

1. Definitions and Interpretation

- (a) This Selection Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Selection Guidelines.
- (b) All defined terms in this Selection Policy have the same meaning as in the Selection Guidelines, unless otherwise stated.

2. Background

- (a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
 - (i) the Team is the Australian Swim team for the Open Water events at 2018 Pan Pacific Championships;
 - (ii) the Competition is the 2018 Pan Pacific Championships;
 - (iii) the Competition will take place on 9-13 August 2018 in Tokyo, Japan; and
 - (iv) the Qualifying Events are the;
 - (A) 2018 Australian 10km Championships, which will take place on 26-28 January 2018 in Adelaide.
 - (B) 2018 FINA 10km World Cup Doha which will take place on 17 March 2018 in Doha, Qatar.
 - (C) 2018 FINA 10km World Cup Europe which will take place on 9 June 2018 in Sebutal, Portugal.
 - (D) 2018 FINA 10km World Cup Europe which will take place on 16 June 2018 in Balatonfured, Hungary.
- (b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SAL will select athletes to the Team to compete at the Competition.

3. Team composition, size and rankings.*Team composition and size*

- (a) When selecting the Team, the SAL Selection Panel will select the Team in accordance with this Selection Policy and the Selection Guidelines.
- (b) The composition of the Team is to be determined by the SAL Selection Panel.
- (c) The Team will, in accordance with applicable eligibility requirements for the Competition, consist of a maximum of:
 - (i) eight athletes (the **Team Size**); and
 - (ii) four athletes from either gender.
- (d) Subject to enough athletes from each gender meeting the Performance Requirements, the Team will be made up of the same number of male swimmers as female swimmers.

Rankings

- (e) In the event of a tie for the final position on the Team based on the Ranking System, then the SAL Selection Panel will select the athlete(s) to the Team from the tied athletes at its absolute discretion.

4. Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

The requirements to be met by an athlete in order to be considered for selection (**Performance Requirements**) at the Competition are as follows, and are subject at all times to adjustment in accordance with **clause 5** of the Selection Guidelines.

Open water swimming - 10km event

- (a) The first, second and third ranked eligible athletes (in both genders) who accrue a minimum of 22 points based on the combined point score from the Qualifying Events will be selected to the Team.
- (b) Points System: In each Qualifying Event, points will be awarded to the swimmers depending upon their **overall race finishing position**. Swimmers may accumulate points at each Event in which they participate and finish, with their total points counting towards the overall final rankings
- (c) Points Distribution: The points awarded for both the men's and women's races at each Qualifying Event based on the athletes **overall finishing position** in the Qualifying Event:
- (i) 1st - 20 points
 - (ii) 2nd - 18 points
 - (iii) 3rd - 16 points
 - (iv) 4th - 14 points
 - (v) 5th - 12 points
 - (vi) 6th - 10 points
 - (vii) 7th - 8 points
 - (viii) 8th - 6 points
 - (ix) 9th - 4 points
 - (x) 10th - 3 points
 - (xi) Highest ranked Australian if no Top 10 finishers – 2 points

5. Financial Support

- (a) The first four eligible athletes (both genders) based on performances at the Australian 10km Championships will be funded by SAL to participate at the FINA 10km World Cup in Doha.
- (b) Following the FINA 10km World Cup in Doha, the first four eligible athletes (both genders) based on the combined points table will be funded by SAL to compete at the FINA 10km World Cups in Europe (Setubal and Balatonfured).
- (c) Athletes not funded by SAL can still participate in the FINA World Cup meets. They would be required to self-fund to these World Cup meets.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, all Australian athletes entered into a FINA World Cup meet are eligible to accrue points towards qualification for the Pan Pacific Championships Open Water team.