

Selection Criteria – 2010 World Open Water & Pan Pacific Open Water Championships



Competitions	2010 FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships, Roberval, Canada – 15-23 July, 2010 & 2010 Open Water Pan Pacific Championships, Irvine, USA – 23 August, 2010
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Selection Events	1. Australian Open Water Championships, Melbourne – 21-22 February 2010.
Eligibility	To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all of the following eligibility criteria: <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	All swimmers must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comply with the provisions of their Swimming New Zealand Athletes Agreement at all times 2. Conform to Swimming New Zealand requirements regarding team preparation 3. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the General Manager – Performance & Pathways and SNZ Open Water Manager.
Performance Requirement	Criteria for selection: To be selected for 2010 World Open Water & Pan Pacific Open Water Championships swimmers will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compete at the NZ Open Water Championships, Taupo, 16-17 January, 2010, unless granted an exemption under the provisions of these criteria. 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 6 months prior to the selection event.

	<p>Olympic Distance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers who finish in the top four (4) of the 10km event at the selection event (Australian Open Water Championships) will automatically qualify for the SNZ team to the 2010 Open Water Swimming World Championships & Pan Pacific Open Water Championships. Swimmers not automatically selected may be considered for selection if they finish within 20 seconds of the winner at the Selection Event and are the first or second NZ finisher. Factors that will be considered by the SNZ 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 SNZ selector's opinion, the swimmer has potential to achieve a top 16 finish at the 2010 World Championships. <p>Non Olympic Distance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Swimmers who have been selected to the SNZ team to attend the World Open Water Championships, will automatically qualify for the Non Olympic distance events at that event. Swimmers not automatically selected for the Olympic Distance event may be considered for selection in a Non Olympic distance, if they have a top five (5) world ranking in that event.
Team Size	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.
Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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 SNZ selectors for selection (top 16 world ranking). 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 the condition, to the satisfaction of the SNZ General Manager of Performance & Pathways and SNZ Open Water Manager.
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