

**USA SWIMMING  
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES  
2015 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES  
July 3-14 (swimming July 4-11)  
Gwangju, Korea**

**I. SELECTION SYSTEM**

The 2015 World University Games (the "Championships") will be conducted in Gwangju, Korea, July 3-14, 2015, with the swimming competition to be held July 4-11, 2015.

**1. The following common definitions shall apply to this Team Selection Procedure.**

- A. Available Swimmer. "Available Swimmer" shall mean a swimmer who, at the time of selection and through the Championships: (i) is a registered athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing, (ii) is a citizen of the United States who is eligible to represent the United States at the Championships, (iii) qualifies for the Team in an Event according to these Procedures, (iv) satisfies all the FISU, FINA, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and USA Swimming applicable eligibility requirements, (v) has not qualified for, or been added to, the 2015 World Championship team in an Individual Olympic Event, (vi) accepts the invitation to become a member of the Team when that invitation is offered by USA Swimming, (vii) agrees to swim in the Event for which he/she qualifies, and (viii) continues to train for peak swimming performance through the Championships. If a swimmer does not satisfy these requirements, then he/she is not considered an Available Swimmer.
- B. Qualifying Competition. "Qualifying Competition" shall mean the 2014 Phillips 66 USA Swimming National Championships to be conducted August 6 - 10, 2014 in Irvine, CA. Times will only be considered from the Finals (A and B finals only); times from other races, including without limitation the relay lead-offs, intermediate splits and time trials shall **NOT** be considered for selection (unless otherwise provided herein), but may be considered in making other determinations as described herein. Times from preliminary heats will be considered if, and only if, there are fewer than two (2) Available Swimmers at the conclusion of the Finals of an Individual Olympic Event.
- C. Championships. "Championships" shall refer to the 2015 World University Games. For purposes of these Selection Procedures, the beginning of the Championships will be July 3, 2015.
- D. Event. "Event" shall refer to Individual Olympic Events and Individual Non-Olympic Events.
- E. Finals. "Finals" shall mean the heat that is conducted at the Qualifying Competition Event from which the top finishers are determined. For the Qualifying Competition, this means the A and B finals. If a swimmer is disqualified in the Finals, then he/she will not be considered an Available Swimmer.

- F. Head Coach. Unless otherwise indicated, "Head Coach" shall refer to the head coach of the Team for each gender.
- G. Individual Olympic Event. "Individual Olympic Event" shall refer to those swimming competition events (i) for individuals (as opposed to relays), (ii) held in long course meters only, (iii) which are held in the Olympic Games, and (iv) which are also held at the Championships and the Qualifying Competition.
- H. Individual Non-Olympic Event. "Individual Non-Olympic Event" shall refer to those swimming competition events (i) for individuals (as opposed to relays), (ii) held in long course meters only, (iii) which are not held in the Olympic Games, but (iv) which are held at the Championships and the Qualifying Competition.
- I. National Team Director. "National Team Director" shall refer to the USA Swimming National Team Director, or his designee.
- K. Swim Offs. "Swim Offs" may be held at the Qualifying Competition for the sole purpose of determining priority selection order. Swim Offs are put in place to break ties between athletes in the same qualifying event and are a one-time opportunity to resolve the tie for placement on the Team. Except for breaking a tie, the time from the Swim Off will NOT count towards selection to the Team.
- L. Selection to the Team. Selection of swimmers to the Team shall take place from August 6-10, 2014 at the Qualifying Competition.
- M. Team. "Team" shall mean the 2015 World University Games Team announced on or before October 1, 2014.
- N. Integrated World Ranking. "Integrated World Ranking" shall mean the ranking of the time swum by a swimmer in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition integrated into the fina.org World Ranking lists for June 25, 2013 through and including July 29, 2014.
- O. World Ranking. "World Ranking" shall mean the fina.org world rankings for the period from June 25, 2013 through September 1, 2014. This list will be printed at approximately 8:00 a.m. Mountain time on September 2, 2014.

