

Competition	2019 FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships, 14th, 15th, 16th July 2019 Gwangju, Korea
Criteria Release Date	October 2018
Selection Events	NZ Open Water Championships 'EPIC' ~ 12 th & 13 th January 2019 and Australian Open Water Championships ~ <i>Venue and Date TBC</i>
Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in the Competition as per FINA General Rule 2 (GR2). 2. Be a registered member of Swimming New Zealand; 3. Be and remain (prior and post selection) in "good standing" with Swimming NZ and always comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement of Swimming NZ and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute; 4. Have indicated their availability via the SNZ database before midnight of first day of the relevant selection event; 5. Not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in SNZ's or FINA's Anti-Doping Bylaw.
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 Targeted Athlete and Coach Manager (TACM). 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 TACM SNZ and Team Leader for Open Water.

<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 2019 World Open Water Championships, Gwangju, swimmers will:</p> <p>Olympic Distance (10km) Open Water</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finish in the Top five (5) New Zealanders in the 10km event at the New Zealand Open Water Championships and, 2. Finish in the top four (4) and be the first two (2) New Zealand swimmers in the 10km event at the Australian Open Water Championships to automatically qualify for the 2019 Open Water Swimming World Championships, Gwangju. 3. Swimmers not automatically selected may be considered for selection, by the SNZ Selectors, if they finish within 30 seconds of the winner at the Australian Open Water Championships 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 2019 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, Gwangju will automatically qualify to swim in the Non-Olympic distance events at the 2019 Open Water Swimming World Championships, Gwangju.
<p>Team Size & Announcement</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Team size for individual events will be in accordance with FINA rules. If the number of swimmers meeting the performance criteria exceeds FINA's limit, the highest ranked swimmers who satisfy the selection criteria will be selected. 2. The selection of the athletes that have met all the Eligibility and Performance Requirements will be announced one week after the completion of the final Selection Event.

Notes

- a) SNZ may amend these selection criteria at any time, by giving reasonable notice to all swimmers eligible for selection.
- b) If a swimmer is unable to satisfy SNZ requirements after selection and needs to withdraw from the team, SNZ may at their discretion select the next swimmer who has met all the eligibility and performance requirements. SNZ 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 Targeted Athlete Manager at their sole discretion.

Extenuating Circumstances

1. If a swimmer is unable to compete to qualify due to extenuating circumstances (as set out below), the SNZ Selectors may consider previous performances within the 12 months prior to the selection event, in an Open Water event at a competition acceptable to the SNZ Selectors and the SNZ TA Manager.
2. Swimmers must advise SNZ of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much notice as possible before the commencement of the selection event(s). If SNZ is not notified of any extenuating circumstances before the selection event (s) in accordance with this selection criteria, then the SNZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
3. In considering the selection of athletes in accordance with the selection criteria, the SNZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following;
 - a) Injury or illness;
 - b) Travel delays;
 - c) Equipment failure;
 - d) Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
 - e) Any other factors reasonably considered by the SNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
4. In the event of illness or injury, athletes will be required by the SNZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and may be required to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by SNZ, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the SNZ Selectors including an indication of the current and future performance impact of the condition. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the SNZ Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.
5. Selection of an athlete, as outlined above, will be subject to confirmation of their satisfactory return to training. This process is to include a test in the swimming event that they have been selected for. The test must be performed by a designated date decided by the SNZ TA Manager. A target time indicating satisfactory progress will be decided announced to the swimmer before the designated date

	6. Participation at the relevant selection events are User Pays.
Approved	Swimming New Zealand Board