

USA Swimming
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2018 FINA Short Course World Championships

The 2018 FINA Short Course World Championships (the “Championships”) will be conducted in Hangzhou, China from December 11-16, 2018.

DEFINITIONS

Available Swimmer. “Available Swimmer” means a swimmer who (i) meets the requirements to be Selected to the Team in an Event according to these Selection Procedures and has complied with all eligibility requirements set forth in Sections 1.1-1.2 of these Selection Procedures; (ii) satisfies the applicable A or B Time Standard requirement for the Event in which he/she is an Available Swimmer; (iii) certifies to USA Swimming that he/she remains available to swim through the completion of the Championships; and (iv) indicates in writing that he or she will accept the invitation to be Selected to the Team when that invitation is offered by USA Swimming and to swim in the Event for which he/she qualifies in the Championships (except as otherwise provided herein). If a swimmer does not satisfy these requirements, then he/she is not considered an Available Swimmer.

“A” Time Standard. An “A” Time Standard is a time standard developed by FINA for those wishing to compete in individual Events at the Championships. Time Standards must be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. There are two sets of “A” Time Standards. For “A” Time Standards achieved in Short Course Meters (SCM), times must be achieved from August 1, 2017 - November 22, 2018. For “A” Time Standards achieved in Long Course Meters (LCM), times must be achieved from March 1, 2018 - November 22, 2018. FINA Qualification Time Standards are included in Attachment A.

“B” Time Standard. A “B” Time Standard is a time standard developed by FINA for the Championships. “B” Time Standards must be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. There are two sets of “B” Time Standards. For “B” Time Standards achieved in Short Course Meters (SCM), times must be achieved from August 1, 2017 - November 22, 2018. For “B” Time Standards achieved in Long Course Meters (LCM), times must be achieved from March 1, 2018 - November 22, 2018. FINA Qualification Time Standards are included in Attachment A.

Event. “Event” refers to those individual pool competition events contested at the Championships including Individual Olympic Events and Individual Non-Olympic Events.

FINA Points Table, 2018. “FINA Points Table, 2018” means the applicable FINA long course Points Table (i.e., men or women) updated as of February 2018, for 2018, and found on the website <http://fina.org/content/fina-points>.

Individual Olympic Event. “Individual Olympic Event” shall refer to those 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.

Individual Non-Olympic Event. "Individual Non-Olympic Event" shall refer to those 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.

Head Coach. Unless otherwise indicated, "Head Coach" refers to the Head Coach of the Team for the applicable gender (i.e. the Men's Team Head Coach or Women's Team Head Coach).

Modified World Ranking. See "World Ranking," below.

National Team Managing Director. "National Team Managing Director" refers to the USA Swimming National Team Managing Director, or her designee.

National Team Roster. "National Team Roster" shall mean athletes who are selected to the 2018-19 USA Swimming National Team via section 1.2.2. using long course meters times.

Nationals. "Nationals" shall refer to the 2018 Phillips 66 USA Swimming National Championships, July 25-29, 2018, held in Irvine, CA.

Relay-Only Swimmer. A "Relay-Only Swimmer" means a swimmer who has qualified for the Team (prior to implementation of FINA limits on the number of Relay-Only Swimmers as provided in Section 1.3.5 of these Selection Procedures) but has not qualified to swim in an individual Event.

Select/Selected/Selection to the Team. "Select/Selected/Selection to the Team" refers to the Team Selected by USA Swimming on or before October 19, 2018.

Team. "Team" means the 2018 FINA Short Course World Championships Team announced on or before October 19, 2018, plus any changes or replacements made pursuant to these Selection Procedures.

Technical Advisor. "Technical Advisor" refers to the USA Swimming National Team Technical Advisor, or his/her designee.

World Ranking. "World Ranking" means the World Ranking list downloaded from the fina.org website at approximately 8:00 a.m. MT on August 20, 2018 and covering the period of January 1, 2017 through and including August 12, 2018.

Modified World Ranking. "Modified World Ranking" means the World Ranking list as modified by integrating all times from the National Team Roster. An athlete's Modified World Ranking shall be determined by his/her time from the National Team Roster.

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. *Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for Selection to the Team:*

1.1.1 In order to be considered for Selection to the Team, an athlete must at the time of Selection to the Team:

- (a) be a registered athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing;
- (b) be a citizen of the United States; and
- (c) be eligible to represent the United States in the Championships.

In order to be considered for Selection to the Team, an athlete must, at the time of Selection to the Team, be an Available Swimmer.

1.1.2 Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Championships.

1.1.3 Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:

(a) Per FINA rules, USA Swimming will be allowed to enter two athletes in an Event at the Championships only if both athletes have equaled or bettered the "A" Time Standard in that Event in a competition approved for that purpose by FINA. To ensure Selection to the Team, all athletes qualifying to swim in an individual Event at the Championships must equal or better the "A" Time Standard set by FINA for that Event during the applicable time period established by FINA in a competition approved for that purpose by FINA (competitions can be found at fina.org).

(b) An athlete may also qualify to be Selected to the Team by equaling or bettering the B Time Standard. If the athlete who has the fastest time in an Event only has a B Time Standard within the applicable time period established by FINA, then USA Swimming will only be eligible to enter one athlete in that Event. All Relay-Only Swimmers must also have at least a B Time Standard in order to qualify for the Team. See Section 1.3.4 for the requirements relating to A and B Time Standards. See Attachment A for A and B Time Standards for each Event.