## 2. **Eligibility Requirements for Selection**

- A. To ensure that USA Swimming selects the best possible team for the World Championships, all swimmers who qualify for the World Championships in Individual Olympic Events are ineligible for selection to the Team and the 2015 Pan American Games Team, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by USA Swimming. Athletes will be allocated to the teams for these three competitions in the following order of importance to USA Swimming and must swim in the competition to which they are assigned, unless otherwise excused pursuant to these Selection Procedures:
  - (i) the 2015 World Championships;
  - (ii) 2015 World University Games; and

(iii) 2015 Pan American Games.

B. The rule set forth in Section I.2.A will not apply to the following swimmers if, and only if, they meet all other requirements for selection to the World Championships team and have qualified for the 2015 World University Games and/or 2015 Pan American Games, as the case may be, via the corresponding selection procedures:

(i) swimmers who qualify for the World Championships solely in relay-only events; and/or

(ii) swimmers who qualify for the World Championships solely in Individual Non-Olympic Events.

C. To be eligible for selection to the Team, at the time of selection a swimmer must then be eligible under all applicable rules of FINA, WADA, USADA, FISU, the USOC and USA Swimming.

D. All athletes selected must be at least 17 years of age, and no greater than 23 years of age, at the beginning of the Championships.

E. To be eligible to compete at the Championships, a swimmer must, at the beginning of the Championships, be officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institution whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of the United States.

F. Former students of the institutions mentioned above, who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the Championships (2014-2015 school year), will be considered for the team, subject to FISU and other eligibility requirements.

3. **Additional Requirements upon Selection.**

All swimmers selected to the Team must comply with all applicable rules and requirements of FINA, WADA, USADA, FISU, and USA Swimming. Specifically, and without limitation, each Available Swimmer selected to the Team shall:

A. Sign and abide by the USA Swimming Competition Forms (See Attachment A) and conform to all USA Swimming policies and protocols regarding Team preparation and participation; and

B. Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming under the conditions authorized by USA Swimming and give USA Swimming the right to use his or her name, picture, likeness, and biographical information to promote the sport of swimming.

4. **Team Selection—Making and Filling the Team.**

- A. **Team Size.** The maximum allowable Team size is up to twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women. The actual Team size will be determined once the selection criteria have been implemented. For purposes of these Selection Procedures, the men's and women's components of the Team will be considered separately.
- B. **Elimination of Swimmers Qualifying for the World Championships.** Swimmers who qualify, or are otherwise added to compete, in Individual Olympic Events for the 2015 World Championships team will not be considered Available Swimmers and will be eliminated from consideration for the Team, unless otherwise approved in writing by USA Swimming as provided in these Selection Procedures. The ranking order for all Available Swimmers will be correspondingly adjusted to reflect the elimination of swimmers qualifying for the 2015 World Championships team prior to the selection criteria set forth below being applied. Regardless of the time swum in the Finals, all Available Swimmers competing in and finishing the "A" Finals of the Qualifying Competition will be ranked higher than Available Swimmers competing in and finishing the "B" Finals. For example, the finishers in the "A" Finals will be ranked 1-8 (assuming all eight competitors finish and are Available Swimmers), the top finishing Available Swimmer in the "B" Finals will be ranked 9<sup>th</sup>, and so on.
- C. **Performance Criteria for Team Selection.** Performances in the Individual Olympic Events at the Qualifying Competition will be prioritized for each gender as follows, up to a maximum of twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women. Only Available Swimmers who qualify under one of the two priorities set forth below are eligible for selection to the Team. Available Swimmers not qualifying under one of these priorities will not be eligible to be selected to the Team, unless they are subsequently selected to fill a vacant position according to Section I.5. If, after applying the two priorities set forth below, there are less than twenty-six (26) men or twenty-six (26) women, or both, on the Team, then USA Swimming will not field a full Team unless the Team is filled as a result of filling vacant positions as provided in Section I.5.

The Team for each gender shall be selected based on the following priorities:

**Priority #1.** The first priority shall include both (i) the four highest finishing Available Swimmers based on the finish order in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition in each of the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle Events, (the first and second place finishers will swim the individual event at the Championships), and (ii) the highest finishing Available Swimmer based on the finish order in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition in each of the Individual Olympic Events other than the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle Events.

