststroke	2:12.27
26.62	50m Butterfly	23.71
59.20	100m Butterfly	52.55
2:11.15	200m Butterfly	1:58.26
2:14.82	200m Individual Medley	2:00.84
4:47.31	400m Individual Medley	4:21.34

4. Selection to the Team:

- 4.1** New Zealand is permitted to enter a maximum of two swimmers per individual swimming event at the World University Games
- 4.2** At the conclusion of the selection period, each qualifying swim will be ranked in order of time, fastest to slowest and the first and second ranked athletes will be selected.
- 4.3** Where times are equal for the second qualifying place, the athletes' second fastest qualifying times in that event from the Qualification Period in this document shall be used to determine which athlete has the better overall performance. If there is no second time, or if those times are still equal, selection will be at the discretion of the SNZ Selectors.

4.4 Relay times and other split times will not be considered for selection of the team.

5. Discretionary

5.1 Where no athlete has achieved the selection standard for an individual event in Table One, the SNZ Head Coach may recommend to the SNZ Selection Panel for consideration for selection to the team the fastest non-qualified athlete in the individual event at a Selection Event provided they also meet the FISU Regulations.

5.2 The Head Coach's recommendation remains at the discretion of the Selectors

6. Additional Events

6.1 Any athlete selected for an individual event may be able to swim additional events after consideration of the following criteria:

- a. That there is a place available for them to swim in that event.
- b. That by racing that event, the performance of the athlete in the individual events that the athlete has qualified to swim will not be compromised.
- c. That by racing that event, the performance of any relay that the athlete may be selected for will not be compromised.

7. Relay Selection

7.1 Selection for relays will be made from within the team selected for 2025 World University Games.

7.2 The final composition and order of each relay team at the Championships will be determined by the Head Coach at the event. Their decision will be absolute and final, in accordance with FISU rules and regulations.

8. Extenuating Circumstances

8.1 If a swimmer is unable to compete at the Selection Events due to extenuating circumstances (as set out below), the SNZ Selectors may consider previous performances within the 12 months prior to the Qualification Period in a long course event at a competition acceptable to the SNZ Selectors and the SNZ High Performance Leader. If the previous performances are to be considered, then the fastest qualifying time, irrespective of where it was achieved, shall have priority.

8.2 Swimmers must advise SNZ of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much notice as possible before the completion of the qualification period. If SNZ is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this selection criteria, then the SNZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.

8.3 In considering the selection of Swimmers in accordance with the selection criteria, the SNZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Injury or illness.
- Travel delays.
- Equipment failure.
- Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
- Events clash with the Athlete's Individual Performance plan
- Any other factors reasonably considered by the SNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

8.4 In the event of illness or injury, swimmers will be required by the SNZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and may be required to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by SNZ, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the SNZ Selectors including an indication of the current and future performance impact of the condition. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the SNZ Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.

8.5 Selection of any swimmers, as outlined above, will be subject to confirmation of their satisfactory return to training. This process may include a test in the swimming event that they have been selected for. Any test must be performed by a designated date decided by the SNZ High Performance Leader. A target time indicating satisfactory progress will be decided and announced to the swimmer before the designated date.

9. Notes

9.1 SNZ may amend these selection criteria at any time, by giving reasonable notice to all swimmers eligible for selection. Publication on the SNZ website will constitute reasonable notice.

V1 Approved December 2024

APPENDIX A



Eligibility and Participation in International Events

International programme - Athlete Eligibility Criteria

University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (UTSNZ) applies the following criteria when selecting and ratifying student athletes to represent New Zealand at International events.

International Federation Sports Universities (FISU) Criteria

Only the following may participate as competitors in a FISU WUG sporting event:

- a) Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards* a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute whose status is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country.
- b) Former students of the institutions mentioned in a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event.

All competitors must satisfy the following conditions:

- a) be a national of the country they represent.
- b) be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December the year of the event.

(*Proceeding towards means enrolled and actively studying)

University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (UTSNZ) Criteria

1. General

1.1 You must be a New Zealand citizen and hold a current, full NZ passport.

1.2 If studying in NZ, you must be attending a New Zealand Tertiary Education Institution as recognised by the Ministry of Education and endorsed by University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand.

1.3 If studying overseas you must be studying at a university or similar Tertiary Education Institution that is recognised as holding Tertiary status by the appropriate academic authority of that country and approved by University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand.

2. Graduates

2.1 You must have successfully completed and graduated from your Tertiary Institution and course as per the University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand General Criteria in the twelve (12) months preceding the FISU event.

2.2 You must provide an original copy of your Graduation Certificate, signed and witnessed by a New Zealand Justice of the Peace or University Registrar.