1.1.4 Other requirements (if any):

- (a) Each swimmer that has been Selected to the Team must sign, return and abide by the applicable competition forms for the Team (forms will be made available prior to selection).
- (b) Each swimmer that has been Selected to the Team must comply with all applicable rules and requirements of FINA, WADA, USADA, and USA Swimming, including without limitation USA Swimming policies and protocols regarding Team preparation and participation, through the Championships.

1.2 Tryout Events:

1.2.1 *Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process:*

Team Members must be a part of the USA Swimming 2018-2019 National Team or Selected to the Team via Priority 3 or via Priority 6 in section 1.3.3.

1.2.2 *Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1 (if any):*

In order to be selected to the 2018-19 USA Swimming National Team athletes must meet the following criteria:

- (a) The top six athletes in Individual Olympic Events from the combined long course results of Nationals, the 2018 Pan Pacific Championships and the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships.
- (b) Only times from Prelims and Finals (A, B, C and D) will be used.
- (c) Relay lead offs, time trials, swim-offs and intermediate splits will not be included.

1.3 *Comprehensive Selection Process:*

This Section 1.3 sets forth the steps by which Available Swimmers will be selected to the Team. The process of determining who is eligible to be Selected to the Team will take place on or before October 19, 2018, after completion of the naming of the National Team Roster. The results from the application of these Selection Procedures will be announced on or before October 19, 2018. The specific steps for determining the athletes to be Selected to the Team are as follows:

1.3.1 **Team Size.** The maximum allowable Team size is twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women. The actual Team size will be determined once these Selection Procedures have been implemented. For purposes of these Selection Procedures, the men's and women's components of the Team will be considered separately (except for applying the maximum number of Relay-Only Swimmers, as described in Section 1.3.5). USA Swimming is under no obligation to Select to the Team a full team of 26 athletes in each, or either, gender.

1.3.2 **2018-19 USA Swimming National Team.** Performances from athletes on the National Team Roster will be used to determine the Team. Performances will be prioritized using the priority system described below. The highest ranking Available Swimmers will be subject to the A and B Time Standard requirements, and the limits imposed by FINA on Relay-Only Swimmers, all as described below, to determine those to be Selected to the Team.

1.3.3 **Application of Priorities for Team Selection.** Subject to Sections 1.3.4 and 1.3.5 below, performances by athletes on the National Team Roster in the individual Events at will be prioritized for each gender as described in this Section 1.3.3. These Priorities will be applied on or before October 19, 2018, after the naming of the National Team Roster. Swimmers not qualifying via one of these priorities will not be eligible to be Selected to the Team unless they are subsequently added to the Team as a replacement according to the

process set forth in Section 4. If, after applying the priorities set forth below, as well as the procedures set forth in Sections 1.3.4 and 1.3.5, there are fewer 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 adding one or more replacements as provided in Section 4.

- (a) Priority #1. The first priority will be comprised of (i) the four fastest times from Available Swimmers on the National Team Roster in the 100-meter freestyle Event, (ii) the three fastest times from Available Swimmers on the National Team Roster in the 50 meter and the 200 meter freestyle Events, and (iii) the fastest time from Available Swimmers on the National Team Roster in each of the Individual Olympic Events other than the 50-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle.
- (b) Priority #2. The second priority will be comprised of the second fastest time from Available Swimmers on the National Team Roster in each of the Individual Olympic Events other than the 50-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle.
- (c) Priority #3. The third priority shall include the highest placing Available Swimmer in the Finals at the Nationals in the Individual Non-Olympic Events. Provided the Available Swimmer has the FINA A Time Standard.
- (d) Priority #4. The fourth priority will be comprised of the Available Swimmer who has the fifth fastest time from Available Swimmers on the National Team Roster in the 100-meter freestyle, and Available Swimmers who have the fourth fastest times from Available Swimmers on the National Team Roster in the 50-meter and 200-meter freestyle.
- (e) Priority #5. The fifth priority will be comprised of the Available Swimmer who has the sixth fastest time from Available Swimmers on the National Team Roster in the 100-meter freestyle, and Available Swimmers who have the fifth fastest time from Available Swimmers on the National Team Roster in the 50-meter and 200-meter freestyle.
- (f) Priority #6. The sixth priority may include Available Swimmers Selected to the Team to fill vacancies in Events after the initial selection has been completed (i.e., Priorities 1-5) at the discretion of the National Team Managing Director, Technical Advisor and the applicable head coach.

1.3.4 Application of A and B Time Standards.

- (a) Subject to the application of the priorities described in Section 1.3.3 above and the other rules set forth in this Section 1.3.4, it is generally anticipated that the two fastest times among Available Swimmers from the National Team Roster in each Individual Olympic Event will qualify for the Team and the athletes who qualify via Section 1.3.3(c) will qualify for the Team will be given the opportunity to swim the corresponding individual Event at the Championships (for example, the top two fastest times among Available Swimmers in the 200m butterfly from the National Team Roster will swim the 200m butterfly at the Championships). However, FINA has a requirement that in order for two athletes to compete in an individual Event at the

Championships, both athletes must have swum an A Time Standard in a competition approved for that purpose by FINA. Note: the A Time Standard can be done at any FINA approved competition within the applicable timeframes and athletes may have times in either Long Course Meters or Short Course Meters. The applicable FINA qualifying procedures are set forth in Attachment A.