**Priority #2.** The second priority shall include the second highest finishing Available Swimmer based on the finish order in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition in each of the Individual Olympic Events other than the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle events.

- D. Decreasing Team Size. If the prioritization procedures described above result in a list of either more than twenty-six (26) male or more than twenty-six (26) female swimmers, then the swimmers of each gender shall be ranked and selected to the Team according to the following system:
- i. All swimmers from priority #1 shall be selected to the Team.
  - ii. If selecting swimmers from Priority #1 and #2 would result in more than twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender on the Team, then priority #2 swimmers will be invited to fill the Team in order of the highest to lowest Integrated World Ranking until a maximum of twenty-six (26) swimmers are selected.
  - iii. If all priority #2 swimmers are named to the Team and the maximum Team size of twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender has not been attained, no additional athletes will be named to the Team, except as may be provided in Section I.5.
- E. Breaking a Tie.
- i. Tie in Same Event. In the instance where there is tie between two Available Swimmers in the same Individual Olympic Event for first place, both Available Swimmers will be considered to fall under Priority #1. In the instance of any other tie in the same Event (including without limitation a tie between three or more Available Swimmers for first place in an Individual Olympic Event), where such tie would be likely to impact the Priorities and/or Selection to the Team, the tie will be broken through a Swim Off. The Swim Off will be held according to the following procedures:
    - (a) The Swim Off will be conducted at the Qualifying Competition unless otherwise agreed by USA Swimming. The Swim Off will be conducted at a time determined by the National Team Director, the Available Swimmers, and the personal coaches of the Available Swimmers.
    - (b) If all parties cannot agree on a date, time and place for a Swim Off, then the decision of the National Team Director will be final, binding and not subject to challenge.
  - ii. Tie in Different Events. In the instance where there is a tie between two or more swimmers in different Events for the final position(s) on the Team, the tie will be broken as follows:
    - (a) Each Available Swimmer's performance swum in his/her Event at the Finals of the Qualifying Competition will be converted into a ratio, using the Qualifying Competition time as the denominator, and the FINA-approved World Record for that Event as of August 5, 2014 as the numerator, and the Available Swimmer(s) with the highest percentage(s) shall be selected to the final position(s) on the Team.

- (b) If this does not break the tie, then each Available Swimmer's performance in their Event in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition will be rated according to the Long Course Point Ratings (published by FINA in February 2014) and the Available Swimmer(s) with the highest rating shall be selected to the final position(s) on the Team. Performance Ratings can be found at [fina.org](http://fina.org).
- (c) If this does not break the tie, the Available Swimmer(s) with the highest World Ranking in their respective Event will be added to the Team.
- (d) If this does not break the tie, then the Available Swimmer with the highest World Ranking in a different Individual Olympic Event (other than the swimmer's Event involved in the tie) will be added to the Team.
- (e) If this fails to break the tie, the tie will be broken by a coin toss.

5. **Adjustments to the Team and Events Between Selection of Team and June 3, 2015**

- A. Filling Vacant Team Position. If, for any reason, a position in an Individual Olympic Event shall become vacant between the selection of the Team and the entry date for the Championships, 12:00 noon MT, June 3, 2015, such vacancy shall be filled as follows, provided, however, that nothing in this Section I.5 shall have the effect of bumping off the Team a swimmer who has already been selected to the Team (and who has not otherwise been removed from the Team):
  - 1. Team Was Not Full Prior to Vacancy. If a vacancy occurs when the Team, prior to the vacancy, did not have a full contingent of swimmers for that gender (less than twenty-six (26)), then the vacancy will be filled by the next fastest Available Swimmer based on the order of finish in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition from each Event left vacant by the vacancy in the Team. If the next fastest Available Swimmer is already on the Team, then he/she shall serve as the replacement in that Event, and no swimmer from that Event will be added to the Team, provided, however, that the replacement swimmer must agree, after consulting with the Head Coach and National Team Director, to compete in the additional Event. If the replacement swimmer does not agree to swim in the additional Event, then the replacement swimmer shall not be considered an Available Swimmer for that Event. If adding the next fastest Available Swimmer from each Individual Olympic Event left vacant would cause the Team to exceed the maximum number of twenty-six (26), then those swimmers who qualify as the next fastest Available Swimmer in the Individual Olympic Events left vacant shall be ranked according to the procedure described in Section I.4.D, and the Available Swimmers ranked highest according to that procedure shall be added to the Team in order until the Team reaches its maximum number of twenty-six (26) or all vacant Events have been filled. For any Event that does not

have the next fastest Available Swimmer added to the Team according to this process, the vacancy in that event will be filled according to Section I.5.A.2.

