

Selection Criteria – 2009 World OWS Championships



Competition	2009 FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships, Ostia, Italy – 19 th / 25 th July 2009
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Selection Event	Australian Open Water Championships, Sydney - 28 th February to 2 nd March 2009.
Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in the competition as per FINA General Rule 2 (GR2) 2. A registered member of Swimming New Zealand in good standing 3. Have signed a Swimming New Zealand Athlete Agreement 4. Be available to fulfill the Team Commitments as listed below
Team Commitments	<p>All swimmers must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compete at the New Zealand Open Water Championships, Wellington – 31st January 2009. Dispensation may be granted at the discretion of the General Manager Performance and Pathways to this requirement if a swimmer has competed in an international Olympic distance open water swim event in the 2 months prior to 31 January 2009 and is unable to compete in the New Zealand Open Water Championships. 2. Compete at the Selection Event unless granted an exemption under the provisions of these criteria 3. Comply with the provisions of their Swimming New Zealand Athletes Agreement at all times 4. Conform to Swimming New Zealand requirements regarding team preparation

	<p>5. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the General Manager – Performance & Pathways</p>
<p>Performance Requirement</p>	<p><i>Subject to the notes below :</i></p> <p>Olympic Distance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swimmers who finish in the top four (4) of the 10K event at the Selection Event will automatically qualify for the 2009 Open Water Swimming World Championships. 2. Swimmers not automatically selected may be considered for selection if they finish within 30 seconds of the winner at the Selection Event and are the first or second NZ finisher. Factors that will be considered by the selectors include, the pace of the swim, tactics demonstrated by the swimmer, overall finishing position of the swimmer, conditions of the race and if in the selectors opinion the swimmer has potential to achieve a top 16 finish at the 2009 World Championships. <p>Non Olympic Distance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swimmers who have been selected for an Olympic distance Open Water Swimming event at the World Championships, will automatically qualify for the Non Olympic distance events at the 2009 Open Water Swimming World Championships. 2. Swimmers not selected for the Olympic Distance event may be considered for the Non Olympic distances, if they have a top five (5) world ranking in the event they wish to be selected for.
<p>Team Size</p>	<p>Team size for individual events will be in accordance with the FINA rules. If the number of athletes meeting the performance criteria exceeds the FINA limit, the highest ranked swimmers who satisfy the selection criteria will be selected.</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>Swimming New Zealand may amend these selection criteria at any time in its sole discretion by giving adequate notice to those swimmers who meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>In the event that a swimmer is unable to compete at the Selection Event due to extenuating circumstances, the previous international performances will be considered by the selectors for selection.</p> <p>In the event of illness or injury a medical certificate will be requested, indicating the current and future performance impact of the condition. The swimmers coach must verify the training status of the swimmer prior to the onset of</p>

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	the condition, to the satisfaction of the SNZ GM Performance and Pathways.
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