

Selection Criteria – 2011 World Championships Open Water

Competition	2011 FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships, Shanghai (19-21-23 July 2011)
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Version	4.0
Selection Event	Australian Open Water Championships, Penrith, Sydney, 5 th & 6 th March 2011
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 standing 3. Have signed a Swimming New Zealand Athlete Agreement 4. Be available to fulfil the team commitments as listed below and any additional commitments following selection

Team Commitments	<p>All swimmers must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compete at the Selection Event unless granted an exemption under the provisions of the criteria by SNZ Selectors and/or General Manager Performance and Pathways SNZ (GMPP SNZ). 2. Comply with the provisions of their Swimming New Zealand Athletes Agreement at all times. 3. Conform to Swimming New Zealand requirements regarding team preparation. This includes providing an acceptable IPP, attendance at the pre event camp and wearing team uniform as required. 4. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the GMPP SNZ and Team Leader for Open Water.
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<p>Performance Requirement</p>	<p>Criteria for selection for individual events: A maximum of 2 swimmers per event may be considered for selection. To be selected for individual events at the 2011 World Open Water Championships, Shanghai, swimmers will:</p> <p>Olympic Distance (10km) Open Water</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compete at the New Zealand Open Water Championships, Taupo 15th-16th January 2011 and finish in the top 5 New Zealander's in the Olympic distance (10km). 2. The first two New Zealand swimmers who finish in the top four (4) of the 10km event at the Selection Event will automatically qualify for the 2011 Open Water Swimming World Championships, Shanghai 3. Swimmers not automatically selected may be considered for selection, by the SNZ Selectors, 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 2011 World Open Water Championships. <p>Non Olympic Distance Open Water</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swimmers who have been selected for the Olympic distance (10km) Open Water Swimming event at the World Championships, Shanghai, will automatically qualify to swim in the Non Olympic distance events at the 2011 Open Water Swimming World Championships, Shanghai. 2. Swimmers not automatically selected for the Olympic Distance (10km) event may be considered for the Open Water non Olympics distances, if they have a top five (5) world ranking in the non Olympic Open Water distance events as at December 2010.
<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>If a swimmer has a current top 16 world ranking in an Olympic Open Water event from the year prior to selection year, the following may be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the event that a swimmer is unable to compete at the Selection event due to extenuating circumstances, the previous international performances may be considered by the selectors for selection. • In the event of illness or injury a medical certificate is required, from the Swimming New Zealand Doctor prior to the selection event 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 GMPP SNZ and Team Leader of Open Water.
<p>Approved / Designation / Date</p>	<p>Swimming New Zealand / 29th November 2010</p>