

Competition	2012 Oceania Championships (Open Water), Noumea – 26th May to 3rd June 2012.
Date	November 2011
Selection Event	1. New Zealand Open Water Championships, Taupo, 14 th to 15 th January 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 available to fulfill the Team Commitments as outlined below if selected, and any additional commitments following selection. 5. Not have been selected to represent SNZ at the 2012 Olympics, London or 2012 Junior Pan Pacific Championships. 6. Be aged over 18 years on the first day of competition of the 2012 Oceania Championships, Noumea.
Team Commitments	<p>All swimmers selected will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compete at the Selection Event. 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 Oceania Championships, to the highest possible standard, and make themselves available for all team activities designated by SNZ.
Performance Requirement	<p>Criteria for selection for Olympic Distance (10km) Open Water event for Oceania Championships 2012.</p> <p>A maximum of 2 male and 2 female New Zealand eligible swimmers may be considered for selection.</p> <p>To be selected for individual events at the 2012 Oceania Championships - Open Water, Noumea, swimmers will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compete at the New Zealand Open Water Championships, Taupo, 14th-15th January 2012 in the Olympic 10km event. 2. The first New Zealand eligible male and eligible female swimmers to finish in the 10k event will automatically qualify.

	<p>3. A second swimmer of each gender may be considered for selection, by the SNZ Selectors, if they finish within 20 seconds of the automatically qualified swimmer in their gender at the Selection Event. In determining whether to select a second swimmer, factors that may be considered by the SNZ Selectors include, the pace of the swim, tactics demonstrated by the swimmer, overall finishing position of the swimmer and conditions of the race.</p> <p>Criteria for selection for Non-Olympic Distance (5km) Open Water event for Oceania Championships 2012.</p> <p>1. SNZ priority is for the Olympic 10km event however the first New Zealand eligible male and eligible female swimmers to finish in the 5km event at the selection event will be selected for the 5km event only.</p> <p>2. The male and female swimmers who are selected to swim the 10km Olympic distance event at the Oceania Championships by being the first NZ eligible swimmers, will also automatically qualify for the Non-Olympic Open Water events (5km) at the event.</p>
<p>Team Size/Announcement</p>	<p>Team size for individual events will be in accordance with 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>All team announcements will be released to the media by SNZ.</p>
<p>Notes</p>	<p>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 Open Water Championships, 2012.</p> <p>2. 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 sole 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 selectors at their sole discretion.</p> <p>3. Attendance at the 2012 Oceania Championships, Noumea, is on a user pays basis.</p>
<p>Approved / Designation / Date</p>	<p>SNZ High Performance Governance Committee - November 2011</p>