



Selection criteria and standards: Beijing 2008

FINA recently published their A and B standards for Beijing 2008 and have explained the system as follows:

"The qualifying times for Beijing were calculated as follows:

A. Standard average 16th place on world rankings 2004/5 (except 200m breaststroke women and 200m individual medley women).

B. Standard + 3.5%

The times for 200m women's breaststroke and 200m women's individual medley were adjusted as these average times were slower than Athens."

SNZ has adjusted the qualifying standards for Beijing 2008 accordingly and they have been approved by NZOC.

2008 Olympic Games, Beijing China

Venue	Beijing, China
Date	8 – 24 August, 2008 (pool swimming events 9-17 August)
Primary selection meet:	2008 NZ Youth & Open Championships
Secondary selection meet:	None approved

		Men		Women	
		FINA A	FINA B	FINA A	FINA B
50	FR	0:22.35	0:23.13	0:25.43	0:26.32
100		0:49.23	0:50.95	0:55.24	0:57.17
200		1:48.72	1:52.53	1:59.29	2:03.47
400		3:49.96	3:58.01	4:11.26	4:20.05
800		-	-	8:35.98	8:54.04
1500		15:13.16	15:45.12	-	-
100	BK	0:55.14	0:57.07	1:01.70	1:03.86
200		1:59.72	2:03.91	2:12.73	2:17.38
100	BR	1:01.57	1:03.72	1:09.01	1:11.43
200		2:13.69	2:18.37	2:28.21	2:33.40
100	BF	0:52.86	0:54.71	0:59.35	1:01.43
200		1:57.67	2:01.79	2:10.84	2:15.42
200	IM	2:01.40	2:05.65	2:15.27	2:19.97
400		4:18.40	4:27.44	4:45.08	4:55.06

Only swimmers whom have completed documentation as requested by the NZOC are eligible.



Individuals:

The fastest two swimmers equaling or bettering the FINA **A** time will be selected.

Relays:

A relay team will be selected providing:

1. All nominated relay members have achieved a FINA **B** time in their respective stroke in an approved FINA competition between 15 March 2007 and 15 July 2008.
2. NZL qualifies by finishing in the top 12 teams at the World Championships, Melbourne 2007, or NZOC receives an invitation from IOC/FINA as a result of NZL being one of the fastest other four nations in the 15 months preceding the Olympic Games.
3. In the event of qualification through 2, the invitation will be accepted providing the time of the relay is equal to or faster than the 12th time from Melbourne 2007

An additional paragraph (5.2) has also been added to the generic selection criteria:

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 Selectors whose decision will be final.
- 5.2. The Selectors may, at their sole discretion, request a time-trial to verify the swimmer's return to fitness at a time and place of their choosing. The Head Coach of the respective competition will be invited to the time-trial.

2008 World Open Water Championships
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Venue	Seville ESP
Date	29 April – 5 May
Primary selection meet	2008 Australian 10K Open Water Championship, Sydney 7 December 2006

Selection of up to two male and two female swimmers will be at the sole discretion of the SNZ Selectors who will take into consideration the overall standard and depth of the Australian Championship field and the potential World competitiveness of the NZ swimmers under consideration.



FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier

Venue	Beijing
Date	31 May – 1 June 2008
Primary selection meet	None approved
Secondary selection meet	None approved

SNZ will not send any swimmers to this competition.

FINA Olympic Marathon 10k

Venue	Beijing
Date	Women 20 August, Men 21 August 2008
Primary selection meet	2008 World Open Water Championships Seville ESP.
Secondary selection meet	None approved

1. Only swimmers whom have completed documentation as requested by the NZOC are eligible.
2. Swimmers finishing in the top 10 will be selected.
3. Any swimmer receiving an invitation from FINA based on Continental (Oceania) qualification will be selected providing they finished in the top 16 at the primary selection meet.

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