

SWIMMER SELECTION CRITERIA MELBOURNE 2006



Competition name	Commonwealth Games
Venue	Melbourne, AUS
Dates	15-26 March 2006
Swimming dates	16-21 March 2006

The team for the 2006 Commonwealth Games is selected by the New Zealand Olympic Committee from nominations made by the Swimming New Zealand Selectors. Immediately following the 2005 NZ Summer Championships SNZ will nominate to the NZOC New Zealand swimmers whose performances meet the following criteria:

1. Eligible competitions

1.1. Only performances at approved qualifying competitions will be eligible.

1.2. Approved qualifying competitions:

1.2.1. NZ Summer Championships in Auckland 6-10 December 2005.

1.2.2. Other offshore long course competitions between 1 November 2005 and 4 December 2005. Nominations for approval under this category must be received by the Director of Coaching by 31 August 2005 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 NZ Summer Championships. Approval will be given if, in the sole judgement of the Director of Coaching, 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 NZ Summer Championships. No more than one competition can be nominated by any swimmer. Applicants will be informed of the eligibility status of the competition within one month of nomination. 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.

1.2.3. 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 selection conditions for this event will be eligible for selection. Forms will be available at the NZ Summer Championships and must be returned to the Selectors before the conclusion of the Meet.

2.2. Swimmers achieving a SNZ E time at the 2005 NZ Summer Championships will be eligible for nomination to NZOC for selection.

2.3. Swimmers achieving a SNZ D time at a competition approved under section 1.2.2 will be eligible, providing details of their performance are in the public domain (results published on the internet) and have been received by SNZ prior to the start of the 2005 NZ Summer Championships.

3. Individual swimmer selections

- 3.1. Eligible times achieved in the finals will take precedence over those achieved in the semi-finals and which will take precedence over those achieved in heats.
- 3.2. Subject to paragraph 3.1 the fastest three eligible swimmers in each event will be nominated.

4. Relay teams

- 4.1. The fastest four swimmers will be nominated for relays **additional** to the individual swimmers if their combined times equal or better the SNZ E relay standard. An allowance of 0.65 seconds will be deducted for 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 nominated, will be done so prioritised by ranked time order.

5. Exceptions

In the event of a swimmer achieving the SNZ D time, or a potential relay member has a performance which would qualify a relay team, in the 12 months prior to the 2005 NZ Summer Championships 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 Director of Coaching.

6. Tie-breaks

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

- 6.1. Performances at the NZ Summer Championships will have priority over any approved overseas competition.
- 6.2. Performances in finals will be prioritised over semi-finals and heats and those in semi-finals over heats.
- 6.3. The Commonwealth ranking (3 swimmers per country) of the equivalent time in the latest available FINA Long Course World Swimming Annual.
- 6.4. In the event of a tie after 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 a swim-off will be held at a time chosen by the SNZ Selectors.

7. Retirement

In accordance with FINA rules DC 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3, a competitor who 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.

8. Games preparation

- 8.1. All selected swimmers must attend and fully participate in all programmed training camps, competitions and other team activities between selection and the Commonwealth Games unless given specific exemption by the Director of Coaching.

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- 8.2. Any selected swimmer wishing to attend overseas camps or competitions between selection and the Commonwealth Games must obtain prior written approval from the Director of Coaching.

QUALIFYING TIMES FOR 2006 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

- SNZ D in individual Olympic events is Commonwealth 5th plus 1%. (Commonwealth 5th is the fastest 5th place ranking, 3 swimmers per country, in the 4 years 2001-04). All 2004 rankings are as at 22 August 2004 following the Olympic Games.
- SNZ D in non-Olympic events is Commonwealth 5th.
- SNZ E in individual Olympic events is Commonwealth 5th plus 2% or World 5th + 3% (*) *whichever is slower*.
- SNZ E for non-Olympic events is Commonwealth 5th plus 1%
- SNZ E in relay events is Commonwealth 3rd plus 2%

	MEN		WOMEN	
	SNZ D	SNZ E	SNZ D	SNZ E
50 FR	0:22.66	0:22.89	0:25.86	0:26.11
100 FR	0:49.56	0:50.05*	0:56.00	0:56.56
200 FR	1:48.80	1:49.87	2:01.07	2:02.27
400 FR	3:52.27	3:54.57	4:13.70	4:16.21
800 FR	-	-	8:42.24	8:47.41
1500 FR	15:20.49	15:29.61	-	-
50 BK	0:25.68	0:25.94	0:29.18	0:29.47
100 BK	0:55.77	0:56.32	1:02.23	1:02.84
200 BK	2:00.55	2:01.75	2:12.97	2:14.50*
50 BR	0:28.22	0:28.50	0:31.68	0:32.03*
100 BR	1:01.98	1:02.60	1:09.37	1:10.05
200 BR	2:14.41	2:15.74	2:29.92	2:31.41
50 BF	0:23.97	0:24.21	0:27.46	0:27.73
100 BF	0:53.26	0:53.78	1:00.44	1:01.04
200 BF	1:59.60	2:00.79	2:12.33	2:13.64
200 IM	2:02.52	2:03.74	2:16.49	2:17.84
400 IM	4:20.42	4:23.00	4:48.81	4:51.67
4 X 100 MR		3:43.40		4:10.60
4 X 100 FR		3:22.32		3:49.89
4 X 200 FR		7:22.00		8:16.15