3. Other

3.1 Student athletes seeking selection from non-UTSNZ Member campuses may be charged an additional participation fee as determined by University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand for that event.

3.2 Overseas based student athlete eligibility will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

4. Ratification of Entry

4.1 As the affiliate to FISU, UTSNZ reserves the right to ratify entry to all FISU events.

INSTITUTIONS RECOGNISED BY NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & ENDORSED BY UNIVERSITY AND TERTIARY SPORT NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Universities

1. The University of Auckland
2. AUT
3. Lincoln University
4. Massey University (Albany, Palmerston North & Wellington Campuses)
5. University of Canterbury
6. University of Otago
7. Victoria University of Wellington
8. Waikato University

Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics

1. Ara Institute of Canterbury
2. Otago Polytechnic
3. Tai Poutini Polytechnic
4. Unitec Institute of Technology
5. Universal College of Learning
6. Eastern Institute of Technology
7. Manukau Institute of Technology
8. Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
9. Northland Polytechnic
10. Southern Institute of Technology
11. The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand
12. Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology
13. Waikato Institute of Technology
14. Wellington Institute of Technology
15. Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki
16. Whitireia Community Polytechnic

Wānanga

1. Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
2. Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi
3. Te Wānanga -o-Raukawa

APPENDIX B

In the first year of the LA2028 cycle, we see the WUGs as a real development opportunity working towards Commonwealth Games and Pan Pac's 2026, and World Championships in 2027- so keen to send a strong team. However, the International Federation of Sports Universities (FISU) has introduced a new policy requiring Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) to finalize participation numbers by gender and event by April 16th. This date precedes our official team selection in May at the NZ Champs, the purpose of the addendum is to confirm eligibility, interest, and feasibility of Competitive Swimmers to represent NZL at the Championships this year.

Based on our preliminary research, there are 37 athletes from all New Zealand Clubs who currently meet the age criteria for the University Games (18-25 as of December 31, 2025) and have achieved a time in the past 12 months that is within 3% of the SNZ selection standard for the University Games team.

Please review the following details and take note of the actions below, as they are crucial due to the deadlines for submitting our team size to the International Governing Body in April.

About the Event: The World University Games 2025 will be held in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany. Unlike previous editions, all sports events will be spread across 6 cities and 23 venues in Germany. The Swimming Competition, along with Diving and Volleyball, will take place from July 17th to 23rd at the Schwimm- und Sprunghalle im Europasportpark in Berlin.

We are in discussions to organise a staging camp in Europe, mindful to minimize costs. Please find below the key dates:

Key Dates:

- Arrive: Wednesday July 9th
 - Staging Camp accommodation for 6 nights
- Depart: July 15th (travel to Berlin)
 - Training Days: July 15th and 16th
 - Competition Days: July 17th to 23rd
 - Competition Accommodation, 9 nights
- Travel home Thursday 24th July

Financial Details: Here are the estimated costs for the trip:

Team Fee (UTSNZ): Up to \$2000 NZD per person

FISU Registration Fee: \$36 NZD per person

FISU Participation Fee: \$150 NZD per person per day (calculated based on flight arrivals, departures, and 9 nights stayed)

Flights: Participants arrange and cover costs (estimated \$3500 for international flights)

Accommodation, Food, and Lane Space for 6-day Camp in Bucharest (TBC based on 6 nights)

Insurance: Participants arrange separately

Estimated overall figure is \$9000-9500 NZD

Team Deposits & Quota

In order to confirm our entries with FISU, we are required to pay a team deposit by 16th April, upon submission of our entries. There is a need therefore to request a deposit of NZ\$1000 from each swimmer who is aiming for selection to be paid to SNZ by 15th April. This requires you to fully consider if this is a team that you are fully intending on making assuming you are eligible.

We will use these firm indications of intent (and deposits) to set our team size (“quota”) with FISU. Then, at the conclusion of the selection period, each qualifying swim will be ranked in order of percentage related to selection standards (Table 1 of Selection Criteria) and selected to the team in rank order up to the available quota. For swimmers with eligible qualifying times beyond this quota, SNZ will apply to UTSNZ and FISU for extra spots, but these cannot be guaranteed.

You will be fully refunded your deposit if -

- you do not achieve the selection standard,
- there are more qualifiers than quota spots, and you are ranked outside of that restriction.
- you qualify for the 2025 World Championships, Singapore.

IMPORTANT - Please note, deposits are non-refundable if you change your mind after being offered a spot.

ACTION

- Please confirm your expression of interest by replying to this email, indicating:
- Your eligibility based on university attendance
- Your commitment to accept your place if selected in May.
- Your ability to pay the \$1000 deposit by April 15th (we will then send you deposit instructions).

[Link to the event website](#)