2. **Filling Vacant Event Position With No Team Vacancy.** If the Team is full (twenty-six (26) per gender) after the withdrawal from an Individual Olympic Event, the vacancy in any Individual Olympic Event(s) shall be filled by a swimmer already on the Team. First priority will be given to the next highest Available Swimmer who participated in the Individual Olympic Event at the Qualifying Competition. If no athlete meets this criteria, then the athlete already on the Team who has recorded the highest World Ranking in the Individual Olympic Event will be offered the position; provided, however, that the replacement swimmer must agree, after consulting with the Head Coach and National Team Director, to compete in the additional Individual Olympic Event. If the replacement swimmer does not agree to swim in the additional Individual Olympic Event, then the replacement swimmer shall not be considered an Available Swimmer for that Individual Olympic Event. This process shall repeat until the Individual Olympic Event is filled or the list of swimmers already on the Team has been exhausted.

## 6. **Selection of Swimmers for Events.**

Provided that all Priority #1 and Priority #2 swimmers have been selected to the Team, the first and second place finishers in each of the Individual Olympic Events at the Qualifying Competition will swim the Individual Olympic Event at the Championships (unless the swimmer chooses not to swim in that Individual Olympic Event or is otherwise replaced pursuant to these Procedures). If an Event is vacant because not all Priority #2 swimmers are added to the Team, then the vacancy will be filled according to the procedure set forth in Section I.5.A.2.

Swimmers for the Individual Non-Olympic Events will be determined according to Section III.B below.

Swimmers in the relays will be determined according to Section III.A above below.

## II. **ENTRY ADJUSTMENTS**

**Adjustments to the Team After June 3, 2015.** If, for any reason, an additional Team position or an additional Individual Olympic Event position shall become vacant after 12:00 noon Mountain time on June 3, 2015, no additional members will be added to the Team. In the event that USA Swimming is permitted to fill a vacant Individual Olympic Event position, such vacant Individual Olympic Event position shall be filled according to the procedure set forth in Section I.5.A.2.

## III. **DISCRETIONARY SELECTION**

Discretionary selection will not be used for any swimmers in Individual Olympic Events from the Qualifying Competition. However, all swimmers who are nominated to the

Team on or before June 3, 2015 shall be eligible for selection to any and all relays to be held at the Championships. Discretionary selection may also be used in the case of the Individual Non-Olympic events as described in Section III.B below.

- A. Relays. The Head Coach, in consultation with the assistant coaches and National Team Director, shall select the swimmers for each relay conducted at the Championships. In selecting the relay teams, the Head Coach, in consultation with the assistant coaches and National Team Director, shall consider all available information, including but not limited to each Team Member's Qualifying Competition performances (including preliminary times, time trials, and relay lead-off times), past relay performances, past relay reaction times, relay exchange experience, Championships performances, personal best performances, Championships event schedules, individual workload, other recent results and performances, consistency of performances, fatigue, health, fitness levels, training preparation, participation in relay training camps, scientific evaluation, attitude and team chemistry. Selection of swimmers for relays shall not be subject to challenge.
- B. Swimmers in Individual Non-Olympic Events. For swimmers in the Individual Non-Olympic Events at the Championships (M/W 50 Butterfly, M/W 50 Backstroke, M/W 50 Breaststroke, Men's 800 Freestyle and Women's 1500 Freestyle), athletes will qualify via the following selection method (USA Swimming, via FISU/FINA rules, is allowed two swimmers per event):

(i) Individual Non-Olympic Event Entries – The Event entry opportunities for the Individual Non-Olympic Events will be given to those athletes who have qualified for the Team as Priority #1 (as part of I.4.B. – highest finishing swimmer) and Priority #2 in the Events listed below:

