



**SWIMMER AND COACH SELECTION CRITERIA  
2018 FINA WORLD JUNIOR OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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<b>Tour Dates:</b>	September 1 – 10, 2018
<b>Competition Dates:</b>	September 7 – 9, 2018
<b>Location:</b>	Eilat, Israel
<b>Team Size:</b>	Total of 12 athletes: 6 male / 6 female
<b>Age Eligibility:</b>	Swimmers born in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
<b>Number of Coaches:</b>	One appointed coach in addition to the Team Leader
<b>Team Leader:</b>	Swimming Canada National Distance and Open Water Coach will assume the role of Team Leader
<b>Selection Window:</b>	March 1, 2018 – April 16, 2018
<b>Swimmer Fee:</b>	\$1750.00

NOTE: Selected swimmers will be required to commit to attend the Best Fest Open Water Competition, May 23 – June 3, 2018 in Mallorca, Spain as a Swimming Canada representative team, to prepare for the 2018 FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships. Commitment will be required when declaring availability to be eligible for selection. *\*Further event details to be added as confirmed by the Local Organizing Committee*

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## **I. INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by Swimming Canada to select athletes and coaches for the 2018 FINA World Junior Open Water Championships

## **II. GENERAL INFORMATION – Swimmers**

Only Swimmers identified by these criteria will be considered for selection. The following conditions must be satisfied to be eligible for selection to the 2018 FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships:

1. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirement rules set out by FINA ([GR1](#)) and Swimming Canada ([CGR 1.2.1](#)) and must hold a Canadian passport as of March 1, 2018 and which expires no earlier than March 31, 2019.
2. A Swimmer must declare him/herself eligible for selection prior to April 16, 2018 using the form at the following [link](#). Any Swimmer who does not declare themselves eligible by this deadline may not be considered for selection to this event.
3. Selected Swimmers must sign the 2017-18 Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement by May 1, 2018. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian must also provide this acknowledgement. Copies of the Athlete Agreement are available upon request to Swimming Canada.
4. If selection is declined, the selection performance of the declining Swimmer will be disregarded for the purpose of these Criteria.

## **III. SELECTION CRITERIA – Swimmers**

1. Eligible available Swimmers' fastest individual 1500m freestyle and 400m freestyle long course times from



within the Selection Window will be added together and ranked. The top two male and the top two female ranked eligible available Swimmers in each of the following three male and female age categories will be selected for the following open water distances:

<b>Age Category</b>	<b>Event Distance</b>	<b>Selecting</b>
14-15	5km	2 male / 2 female
16-17	7.5km	2 male / 2 female
18-19	10km	2 male / 2 female

\* Age at December 31, 2018. Swimmers born in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004

Selected Swimmers will have committed, during the declaration of availability process, to attend the Best Fest Open Water Competition May 23 – June 3, 2018 in Mallorca, Spain as a Swimming Canada representative team, to prepare for the 2018 FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships. Commitment will be required when declaring availability to be eligible for selection (prior to April 16, 2018). *\*Further event details to be added as confirmed by the Local Organizing Committee*

**IV. TIE BREAKING – Swimmers**

1. Where there is a tie resulting from Swimmer selection, from performances during the Selection Window, the tied Swimmer’s second fastest swims in the respective events (1500m freestyle & 400m freestyle) from competitions during the Selection Window will be utilized to break the tie.
2. Should a tie still exist, the Swimming Canada Selection Committee and Swimming Canada National Distance and Open Water Coach shall determine a tie breaking method, which they will apply.

**V. COMPETITIVE READINESS – Swimmers**

1. “Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.
2. Athletes who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team. Athletes and their personal coaches are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the competition to the High Performance Director and the National Distance and Open Water Coach in writing via email.
3. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made in concert by the High Performance Director and the National Distance and Open Water Coach once selection is completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about what factors they will consider in making the final decision.
4. In the case of injuries or illnesses, the High Performance Director and the National Distance and Open Water Coach will consider recommendations made by the National Team Physician in making the final decision.
5. Injured or ill athletes may be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the High Performance Director and the National Distance and Open Water Coach in consultation with the athlete’s personal coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. These athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is



determined that the athlete is not competitively ready once onsite at the event, he or she may be asked to return home immediately.

## **VI. REMOVAL OF A SWIMMER FROM TEAM**

1. Swimming Canada may, at any time, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behavior of the athlete that is inconsistent with Swimming Canada's Team Rules, Regulations and Athlete Code of Conduct. A copy of this document is available upon request to Swimming Canada.
2. An athlete will be removed from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or removed after selection if he/she is found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Swimming Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

## **VII. GENERAL INFORMATION – Coaches**

1. To be eligible for selection a Coach must:
  - a. Have been resident in Canada and duly employed as a swimming coach by a Swimming Canada affiliated organization for 90 days prior to the Selection Window.
  - b. Be a fully registered Coach and member in good standing with the CSCTA and Swimming Canada at the start of the selection qualification period.
  - c. Be a minimum NCCP Senior Coach Level 3 In-training or equivalent as of March 1, 2018.
  - d. A Coach must declare him/herself available for selection prior to March 1, 2018 using the form at the following [link](#). Any Coach who does not declare themselves available by this deadline may not be considered for nomination to this event.
  - e. Hold a passport which expires no earlier than March 31, 2019.
2. All Coaches identified by these criteria must become a member of the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada on or before March 1, 2018 either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach.
3. All Coaches identified by these criteria must sign the Swimming Canada Team Staff Agreement by June 1, 2018. Copies of the Team Staff Agreement are available upon request to Swimming Canada. Failure to do so will render the Coach as having officially declined selection.

## **VIII. SELECTION – Coaches**

1. The Swimming Canada National Distance and Open Water Coach has the authority and sole discretion to appoint one Coach to the 2018 World Junior Open Water Championships Team.

## **IX. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

### **Unforeseen Circumstances**

1. Should the Swimming Canada Selection Committee determine that unforeseen or unusual circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these Criteria, the Selection Committee shall have the full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.
2. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.



**Changes to this Document**

1. Swimming Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary. No such changes shall be made after the commencement of the Selection Window unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unforeseen Circumstances” provisions above.
2. Swimming Canada reserves the right to review and modify these Criteria or decision related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from FINA that affect the criteria set out in this document.
3. Any changes to these Criteria shall be communicated directly to all Swimming Canada Carded Swimmers and Coaches, and athletes/coaches who declared themselves eligible for selection and published to the Swimming Canada website forthwith.

**X. APPEALS**

The Swimming Canada “Complaints, Disciplinary Action and Dispute Resolution Policy” and the Swimming Canada “Appeals Policy” govern all decisions made by Swimming Canada, including issues pertaining to selection. For a copy of these policies please contact Swimming Canada or refer to the following link: <https://www.swimming.ca/en/resources/board-governance/board-policies/>

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*These criteria were duly created and approved by the Swimming Canada Selection Committee, which by its terms of reference have been properly delegated to perform this task by the Chief Executive Officer of Swimming Canada.*