- (b) If the Available Swimmer in an Individual Olympic Event with the fastest time from the National Team Roster has a B Time Standard, and the Available Swimmer with the second fastest time from the National Team Roster has an A Time Standard, the Available Swimmer with the fastest time on the National Team Roster will be Selected to the Team and will swim that Individual Olympic Event at the Championships. The Available Swimmer with the second fastest time would not be Selected to the Team for that Individual Olympic Event nor would he/she swim in that Individual Olympic Event at the Championships.

- (c) If the Available Swimmer with the second fastest time in an Individual Olympic Event from the National Team Roster does not achieve an A Time Standard in a competition approved for that purpose by FINA by the November 22, 2018 deadline, the next fastest Available Swimmer with the fastest time from the National Team Roster in that Individual Olympic Event will be eligible for Selection to the Team in place of the athlete who does not have the A Time Standard, provided that the replacement athlete has achieved an A Time Standard and satisfies all other requirements for Selection to the Team. If the athlete who stands to be replaced has qualified to be Selected to the Team in another Event and he/she has achieved the A Time Standard in that other Event, then he/she will not be removed from Selection to the Team (unless required under another provision of these Selection Procedures) but will be removed from the Individual Olympic Event in which he/she has not achieved the required A Time Standard. If the next highest ranked Available Swimmer does not have an A Time Standard in a competition approved for that purpose by FINA, then the subsequent Available Swimmer with the fastest time from the National Team Roster, in that Individual Olympic Event will be Selected to the Team in place of the athlete(s) who do not have the A Time Standard, provided that the replacement athlete has an A Time Standard and satisfies all other requirements for Selection to the Team. This process will repeat until an Available Swimmer who has an A Time Standard is eligible for Selection to the Team or there are no other Available Swimmers who may be eligible for Selection to the Team in that Individual Olympic Event. If there are no other Available Swimmers with an A Time Standard from a competition approved by FINA for that purpose, then USA Swimming will only Select one Available Swimmer to the Team in that Individual Olympic Event.

1.3.5 Selection of Relay-Only Swimmers.

USA Swimming is limited to a total of 12 (combined between men and women) Relay-Only Swimmers on the Team (see Attachment A for the language of this rule). If, after applying the procedures set forth in Sections 1.3.3 and 1.3.4 above, there are more than 12 Relay-

Only Swimmers who stand to be Selected to the Team, then USA Swimming will use the process set forth in this Section 1.3.5 to determine who will be Selected to the Team.

- (a) Ranking Process. In the event that more Relay-Only Swimmers stand to be Selected to the Team than allowed under FINA rules, the Relay-Only Swimmers will be ranked within their priority according to the Modified World Ranking list. Relay-Only Swimmers with the best Modified World Ranking will be eligible for Selection to the Team in order of priority. Relay-Only Swimmers will be added to the list of those to be Selected to the Team in order of priority until the maximum number of Relay-Only Swimmers (under the FINA rule) is obtained or the Team is full, whichever comes first.

Relay-Only Swimmers must meet the B Time Standard Requirement. Per FINA rules, only those Relay-Only Swimmers who have satisfied the B Time Standard for the Event in which they have qualified for the Team will be eligible for Selection to the Team. The B Time Standard must be achieved in the Event through which he/she qualifies for the Team during the applicable time period established by FINA at a competition approved by FINA for that purpose (FINA-approved competitions can be found at fina.org). Any Relay-Only Swimmer who would otherwise stand to be Selected to the Team who fails to satisfy the B Time Standard requirement will not be eligible to be Selected to the Team. See Attachment A for applicable B Time Standards.

1.3.6 Procedure if Selection to the Team Stands to Exceed 26 Per Gender. If the application of the procedures set forth in Sections 1.3.3 and 1.3.5 results in a list of either more than twenty-six (26) male or more than twenty-six (26) female swimmers (or both) to be Selected to the Team, then the swimmers of the gender with more than 26 swimmers to be Selected to the Team shall be ranked and Selected to the Team according to the following procedure:

- (a) All swimmers from Priority #1 shall be Selected to the Team.
- (b) All swimmers from Priority #2 will be Selected to the Team; provided, however, that if adding all swimmers from Priority #2 would result in more than twenty-six (26) swimmers for a gender to be Selected to the Team, then the swimmers within Priority #2 shall be Selected to the Team in order of the best Modified World Ranking for the Event for which they qualify until a maximum of twenty-six (26) swimmers for that gender are Selected to the Team.
- (c) If all Priority #2 swimmers are Selected to the Team and the maximum Team size of twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender has not been attained, then the same procedure of using the best Modified World Rankings will be used to rank the swimmers from Priority #3, and Priority #3 swimmers will be Selected to the Team in order of their Modified World Rankings until the team is full. If, after adding Priority #3 swimmers to the list of those to be Selected to the Team, the Team is not full, then Priority #4 swimmers will be Selected to the Team in order of their Modified World Rankings until the team is full. If, after adding Priority #4 swimmers to the list of those to be Selected to the Team, the Team is not full, then Priority #5 swimmers will be Selected to the Team in order of their Modified World Rankings until the team is full, or until the list of Available Swimmers from Priority #1 through Priority #5 has been exhausted.

- (d) If, after adding Priority #5 swimmers to the list of those to be Selected to the Team, the Team is not full, then Priority #6 swimmers will be Selected to the Team consistent with Section 2. USA Swimming is under no obligation to fill a full Team of twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women.

