

Competition	2012 Trans Tasman Tri-Series Competition, Australia, 1st to 7th July 2012.
Date	December 2011
Background	The 2012 Trans Tasman competition is a development competition for swimmers under 18 years old. The competition will be conducted over four venues in Australia and provide racing opportunities against some of Australia's top developing swimmers.
Selection Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Zealand Age Group Championships, Wellington, 6th to 10th March 2012. 2. New Zealand Long Course Championships, Auckland, 25th to 30th March 2012.
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 competition as per FINA General Rule 2 (GR2). 2. A registered member of Swimming New Zealand in good financial standing. 3. Have signed a Swimming New Zealand Athlete Agreement. 4. Be under 18 years of age on the first day of competition of the 2012 Trans Tasman competition. 5. Be available to fulfill the Team Commitments as outlined below if selected, and any additional commitments following selection. 6. Any swimmer selected for the Trans Tasman competition who is subsequently selected for the 2012 Junior Pan Pacific Championships, Hawaii, will become ineligible to compete at the Trans Tasman competition. 7. All swimmers must compete at the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships, 6th to 10th March 2012.
Team Commitments	<p>All swimmers selected will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compete at a Selection Event unless granted an exemption under the provisions of these criteria by SNZ Selectors. 2. Comply with the provisions of their Swimming New Zealand Athletes Agreement at all times. 3. Conform to Swimming New Zealand requirements regarding team participation. This includes but may not be limited to providing an acceptable IPP, attendance at a pre-event camp and wearing team uniform as required. 4. Train and keep themselves in the best possible mental and physical condition to enable them to compete at the Trans Tasman competition, to the highest possible standard, and make themselves available for all team activities designated by SNZ.

	<p>5. Swimmers coaches are required to provide training plans and programs requested by the SNZ Youth and Age Group Programme Manager, within one month of selection.</p>
<p>Performance Requirements</p>	<p>Criteria for Selection for individual events:</p> <p>The following standards apply;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only times from individual Olympic events will be considered. • Only times from the swimmers last swim in each event at each of the Selection Events will be considered (i.e. if a swimmer does not make the final of an event then their time from the heats will be considered for selection). <p>Swimmers fastest time recorded (in accordance with the above) at either of the Selection Events will be used by the SNZ Selectors to determine performance when selecting the team.</p> <p>a) Swimmers selected based on aggregate performances</p> <p>The highest aggregate of combined total FINA Points (2011 table) for each category will be used.</p> <p>Swimmers will only be selected for one category. If a swimmer has the highest performance standard in two categories, SNZ Selectors will select the next best performer.</p> <p>b) Swimmers selected based on individual performances</p> <p>The highest 2011 FINA Points (2011 table) performers regardless of category will be selected.</p>
<p>Team Size</p>	<p>The team size will be 12 males and 12 females as follows :</p> <p>9 swimmers of each gender selected based on their aggregate performances in the following 7 categories;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 individual medley swimmer (200m and 400m) 1 distance freestyle swimmer (400m and 800m women, 400m and 1500m men) 2 sprint freestyle (50m and 100m) 2 freestyle swimmers (100m and 200m) 1 butterfly swimmer (100m and 200m) 1 breaststroke swimmer (100m and 200m) 1 backstroke swimmer (100m and 200m) <p>3 swimmers of each gender selected based on their individual performance in any category.</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swimming New Zealand may amend these selection criteria in its sole discretion by giving notice to eligible swimmers prior to the commencement of the New Zealand Age Group Championships, Wellington. 2. In the event that a swimmer has in the 12 months prior to the Selection Meet met the Performance Requirement, and is unable to compete at the Selection Events due to extenuating circumstances, the previous performance will be considered by the SNZ Selectors. In the event of illness or injury a medical certificate will be requested, indicating the current and future performance impact of the condition.

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	<p>Selection of a swimmer, as outlined above, will be subject to confirmation of their satisfactory return to training. This process to include a test (under legitimate competitive conditions i.e. starter, turn judges and electronic timing) in the event selected. This test must be performed by a designated date decided by SNZ Selectors. A target time indicating satisfactory progress will be decided by the SNZ Selectors and announced to the swimmer by the designated date.</p> <p>3. If a swimmer is unable to satisfy SNZ requirements after selection and needs to withdraw from the team, then the SNZ Selectors may at their discretion select the next swimmer who has met all the eligibility and performance requirements. The SNZ Selectors reserve the right to request that any swimmer being considered for selection under the provisions of this clause undertakes a fitness test, the parameters of which will be determined by the SNZ Selectors at their sole discretion.</p> <p>4. Attendance at the 2012 Trans Tasman competition is on a user pays basis.</p>
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