First Offer to Those on Team In:		Individual Non-Olympic Event
Men's/Women's 100 Butterfly	for	Men's/Women's 50 Butterfly
Men's/Women's 100 Backstroke	for	Men's/Women's 50 Backstroke
Men's/Women's 100 Breaststroke	for	Men's/Women's 50 Breaststroke
Women's 800 Freestyle	for	Women's 1500 Freestyle
*Men's 400 and 1500 Freestyle	for	Men's 800 Freestyle

Example: For the men's 50 Butterfly, the first USA entry will be offered to the highest finishing Available Swimmer in the 100 Butterfly at the Qualifying Competition, and the second USA entry will be offered to the second highest finishing Available Swimmer in the 100 Butterfly at the Qualifying Competition.

\* The two highest finishing Available Swimmers in the men's 400 and 1500 freestyle who have the highest World Rankings will be offered the opportunity to swim the men's 800 Freestyle. If this results in a tie, the Available Swimmer among the tied swimmers with the highest World Ranking in the 800 freestyle shall first be offered the opportunity.

(ii) Unfilled Individual Non-Olympic Event Positions- Should one or more swimmers from one or more of these Individual Non-Olympic Events decline the opportunity to swim the Individual Non-Olympic Events, unfilled position(s) for such Individual Non-Olympic Event(s) shall, after consultation between the swimmer and Head Coach and National Team Director, be filled by the Team member(s) with the highest World Ranking in the



applicable Individual Non-Olympic Event. If vacant Individual Non-Olympic Event positions are still not filled, those positions shall be filled from among other swimmers already on the Team at the discretion of the Head Coach, in consultation with the Assistant Coaches and the National Team Director.

#### **IV. DISMISSAL FROM TEAM**

Any swimmer may be dismissed from the Team at any time following an appropriate hearing if (i) the swimmer violates any of the applicable FISU, FINA, WADA, USADA, USOC, USA Swimming or other rules and regulations applicable to the Team or its members, including without limitation applicable Codes of Conduct; or (ii) the National Team Director, in consultation with the Head Coach, the USA Swimming Olympic International Operations Committee (OIOC) Chairman and the USA Swimming Athletes' Executive Vice President, determines that the swimmer is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for peak performance in the Championships.

If a violation occurs during a team competition or camp and is deemed detrimental to the team, the National Team Director or his designee and the Head Coach reserve the right to dismiss an athlete from the team at the appropriate time, following an appropriate hearing.

If a swimmer is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that swimmer shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be named to the Team) until: 1) the swimmer is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by FINA; 2) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or 3) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be named to the Team.

Confidentiality regarding alleged anti-doping rule violations shall be maintained as provided in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing.

#### **V. REMOVAL FROM TEAM DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS**

USA Swimming may remove an athlete from the Team who has an injury or illness, as certified by the approved Team physician, that is likely to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Championships. If an athlete refuses to be examined or certified for his/her illness or injury by the approved Team physician (or the physician's medical staff), the athlete's injury will be assumed to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Championships, and he/she may be removed.

#### **VI. CHALLENGE**

Subject to an athlete's rights under Section 9 of the USOC Bylaws, any challenge to these Procedures or any decision made pursuant to or in connection with these Procedures shall be handled as follows: 1) if such challenge relates to an alleged violation of a technical rule, it shall be handled according to the procedure set forth in Part One of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations (which can be found at [www.usa-swimming.org](http://www.usa-swimming.org)); 2) if such challenge relates to an alleged violation of the National Team Honor Code, it shall be handled according to the procedure set forth in Section 8 of the USA Swimming Olympic International Operations Procedures Manual ("OIO Procedures Manual," which can be obtained from the National Team Division);

and 3) if such challenge does not relate to an alleged violation of a technical rule or an alleged violation of the National Team Honor Code, it shall be handled according to USA Swimming's Hearing Procedure set forth in Part Four of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations. Any hearing required in order to resolve a challenge shall take place on an expedited basis if necessary in order to resolve the challenge in sufficient time for Team selection to be finalized by a relevant deadline.