1.3.7 Breaking a Tie.

- (a) Tie in Same Event. In the instance where there is a tie between two swimmers in the same Individual Olympic Event for first place, both swimmers will be classified under Priority #1.
- (b) In the instance where a tie between Available Swimmers occurs in an Individual Olympic Event from the National Team Roster a swim off will be held in that Individual Olympic Event at a date and time, prior to September 10, 2018, determined by the National Team Managing Director and Technical Advisor in collaboration with the Available Swimmers and their respective coaches. If the initial swim-off fails to break the tie, this process will continue until the tie is broken. The swimmers will be assigned to their respective Priorities based on their finish in the swim-off(s). If one Available Swimmer declines to participate in the swim off, the other Available Swimmer will be selected to the Team.
- (c) Tie in Determining Selections to Team Involving Swimmers from Different Events. In the instance where the application of Modified World Rankings is used to rank swimmers to be Selected to the Team (e.g. Sections 1.3.6(b)-(c)), and where the application of the Modified World Rankings results in 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:
 - (i) Each swimmer's fastest performance swum in his/her Individual Olympic Event based on the National Team Roster will be ranked according to the FINA Points Table, 2018. The swimmer who has the highest ranking shall be Selected to the Team.
 - (ii) If this fails to break the tie, each swimmer's time in his/her Individual Olympic Event on the National Team Roster will be converted into a ratio, using the swimmer's National Team Roster time as the denominator, and the FINA-approved World Record for that Event as of August 13, 2018 as the numerator, and the swimmer(s) with the highest percentage shall be Selected to the final position(s) on the Team.
 - (iii) If this fails to break the tie, the fastest time swum by each swimmer in his/her Individual Olympic Event during the period from January 1, 2018 through August 12, 2018 will be ranked according to the Modified World Ranking lists, and the swimmer(s) will be Selected to the Team in order of the best ranking.
 - (iv) If this fails to break the tie, then the swimmer with the highest Modified World Ranking in an Individual Olympic Event other than his/her Individual Olympic Event involved in

the tie shall be Selected to the Team (e.g. if a swimmer's results in the 100m freestyle are involved in the tie, then that swimmer's highest Modified World Ranking in an Individual Olympic Event other than the 100m freestyle shall be considered).

- (v) If this fails to break the tie, each swimmer's time in an Individual Olympic Event from the National Team Roster other than the Individual Olympic Event that is the subject of the tie will be ranked according to the FINA Points Table, 2018. The swimmer who has the highest ranking shall be Selected to the Team. If only one swimmer involved in the tie has more than one Individual Olympic Event on the National Team Roster, then that swimmer will be Selected to the Team.

Announcement. Those officially Selected to the Team will be announced on or before October 19, 2018.

1.3.8 Selection of Swimmers for Individual Olympic Events.

- (a) The two Available Swimmers with the fastest times from the National Team Roster in all Individual Olympic Events will be given the opportunity to swim the corresponding Individual Olympic Event at the Championships (for example, the top two fastest times in the 200m butterfly will swim the 200m butterfly at the Championships), provided that they meet the requirements in Section 1.3.4.
- (b) If the best finishing swimmer does not achieve the A Time Standard in an Individual Olympic Event, but achieves a B Time Standard, he/she will be considered an Available Swimmer, and there will not be a second U.S. swimmer in that Individual Olympic Event.
- (c) If the Available Swimmer with the fastest time from the National Team Roster has achieved the A Time Standard in an Individual Olympic Event but the Available Swimmer with the second fastest time from the National Team Roster has not achieved the A Time Standard in that Individual Olympic Event at any competition approved for that purpose by FINA during the applicable time frame, then the Available Swimmer with the second fastest time from the National Team Roster will not swim in that Individual Olympic Event (and may not be Selected to the Team – see Section 1.3.4), and the second spot will be filled according to the process set forth in Section 1.3.4.
- (d) If a Priority 2 swimmer fails to make the Team because the Team is full, then the swimmer already on the Team who has recorded the fastest time in that vacant Individual Olympic Event during the applicable time period will serve as the replacement in that Event, provided that he/she has achieved the A Time Standard in that Individual Olympic Event.

- (e) If there is a vacancy in an Event that arises on or after 11:59 a.m. MT on November 22, 2018, the replacement process set forth in Section 4 will be used to fill the vacancy in that Individual Olympic Event.

1.3.9 Selection of Swimmers for Individual Non-Olympic Events.

- (a) For Individual Non-Olympic Events other than the M/W 100 IM at the Championships (M/W 50 Butterfly, M/W 50 Backstroke, M/W 50 Breaststroke), athletes will qualify to swim their respective Individual Non-Olympic Event via the following selection method, subject to meeting the A and B Time Standards as provided in Section 1.3.4: (USA Swimming, via FINA rules, is allowed up to two swimmers per event):

- (i) USA Entry Opportunity #1 – The first opportunity will be given to the Available Swimmer selected to the Team based on Priority #3 in Section 1.3.3. (the highest finishing swimmer in the Individual Non-Olympic Event at the 2018 Phillips66 National Championships).

- (ii) USA Entry Opportunity #2 - The second opportunity will be given to the Available Swimmer who has qualified for the Team under Priority #1 (as part of Section 1.3.3) in the corresponding Individual Olympic Events listed below, provided USA Entry Opportunity #1 and USA Entry Opportunity #2 have met the A Time Standard. If opportunity #1 via section 1.3.9.a.i and opportunity #2 via section 1.3.9.a.ii are the same Available Swimmer then USA Entry will be given to the Available Swimmer who is Selected to the Team via Priority #2 in the Individual Olympic Event.

