

Swimming New Zealand Selection Criteria 2025

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| Event |
| World Aquatics Championships, Singapore 11 July – 3 August 2025 |
| Qualification Period |
| 14 February 2025 to 25 May 2025, inclusive. |
| Selection Events |
| Any World Aquatics approved meet that has been sanctioned by it for the purpose of selection to the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore within the above Qualification Period shall be considered a Selection Event. <i>Note: While times for selection can be set at a range of meets, Clause 1.2 requires that unless granted special dispensation in writing by the Selectors, in order to be eligible for selection, swimmers must compete at the 2025 SNZ Open Championship.</i> |

Eligibility

To be considered for selection, a swimmer must:

1. Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in competition as per World Aquatics General Rule 2 (GR2).
2. Be a registered and financial member of Swimming New Zealand (SNZ).
3. Be and remain in “good standing” with SNZ and always 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.
4. 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.

Team Commitments

All swimmers selected must:

1. Always comply with the provisions of the SNZ Code of Conduct.
2. Conform to SNZ requirements regarding team participation. This includes, but may not be limited to, providing an acceptable IPP, attendance at a pre-event camp and wearing team uniform as required.
3. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SNZ.
4. Be available to compete in relay events that do not interfere with individual races.
5. Not act in such a manner as to bring themselves or SNZ into public disrepute.

Selection Process

1. Individual Event Selection

- 1.1 To be considered for selection for an individual event at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships, swimmers must record a time equal to or better than the times detailed below (Table A) in the relevant individual swimming event at a World Aquatics approved Selection Event in the Qualification Period.
- 1.2 Unless granted special dispensation in writing by the Selectors, swimmers must compete at the 2025 SNZ Open Championships.
- 1.3 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 7.

TABLE A
Individual Events

| Women - A | Event | Men - A |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 24.86 | 50m Freestyle | 22.05 |
| 54.25 | 100m Freestyle | 48.34 |
| 1:58.23 | 200m Freestyle | 1:46.70 |
| 4:10.23 | 400m Freestyle | 3:48.15 |
| 8:34.62 | 800m Freestyle | 7:48.66 |
| 16:24.56 | 1500m Freestyle | 15:01.89 |
| 28.22 | 50m Backstroke | 25.11 |
| 1:00.46 | 100m Backstroke | 53.94 |
| 2:11.08 | 200m backstroke | 1:58.07 |
| 30.75 | 50m Breaststroke | 27.33 |
| 1:06.87 | 100m Breaststroke | 59.75 |
| 2:25.91 | 200m Breaststroke | 2:10.32 |
| 26.23 | 50m Butterfly | 23.36 |
| 58.33 | 100m Butterfly | 51.77 |
| 2:09.21 | 200m Butterfly | 1:56.51 |
| 2:12.83 | 200m Individual Medley | 1:59.05 |
| 4:43.06 | 400m Individual Medley | 4:17.48 |

2. Selection to the Team:

- 2.1 New Zealand is permitted to enter a maximum of two swimmers per individual swimming event at the World Aquatics Championships.
- 2.2 At the conclusion of the selection period, each qualifying swim will be ranked, and the first and second ranked athletes will be selected.
- 2.3 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 at the discretion of the SNZ Selectors.
- 2.4 Relay times and other split times will not be considered for selection of the team.

3. Additional Events

- 3.1 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.

4. Relay Selection

The SNZ Selectors will consider athletes for selection for the following relay events that may be swum at the World Aquatics Championships in Singapore 2025:

| Relay | Women | Men | Mixed |
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| 4 x 200 Freestyle | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 4 x 100 Freestyle | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4 x 100 Medley | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

- 4.1 Any athlete selected for an individual event at the World Aquatics Championships Singapore 2025 may also be selected to a relay team.
- 4.2 Following the selection of individual qualifiers the selectors may also select 'relay' athletes, subject to, and in alignment to World Aquatics Competition Rules (6.2.2).
- 4.3 'Relay' athletes will be ranked in the same way that individual athletes are ranked.
- 4.4 'Relay' athletes must have recorded a time equal to or faster than the times detailed in Table B below, in the relevant individual swimming event at the Selection Events, subject to clause 7 of this document.

Table B

Relay Selection Standards

| Women | Individual swimming Event | Men |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| 54.79 | 100m Freestyle | 48.82 |
| 1:59.41 | 200m Freestyle | 1:47.77 |
| 1:01.06 | 100m Backstroke | 54.48 |
| 1:07.54 | 100m Breaststroke | 1:00.35 |
| 58.91 | 100m Butterfly | 52.29 |

- 4.5 'Relay' athletes not selected for an individual event will not be permitted to swim in any individual events.
- 4.6 The final 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 World Aquatics rules and regulations.

5. Team Size

- 5.1 Maximum Team size will be in accordance with World Aquatics rules.

6. Team Announcements

- 6.1 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 Selection Events.

7. Extenuating Circumstances

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

7.3 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 HSNZ High Performance Athlete's Individual Performance plan
- Any other factors reasonably considered by the SNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.

7.4 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.

7.5 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.

8. Notes

8.1 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.

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