**VII. DATE OF ENTRY SUBMISSION**

USA Swimming will submit all entries for the Championships at 12:00 noon Mountain time on June 3, 2015.

**VIII. ASSEMBLY, TRAINING AND COMPETITION**

Athletes nominated to the Team will be required to participate in assembly, training and competition, and remain with the Team throughout the Championships. Specific dates/locations of mandatory training and competition are:

San Francisco/ LA	June 29, 2015*	Assembly and Travel
Gwangju, KOR	July 1-3	Training
Gwangju, KOR	July 4-10	Competition
Gwangju, KOR	July 11	Open Water 10K
Gwangju, KOR	July 11/ 12	Return Home

\*Dates are subject to change

**IX. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

These Procedures, when approved, will be published on the USA Swimming website, usa-swimming.org. Additionally, the Procedures will be emailed to National Team athletes and their personal coaches at the time of entry, and will be available to be distributed at the Qualifying Competition at the general meeting.

**X. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER**

These selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Swimming and are based on FINA, USOC, FISU and USA Swimming rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FINA or USA Swimming rules and regulations or other unforeseen circumstances will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as possible.

**XI. PRIORITY OF WRITTEN PROCEDURES**

The terms and conditions of these written Selection Procedures shall take priority over any verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of the Selection Procedures and an athlete or coach relies on a verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures at his or her sole risk. Any request or question that would involve a formal clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures, or that would address an issue not otherwise covered in these Selection Procedures, should be submitted to the USA Swimming National Team Director in writing, and the response to such request by USA Swimming must be provided within five business days in writing to the requestor.

## ATTACHMENT A



**2014 Pan Pacific Championship, 2015 FINA LC World Championships,  
2015 Pan American Games and 2015 World University Games**

### **USA Swimming National Team PARTICIPATION and COMMITMENT AGREEMENT**

I have read the participation and selection requirements for the 2014 Pan Pacific Championships, 2015 FINA LC World Championships, 2015 Pan American Games and/ or the 2015 World University Games and I agree to abide by these as outlined. I agree to abide by the team selection criteria, camp and competition requirements, competition protocols, and the National Team honor code.

I agree to fully commit to a comprehensive training program designed for peak performance for the international competition I am selected for. If for any reason I become unable to fulfill this commitment, I will immediately notify the National Team Director/National Team Managing Director.

- If selected, I accept a position on the 2014 Pan Pac Team (August 11-26, 2014):  
yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_.
- If selected, I accept a position on the 2015 World Champ Team (July 19- Aug 10):  
yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_.
- If selected, I accept a position on the 2015 Pan Am Games Team (July 11-19):  
yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_.
- If selected, I accept a position on the 2015 World Univ. Games Team (July 3-14):  
yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_.

I give USA Swimming National Team Division permission to give out my contact information for internal USA Swimming Staff use (i.e. Media, Foundation, etc.) and for Camp/Trip Staff use:  
yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best # to reach you:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ (cell) Can you receive text? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**Your E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Maiden Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last 4 digits of SS#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coach E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TEAM DECLINE FORM**

- I decline a position on the 2014 Pan Pacific Championship Team: yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_.  
(I decline to swim the following event at Pan Pacific Championships \_\_\_\_\_.)  
I understand by declining my position on the Pan Pacific Team I may still qualify for the 2015 World Championship Team, however, if my time is beaten at the Pan Pacific Championships I will lose my spot on the 2015 World Championship Team.
- I decline a position on the 2015 FINA LC World Championship Team: yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_.  
I understand by declining a position on this Team I will not be able to selected to the 2015 Pan Am Games or the 2015 World University Games  
(I decline to swim the following event at the 2015 FINA LC World Champs \_\_\_\_\_.)
- I decline a position on the 2015 Pan American Games Team: yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_.
- I decline a position on the 2015 World University Games Team: yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**Coach Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT B

# USA SWIMMING

### NATIONAL TEAM HONOR CODE

As a participant for the \_\_\_\_\_ conducted by USA Swimming for which I am selected by USA Swimming to attend I understand and will comply with the following guidelines as set forth by USA Swimming and the Olympic International Operations Committee regulations at all times during each Event.