<u>First Offer to Those on Team In:</u>		<u>Non-Olympic Event</u>
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

Example: For the men's 50 Butterfly, the first entry will be offered to the winner of the 50 Fly at the Nationals, provided that he/she is selected to the Team. The second entry will be offered to the Available Swimmer with the fastest time in the 100 Fly from the National Team Roster, provided the first entry and the second entry have met the A Time Standard.

- (b) In the Men's and Women's 100 IM, FINA rules state athletes must have a FINA A or B Time Standard in short course meters only. Therefore, the Available Swimmers with the fastest times in the 100 IM short course meters from January 1, 2017 through and including October 6, 2018 from among those already selected to the Team via Section 1.3.3 will be selected to compete in the Event (assuming they meet the applicable time standards).
- (c) If there is a vacancy in an Individual Non-Olympic Event that arises on or after 11:59 a.m. MT on November 22, 2018, the replacement process set forth in Section 4 will be used to fill the vacancy in that Individual Non-Olympic Event.

1.3.10. Selection of Swimmers for Relay Events.

- (a) All swimmers who are Selected to the Team shall be eligible for selection to any and all relays to be held at the Championships provided that Relay-Only Swimmers must achieve the B Time Standard for the event within the relay in which they will be selected to compete. (Example: the Relay-Only Swimmer in the 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay must have a B Time Standard in the 200m Freestyle). The Head Coach in consultation with the National Team Managing Director, Technical Advisor and the assistant coaches, shall select the swimmers for each relay conducted at the Championships. In selecting the relay teams, the Head Coach, National Team Managing Director, Technical Advisor and assistant coaches shall consider all available relevant information, including but not limited to each Team member's National Team Roster performances (including preliminary times, time trials, swim-offs and relay lead-off times), past relay performances, past relay reaction times, relay exchange experience, Championship performances, personal best performances, Championship 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.

2 DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

2.1 *Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):*

Pursuant to Section 1.3.3(d), discretionary selection will only be used to fill Team vacancies in Events after the initial selection has been completed. Athletes who have competed in a Short Course Meter competition from August 1, 2017 through October 6, 2018 will be considered as well as any time swum in the following competitions : (i) in the A, B, C, and D finals at the Nationals; (ii) in the A or B final or preliminary heats of the 2018 Pan Pacific Championships; (iii) in the A or B final at the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Championships; and (iv) in the A final at the 2018 Speedo Junior Nationals. Time trials, swim-offs and intermediate splits from any of these events will not be considered for discretionary selection but may be considered in making other determinations as described herein. All times are subject to FINA "A" and "B" Time Standards requirements.

2.2 *List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):*

The Selection of additional swimmers to the Team will be at the discretion of the National Team Managing Director, Technical Advisor and the Head Coach for that gender in order to field the best team possible. Athletes who have a time from a competition listed in 2.1. in any Event will be considered for selection for that Event. Selection will be based on, but not be limited to: personal fitness, personal best performances, individual workload, other recent results and performances, consistency of performances, fatigue, health, fitness levels, training preparation, and attitude and team chemistry. In addition, physical and mental preparation of athletes in conjunction with their international and national experience, strategy of the

sport, ability to swim multiple events, including relay events, and the need to fill the team in order to win the Championships and the gold medal count at the Championships may be used for Selection to the Team.

USA Swimming is under no obligation to fill a full Team of twenty- six (26) men and twenty- six (26) women.

- 2.3 *Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:*

National Team Managing Director, Technical Advisor, and the Head Coaches

- 2.4 *Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:*

In regard to discretionary selection and relay selection, if the National Team Managing Director, Technical Advisor, or any of the Head Coaches or assistant coaches has a possible conflict of interest, he/she must disclose it. However, if such individual has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, he/she may provide such information, so long as it is provided in a fair manner.

3 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1 An athlete who is to be Selected to the Team by USA Swimming may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Swimming's National Team Managing Director in conjunction with the Technical Advisor. An athlete who is to be removed from the Team or an Event or from eligibility to be Selected to the Team, pursuant to the following provisions, has the right to a hearing per the USA Swimming Bylaws (usaswimming.org), the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9, or the applicable anti-doping code/protocol before such removal or declaration of ineligibility.
- 3.1.1 An athlete may choose to voluntarily withdraw from an Event or the Team. The athlete must submit in writing any withdrawal to the National Team Managing Director. An athlete considering withdrawal is strongly encouraged to submit the written withdrawal by November 1, 2018.
- 3.1.2 USA Swimming may remove an athlete who has an injury or illness, as certified by the physician for the Championships, that is likely to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Championships. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by the approved Championships' physician (or his/her medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Championships and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3 An athlete may be removed if the National Team Managing Director, in consultation with the Technical Advisor, Head Coaches, the USA Swimming Steering Committee Chairman and the USA Swimming Athletes' Vice Chair, determine that the swimmer is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for peak performance in the Championships. (See Participation and Commitment Agreement, which is included in Attachment B.)

- 3.1.4 Any swimmer may be dismissed from the Team at any time if the swimmer violates any of the applicable FINA, USA Swimming or other rules and regulations applicable to the Team or its members, including without limitation applicable Codes of Conduct or Honor Codes.
- 3.1.5 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 Selected to the Team) until: (i) 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; (ii) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or (iii) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be Selected to the Team.

