



USA SWIMMING

NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM VISION STATEMENT

"The National Junior Team Program Will Strengthen the Future Performance of
The United States Olympic Swimming Team."

2017-2018 NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM SELECTION SUMMARY

GENERAL CRITERIA

- ❖ All team members must be registered USA Swimming members at the time of the qualifying performance.
- ❖ The athlete must be eligible to represent the U.S. in International Competition as of September 1, 2017.
- ❖ Athletes must be 18 or under on September 1, 2017.
- ❖ The National Junior Team roster will be selected according to the FINA database as of September 6, 2017 at 8am Mountain Time; if a time is not in the FINA times database as of September 6, 2017 then that time will not be considered.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

- ❖ To be selected to the National Junior Team, athletes must meet the General Selection Criteria. The Team will then be selected based on the following Performance Criteria:
 - Priority One:** The top two athletes in each individual Olympic event.
 - Priority Two:** The third and fourth ranked swimmer in the 100 and 200 meter long course freestyle.
 - Priority Three:** Additional FEMALE athletes who have a world ranking within, and including, the top 75 in an individual Olympic event and additional MALE athletes who have a world ranking within, and including, the top 100 in an individual Olympic event.
- ❖ Relay lead-offs, time trials, swim-offs and intermediate splits will NOT be considered.
- ❖ Long course times will be considered from January 1st, 2017 through and including August 31st, 2017 from all USA Swimming and FINA approved competitions.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA

- ❖ A minimum of 26 men and 26 women will be selected. If after applying all the selection procedures, the team size is below 26 men or 26 women, additional athletes will be included based on their highest world ranking, as outlined above, in an individual Olympic event until 26 men or 26 women are selected to the team. In meeting the minimum team size requirements, once an event has been filled with four swimmers no additional swimmers will be added in that event.
- ❖ Maximum team size will consist of 40 men and 40 women. Should more than 40 men or 40 women meet the selection requirements, those with the highest world rankings will be selected.
- ❖ Should there be a tie, either within in individual Olympic event or amongst a world ranking in two separate individual Olympic events, which would result in an increase to the team size beyond 40 men or 40 women, then the athlete's next highest world ranking in an individual Olympic event will be used to break the tie. Should this not break the tie, the process will be continued until the tie is broken.
- ❖ Athletes who have competed in an individual Olympic event at The Olympic Games, Pan Pacific Games, or World Championships are not eligible for the National Junior Team Roster.
- ❖ Athletes will be considered regardless of year in high school, college or university as long as all other requirements are met.
- ❖ Athletes may not appear on the National Junior Team Roster and National Team Roster within the same season.

The intent of this document is to give athletes and coaches an overview of the 2017-2018 National Junior Team selection. Any questions can be directed to Mitch Dalton at mdalton@usaswimming.org