1. The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products or controlled substances by any athlete or staff member participating in the Event is prohibited throughout the duration of the trip (until the team has officially disbanded).
2. Curfews established by the staff will be adhered to each day of the training camp and at the competition.
3. Team members and staff will attend all team functions including meetings, practices, exhibitions, press conferences, competitions, etc., unless otherwise excused or instructed by the head coach or National Team Director or other person designated by USA Swimming, provided that, in no event shall any such team function be commercial in nature or related to the advertising or promotion of any third party, organization, products or services, including, without limitation, any Event sponsor (including, without limitation any USA Swimming sponsor), partner and/or exhibitor.
4. To ensure the propriety of the athletes and to protect the staff, there will be no male athletes in female athlete's rooms, and no female athletes in male athlete's rooms. There will be a team room provided for relaxation and recreation whenever possible.
5. Team members and staff will comply with USA Swimming and United States Olympic Committee uniform requirements. Details of this policy will be further explained at the beginning of the training camp or competition.
6. Team members and staff will refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of USA Swimming and its Event participants or be detrimental to its performance objectives.
7. Team members including staff will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward teammates, coaches, officials, administrators, fellow competitors and the public.
8. Each swimmer must agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming, and must agree to the non-commercial use of his or her name, picture, likeness, voice, and biographical information as filmed, videotaped and photographed at the Event ("Likeness") by USA Swimming, in any and all non-commercial media, related to (owned by) USA Swimming. The foregoing authorization specifically includes the use of the Likeness for the non-commercial purpose of advertising and promoting the Event prior to and during, the Event, but specifically excludes the use of the Likeness in connection with the advertising or promotion of any third party, organization, products or services, including, without limitation, any Event sponsor

(including, without limitation any USA Swimming sponsor), partner and/or exhibitor. In no event may USA Swimming use or authorize any commercial use of the Likeness. Any proposed use of the Likeness shall be submitted to the swimmer for his or her review and approval prior to any such use.

9. Any additional guidelines for the participants in the Event will be established as needed by the National Team Director or other person designated by USA Swimming.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

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1. All team and staff shall be apprised in writing of this policy. Signature of this document constitutes unconditional agreement to comply with Honor Code and Code of Conduct of USA Swimming.
2. USA Swimming shall have the right to establish and use one or more systems to determine if all aspects of the policy have been followed by team and staff members.
3. Failure to comply with the Honor Code as set forth in this document may result in disciplinary action under the provisions of the OIOC Policy Manual.

**Any appeal following any disciplinary action shall be in accordance with Part Four of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations** Such discipline may include, but is not limited to: 1) Dismissal from the team and immediate return home at the athlete's expense; 2) Disqualification from one or more events, or all events of competition; 3) Disqualification from future USA Swimming and international competition. 4) Financial penalties.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# *USA Swimming National Team*

## **NATIONAL TEAM PROTOCOL**

1. Swimmers are expected to stay focused on swimming fast and minimize walking, sunbathing, sightseeing, etc. until they have finished their last event.
2. All swimmers are required to attend each finals session through the last awards ceremony, unless excused by the Head Coach or National Team Director/National Team Managing Director.
3. When not preparing for their own events, swimmers are expected to remain in the team area to support their teammates.
4. Team Uniform Caps as prescribed by the National Team Director must be worn during competition, which must be approved by FINA and USA Swimming. All technical gear must be approved by FINA and USA Swimming.
5. When applicable, USOC issued dress sweats must be worn when receiving an award or during USOC organized press conferences. **ARENA sweats and/or USA Swimming issued apparel must be worn at all other times on deck or during official team functions.** (Athletes may wear the apparel of their choice during their personal time.)
6. No hats or head coverings should be worn when receiving awards.
7. All team members will be expected to demonstrate proper respect for the American flag and the national anthem.
8. After a swimmer has swum his/her last event, attendance at all remaining sessions (including preliminaries) is required.
9. All USAS National Team, National Junior Team, or "Event" team members will be required to maintain the desired level of conditioning for optimum performances, as determined by USAS.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_