4 REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1 *Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:*

The pool of potential replacement athletes includes those individuals who meet the criteria set forth in this Section 4.

The next Available Swimmer from the National Team Roster and in the Non-Olympic Events, will be a considered replacement swimmer, however, he or she must satisfy the applicable A or B Time Standard, as described in Section 1.3.4 and is subject to the limitation on the number of Relay-Only Swimmers as described in Section 1.3.5 and the limitations set on the size of the male or female Teams, as provided in Section 1.3.1, before he/she can be Selected to the Team.

- 4.1.1 *Adjustments to the Team and Events from the time of Selection to the Team (on or before October 19, 2018) through November 22, 2018:*

- (a) If there is a vacancy in an Event that occurs between October 19, 2018 and November 22, 2018, USA Swimming may replace an athlete on the Team for an Event based on the following procedure; however, **no swimmer who is already on the Team may be taken off the Team as a result of the application of this procedure.**
- (b) Filling Vacant Individual Olympic Event Positions with Team Vacancy.

If the Team is not full (fewer than twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender) after a swimmer declines a position in an Event for any reason, or Event positions otherwise become vacant, then the vacancy in any such Event(s) shall be filled by the next fastest Available Swimmer in that Event. If the next fastest Available Swimmer is already on the Team, and he/she agrees after consulting with the Head Coach, Technical Advisor, and National Team Managing Director to swim in the additional Event, then he/she shall serve as the replacement in that Event. If he/she declines to swim in the additional Event, then he/she shall not be

considered an Available Swimmer for that Event, and the next fastest Available Swimmer will be considered. If the next Available Swimmer is not already on the Team, then that swimmer will be selected according to Section 1.3.3. If adding the next Available Swimmer from each Event left vacant would cause the Team to exceed the maximum number (twenty-six (26) per gender), then those who qualify as the next fastest Available Swimmer in the Events left vacant shall be ranked according to the procedure described in Section 1.3.8. Those ranked highest according to that procedure shall be added to the Team in order until the Team reaches twenty-six (26) per gender, and any remaining Event vacancy will be filled from within the Team pursuant to Section 4.1.1(c) below.

(c) Filling Vacant Individual Olympic Event Position with No Team Vacancy.

If the Team is still full (twenty-six [26] per gender) after the withdrawal from an Event, the vacancy in any Event(s) will be filled by an Available Swimmer already on the Team. First priority will be given to the next Available Swimmer with the fastest time from the National Team Roster who is already on the Team. If no swimmer already on the Team is on the National Team Roster in that Event, then the Available Swimmer on the Team with the highest Long Course World Ranking in the Event will be selected; provided, however, they have met the qualifying standards and the replacement swimmer must agree, after consulting with the Head Coach, Technical Advisor and National Team Managing Director, to compete in the additional Event. If the replacement swimmer does not agree to swim in the additional Event, then this process will repeat until the vacant Event is filled.

(d) Filling Individual Non-Olympic Events.

Should one or more swimmers decline the opportunity to swim the Individual Non-Olympic Events, the unfilled position(s) shall, after consultation between the swimmer, Head Coach, National Team Managing Director and the Technical Advisor, be filled by the existing Team member(s) who has swum the fastest time (and the second-fastest time if two positions in the individual non-Olympic event are to be filled) in such event from January 1, 2018 through and including November 1, 2018. Athletes who have A Time Standards in short course meters will be given priority. 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, the National Team Managing Director and Technical Advisor, provided they have met the qualifying standards.

(e) Relay-Only Swimmer Vacancy.

If the vacancy occurs because a Relay-Only Swimmer is no longer on the Team or withdraws from a position in a relay Event, then the following procedure will be used:

- (1) If there is a vacancy available for a Relay-Only Swimmer pursuant to Sections 1.3.1 and 1.3.5 above, then the next Available Swimmer with the fastest time on the National Team Roster from the Event in which the vacating swimmer qualified for the Team will be added to the Team. For example, if only five Relay-Only Swimmers were on the Team, and if the sixth-place finisher in the 100m freestyle were to leave the Team, then the seventh-place finisher in the 100m freestyle would be added to the Team, provided that he/she is an Available Swimmer.
- (2) If there are no vacancies available for Relay-Only Swimmers pursuant to Sections 1.3.1 and 1.3.5 above, then no swimmers will be added to the Team.

4.1.1. Adjustments to the Team and Events after submission of Entries by Name to the FINA:

- (a) After November 22, no swimmers will be added to the Team, and the Available Swimmer already on the Team who has recorded the fastest time in a vacant Event during the period from January 1, 2018, through November 1, 2018 , will serve as the replacement in that Event; provided, however, that the replacement must agree, after consulting with the Head Coach, Technical Advisor and National Team Managing Director, to compete in the vacant Event. If the replacement does not agree to swim in the vacant Event, then this process will repeat until the vacant Event is filled. Priority will be given to the athlete who has an A Time Standard in short course meters.
- (b) The FINA Technical Meeting for swimming at the Championships is scheduled to be held on the morning (local time) of December 10. Once that Technical Meeting has been completed, FINA historically has not allowed replacements in Events. Therefore, it is highly likely that no replacements will be allowed in any Event once the FINA Technical Meeting is completed.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Swimming will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the conclusion of the Championship.

6. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Swimming in the following locations:

USA Swimming website

7. DATE OF SELECTION

The Selection of Athletes form will be published on the USA Swimming website on or before October 19, 2018.

8. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Leave U.S.	December 4, 2018	TBD
International Training	December 7-10, 2018	Hangzhou, China
Competition	December 11-16, 2018	Hangzhou, China
Return home	December 17, 2018	

9. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all, WADA, FINA, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the WADA, FINA, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

10. USA SWIMMING BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Swimming Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: usaswimming.org

11. DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on FINA rules and regulations, as applicable and as presently known and understood. Any change in the Selection Procedures caused by a change in FINA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The Selection Procedures are based on the latest information available to USA Swimming. However, the Selection Procedures are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these Selection Procedures will be revised.

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 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 National Team Managing Director at USA Swimming in writing by no later than September 15, 2018 and the response to such request by USA Swimming must be provided in writing and, where appropriate, must be published promptly on the USA Swimming website.

An athlete who is Selected to the Team by virtue of an error or oversight by USA Swimming may be removed from the Team at any time.

ATTACHMENT A
See additional documentation

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TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS
FROM: FINA, Lausanne
DATE: 11th December 2017
RE: 14th FINA WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25M) 2018
11 - 16 December 2018 // Hangzhou (CHN)
SWIMMING QUALIFYING EVENTS & TIMES

Dear Sirs,

Following our correspondence of 7th August 2017, please refer to the updated qualifying A and B times to be implemented for the Swimming competitions at the **14th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m)** to be held in Hangzhou (CHN) from 11th to 16th December 2018.

1. STANDARD TIMES:

A Standard = 16th place from Windsor (CAN) 2016
B Standard = + 3.5%

Men's Standard

Women's Standard

	A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry		A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry
	0.21.71	0.22.47	50 m Freestyle	0.24.60	0.25.46
	0.47.78	0.49.45	100 m Freestyle	0.53.78	0.55.66
	1.45.02	1.48.70	200 m Freestyle	1.56.52	2.00.59
	3.44.09	3.51.93	400 m Freestyle	4.07.29	4.15.95
	//////////	//////////	800 m Freestyle	8.35.69	8.53.74
	14.49.29	15.20.42	1500 m Freestyle	//////////	//////////
	0.23.98	0.24.82	50 m Backstroke	0.27.01	0.27.96
	0.51.61	0.53.42	100 m Backstroke	0.58.08	1.00.11
	1.53.35	1.57.32	200 m Backstroke	2.07.19	2.11.64
	0.26.77	0.27.71	50 m Breaststroke	0.30.70	0.31.77
	0.58.18	1.00.21	100 m Breaststroke	1.06.18	1.08.50
	2.06.83	2.11.27	200 m Breaststroke	2.24.60	2.29.66
	0.23.22	0.24.03	50 m Butterfly	0.26.26	0.27.18
	0.51.56	0.53.36	100 m Butterfly	0.58.28	1.00.31
	1.54.84	1.58.86	200 m Butterfly	2.09.76	2.14.30
	0.53.57	0.55.44	100 m Ind. Medley	1.01.21	1.03.35
	1.56.69	2.00.77	200 m Ind. Medley	2.12.46	2.17.09
	4.10.27	4.19.03	400 m Ind. Medley	4.43.43	4.53.35

1 Team	4 x 50 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 100 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 200 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 50 m Medley	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 100 m Medley	1 Team

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4 x 50 m Freestyle Mix	1 Team
4 x 50 m Medley Mix	1 Team

2. QUALIFICATION PERIOD: 1st AUGUST 2017 – 22nd NOVEMBER 2018:

If a National Federations enters only one (1) swimmer per event all swimmers entered must meet the qualifying B standard time. If two (2) swimmers are entered in the same event, both of them must meet the qualifying A standard time.

Federations may enter swimmers regardless of standard time as follows:

having no swimmer qualified: two (2) men and two (2) women; *

having one (1) or two (2) swimmers qualified, additional swimmers up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women);

having three (3) swimmers qualified one (1) additional swimmer provided that both gender are represented.

* *Note: Please refer to FINA Rule BL 9.3.6 and BL 9.3.6.2*

BL 9.3.6 The minimum age for swimmers competing in the Olympic Games, FINA World Championships and FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) shall be the same as the minimum age for the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships: Women, 14 years of age, and Men, 15 years of age, on 31st December in the year of competition, except younger athletes may participate in these competitions if they have achieved at least the "B" Standard Entry Time in the respective event.

BL 9.3.6.2 At the World Championships, National Federations may enter swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time as follows:

a) With no swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to four (4) swimmers, two (2) men and two (2) women. b) With one (1) or two (2) swimmers who has achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women), and with three (3) swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented. c) The swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each. d) An individual entry for a swimmer without an "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered.

Swimmers entered without qualifying time must have participated in the National Championships of the Federation. These swimmers will be allowed to enter in two (2) different events each, but they cannot swim in the same event, p.a. 50 m Freestyle.

Gender Relays:

- 4x50 m Freestyle, 4x100m Freestyle, 4x200m Freestyle, 4x50 m Medley,
- 4x100m Medley – Men & Women – 1 Relay per Federation
- Mixed Relays: 4x50 m Freestyle, 4x50m Medley – 1 Relay per Federation.

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3. QUALIFYING EVENTS – SEE BL 12:

- # Continental Championships 2017 and 2018
- # International Competitions,
- # National Competitions

FINA will only accept entry times which have been achieved at competitions officially approved by FINA.

