



**2006 -2008**

**National Team & Squad**

**Selection Criteria & Standards**

## GENERIC CRITERIA APPLYING TO ALL SNZ REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS.

### 1. Eligible competitions

- 1.1. Only performances at approved qualifying competitions will be eligible.
- 1.2. Where multiple competitions are listed they will be prioritised as primary and secondary.

1.2.1. *This clause applies to criteria for the 2006 Commonwealth Games, 2007 World Championships and 2008 Olympic Games only:*

Other offshore long course competitions between the published meet-specific Secondary Selection Competition start and end dates. Nominations for approval under this category must be received by the High Performance Director by the published submission date and must include full details of the meet conditions and an explanation of the rationale for the swimmer to attempt qualifying at other than the primary selection meet. Approval will be given if, in the sole judgement of the High Performance Director, it is in the interest of both the swimmer and the New Zealand team for the swimmer to prepare for the overseas competition and not attend the primary selection meet. No more than one competition can be nominated by any swimmer. Applicants will be informed of the eligibility status of the competition within one week of nomination and all approved meets will be listed on the Swimming New Zealand website. Any changes in the conditions of approved meets (e.g. change of venue or downgrading from Grand Prix status) must be communicated to SNZ immediately and may result in a review of eligibility.

1.2.2. Exceptional competitions covered by section 5 of this document.

### 2. Eligible swimmers

- 2.1. Swimmers completing an International Team Availability form confirming their availability and agreement to the published selection conditions for each event and signing an SNZ Swimmer Agreement will be eligible for selection. Forms will be available at the Selection Meets and must be returned to the Selectors before the conclusion of the final selection meet.
- 2.2. Swimmers achieving a meet-specific SNZ qualifying time at the Primary Selection Meet will be eligible for selection. *This clause does not apply to the Trans-Tasman Tri-series selection criteria (page 11)*
- 2.3. Swimmers achieving a meet-specific SNZ qualifying time at a competition approved under section 1.2.1 will be eligible, providing details of their performance are in the public domain (official results published on the internet) and have been received by SNZ prior to the start of the primary selection meet.

### 3. Individual swimmer selections

- 3.1. Eligible times achieved in Open finals will take precedence over those achieved in any Open preliminary finals and any Youth Age Group finals, if applicable, which will take precedence over those achieved in heats.
- 3.2. Subject to paragraph 3.1 the fastest eligible swimmers in each event will be selected up to the published number.

### 4. Relay teams



- 4.1. Where relay standards are published the fastest four swimmers will be nominated for relays **additional** to the individual swimmers if their combined times equal or better the SNZ relay standard. An allowance of 0.65 seconds will be deducted from standing start performances in relay take-over considerations.
- 4.2. Relay **alternates** will be **considered** under the same conditions as criteria 4.1 and, if selected, will be done so prioritised by ranked time order.

## 5. Exceptions

- 5.1. In the event of a swimmer achieving the meet-specific SNZ qualifying time, or a potential relay member has a performance which would qualify a relay team, in the 12 months prior to the [primary selection meet] and being unable to compete in that competition due to extenuating circumstances then the previous performances will be **considered** for nomination. In the event of illness or injury a medical certificate must be provided by an SNZ nominated Medical Officer indicating the current and future performance impact of the condition and the Head Coach of the swimmer's club must verify the training status of the swimmer prior to the onset of the condition to the satisfaction of the SNZ High Performance Director.

## 6. Entry into other non-qualified distances

- 6.1. Where places are available, entry of selected swimmers into other events will be at the discretion of the High Performance Director.

## 7. Tie-breaks

In the event of a tie for any place in the team the following prioritisation will be used to rank the tied swimmers:

- 7.1. Performances at the Primary Selection Meet will have priority over any other selection competition.
- 7.2. Performances in finals will be prioritised over semi-finals and heats and those in semi-finals over heats [where these occur].
- 7.3. For all competitions except the Commonwealth Games, the world ranking (2 swimmers per country) of the equivalent time in the latest available FINA Long Course World Swimming Annual. For the Commonwealth Games the Commonwealth rankings (3 swimmers per country) will be substituted.
- 7.4. In the event of a tie after 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 a swim-off will be held at a time chosen by the SNZ Selectors.

## 8. Retirement

- 8.1. In accordance with FINA rules DC 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3, a competitor who has been world ranked top 50 and has previously given notice of retirement to SNZ will not be eligible for selection unless he or she notifies SNZ at least 9 months prior to the competition and is available for unannounced drug testing at any time during the period before their actual return to competition.

## 9. Competition preparation

- 9.1. All selected swimmers must attend and fully participate in all programmed training camps, competitions and other team activities between selection and the competition unless given specific exemption by the High Performance Director.
- 9.2. Any selected swimmer wishing to attend overseas camps or competitions between selection and the competition must obtain prior written approval from the High Performance Director.

## 10. Funding assistance

Funding assistance will be determined from meet to meet and will be advised prior to the selection meets.

### Coach Selection Methodology – All Meets

1. The Head Coach will be nominated by the SNZ High Performance Director twelve months prior to the competition. The SNZ Board will appoint the Head Coach and Team Manager for priority focus events – Olympic and commonwealth Games, World Long Course and Short Course Championships and Pan-Pacific Championships.
2. “Core” staff coaches will be nominated in ranked order to the SNZ Selectors by NZSCAT nine months prior to the competition.
3. The SNZ Selectors will select one or two “core” coaches with the number being dependent on competition type and projected team size. For Championship competitions there will always be coaching places available dependent on swimmer performances at the selection meet(s).
4. The finalized coaching staff (number dependent on competition type and actual team size) will be nominated by the SNZ Selectors against the following considerations once the team is selected:
  - a) Experience at the meet-specific level
  - b) Experience at each of the previous levels [of the competitive continuum]
  - c) The coach’s prior results at the meet-specific level
  - d) The number of the coach’s swimmers selected to the team.
5. NZSCAT may nominate Supernumerary coaches to SNZ for approval.