4. APPLICATION FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS:

If your Federation will organise an International Competition or a National Qualifying Meet where the swimmers could achieve the FINA “A” and “B” Qualifying Standard Times, please fill out the attached “Application Form” and return it to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) as soon as possible taking into account the following:

Competitions held between 1st August 2017 and 31st December 2017 should be approved before they take place. Competitions held in 2018 should be approved by FINA not later than 31st December 2017.

NO APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL AND/OR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER 31st DECEMBER 2017.

We would like to draw your attention to the following:

- it is very important to indicate on the “Application Form” the INFORMATION ON THE TIMING SYSTEM to be used at the competitions to be organised by the National Federations where the swimmers could achieve the FINA “A” and “B” Qualifying Standard Times.

- FINA will only recognise the swimming competitions where Referees and Starters included on the FINA Swimming Officials Lists N° 18 and N° 19.

- In order for FINA to endorse the Swimming Qualifying Time Standards achieved at approved competitions, the National Federation / Organiser **must** send to the FINA Office in Lausanne (SUI) the official results in an electronic file (ONLY Lenex or Hy-Tek cl2/sdif will be accepted) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION. No .pdf or .excel files will be accepted.

We thank you for your kind attention and remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

Yours Sincerely,

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TO: ALL FINA MEMBER FEDERATIONS

FROM: FINA, Lausanne

DATE: 21st June 2018

**RE: 14th FINA WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25M) 2018
11 - 16 December 2018 // Hangzhou (CHN)
50m STANDARD TIMES**

Dear Sirs,

As per the published Memorandum sent on 11th December 2017 for "Swimming Qualification Events and Times" for the 25m Championships (see below), time standards have been introduced for the first time for Hangzhou 2018.

The FINA TSC has decided to apply the long course Gwangju 2019 time standards for Hangzhou in addition to the previously published 25m standard times. This allows federations to enter swimmers who meet the approved short course OR long course standards.

A summary of the entries rules is listed below:

- FINA A/B/U qualification rules are still in force as per the FINA Handbook
- National Federations will be able to submit times for athletes from qualifying competitions in 25m distance or 50m distance.
- Qualifying competitions must have been previously approved by FINA and fall within the qualification period of:
 - 01 August 2017 – 22 November 2018 for **25m Competitions (for Hangzhou 2018)**
 - 01 March 2018 – 22 November 2018 for **50m Competitions (for Gwangju 2019)**
- All entry times **MUST** be included in the FINA World Swimming Rankings in order to be validated
- When submitting sport entries, it must be stated if the entry time is from an approved 25m or 50m competition
- 25m entry times will be checked against qualifications standards for FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) Hangzhou 2018
- 50m entry times will be checked against qualifications standards for FINA World Championships Gwangju 2019
- There is no restriction on an athlete entering with times from both 25m and 50m competitions according to the FINA A/B/U rules
- All entry times will be seeded as per FINA rules regardless of whether the entry time was achieved in a 25m or 50m pool
- 50m entry times will not be converted

Below are the 50m Standard times that will be applied for the 14th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2018 – Hangzhou (CHN).

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50m Standard Times

MEN		Events	WOMEN	
A	B		A	B
22.18	22.96	50m Freestyle	25.04	25.92
48.8	50.51	100m Freestyle	54.49	56.4
1:47.40	1:51.16	200m Freestyle	1:58.66	2:02.81
3:48.15	3:56.14	400m Freestyle	4:10.57	4:19.34
//////////	//////////	800m Freestyle	8:38.56	8:56.71
15:07.38	15:39.14	1500m Freestyle	//////////	//////////
25.17	26.05	50m Backstroke	28.22	29.21
54.06	55.95	100m Backstroke	1:00.59	1:02.71
1:58.34	2:02.48	200m Backstroke	2:11.53	2:16.13
27.39	28.35	50m Breaststroke	31.22	32.31
59.95	1:02.05	100m Breaststroke	1:07.43	1:09.79
2:11.00	2:15.59	200m Breaststroke	2:25.91	2:31.02
23.66	24.49	50m Butterfly	26.34	27.26
51.96	53.78	100m Butterfly	58.48	1:00.53
1:56.71	2:00.80	200m Butterfly	2:09.21	2:13.73
2:00.22	2:04.43	200m Individual Medley	2:13.03	2:17.69
4:17.90	4:26.93	400m Individual Medley	4:43.06	4:52.97

Note: for the 100m IM only the short-course times are applicable.

We thank you for your kind attention and remain at your disposal for any further information you may need.

Yours Sincerely,



Cornel Marculescu
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT B

USA SWIMMING

2018 SHORT COURSE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION AND COMMITMENT

I agree to abide by the Olympic Team USA Swimming Athlete Selection Procedures, Short Course World Championship Team camps(s) and competition requirements, competition protocols, the Honor Code and the USA Swimming Code of Conduct.

I agree to fully commit to a comprehensive training program designed for a competitive performance at the 2018 Short Course World Championships. If for any reason I become unable to fulfill this commitment, I will immediately notify the National Team Managing Director.

I understand that I may be removed from the 2018 Short Course World Championships if circumstances interfere with my preparation for peak performance.

I give USA Swimming National Team Division permission to give out my contact information for the 2018 Short Course World Championship Staff use:

_____ Yes _____ No

I give USA Swimming National Team Division permission to give out my contact information for internal USA Swimming Staff use: _____ Yes _____ No

_____ Signature _____ Printed
Name _____ Date

If under 18:

_____ Parent Signature _____ Parent Printed
Name _____ Date