

## **SWIMMER AND COACH SELECTION CRITERIA 18<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships 2019 – Open Water**

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<b>Tour Dates:</b>	June 28 - July 19, 2019
<b>Competition Dates:</b>	July 13-18, 2019
<b>Location:</b>	<i>Staging:</i> Chukyo University, Toyota, JPN <i>Competition:</i> Gwangju, KOR
<b>Team Size:</b>	10 km: two male swimmers and two female swimmers 5 km: two male swimmers and two female swimmers
<b>Eligibility Notes:</b>	Swimmers who declare eligibility to be selected for 5 km event selection must also commit to attending the <b>ANOC World Beach Games</b> , Oct 9-14, 2019 in San Diego CA.
<b>Team Leader:</b>	The Swimming Canada High Performance Director will assume the role of the Team Leader
<b>Head Coach:</b>	Swimming Canada National Distance and Open Water Coach will be appointed as the Open Water Head Coach
<b>Number of Coaches:</b>	One additional Open Water Coach will be appointed
<b>Selection Event:</b>	2019 Canadian Open Water Swimming Trials, <b>Cayman Islands, Saturday April 27 (see: Appendix A)</b>

### Notes:

1. *Logistical details in this criteria document are subject to change pending confirmation of a Tokyo 2020 Open Water Test Event*
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## **I. INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria to be used by Swimming Canada to select swimmers for the 18<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships - Open Water Team. In addition, this document sets out the criteria to identify coaches eligible for appointment to the 18<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships Open Water Team.

Swimming Canada will be sending a team of athletes focused on achieving podium results and who will have the potential to impact the Olympic Team in both 2020 and 2024.

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

Only Swimmers identified by these criteria will be considered for selection. The following conditions must be satisfied to be eligible to be selected to the 18<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships Open Water Team:

1. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirement rules set out by FINA ([GR 1](#)) and Swimming Canada ([CGR 1.2.1](#)), and must hold a Canadian passport, which expires no earlier than February 28, 2020. *(due to the possibility of having an Olympic Open Water Test event in Tokyo, following the World Championships)*
2. A Swimmer must declare him/herself available for selection prior to the Selection Trials meet entry deadline (**date TBD**), 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 team.



3. Selected Swimmers must sign the 2018-19 Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement by May 31, 2019. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian must also sign this agreement. Copies of the Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement are available upon request to Swimming Canada.
4. If selection is declined, the performance of the declining Swimmer at the Selection Event will be disregarded for the purpose of these Criteria.

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

#### **Priority 1 – 10 km Individual Selection:**

The top two finishing eligible male Swimmers and the top two finishing eligible female Swimmers from the Selection Event 10 km, will be selected.

#### **Priority 1 – 5 km Individual Selection:**

The top two finishing eligible male Swimmers and the top two eligible available female Swimmers from the Selection Event 10 km will be selected, for this event.

Should an eligible swimmer decline selection for the 5 km the next eligible finishing swimmer in the Selection Event 10K will be selected.

### **IV. TIE BREAKING – Swimmers**

1. Where there is a tie in the Swimmer selection process, swimmer performances in the respective event (male 1500m LC /female 1500m LC) will be utilized to break the tie. Should a tie still exist, the Swimming Canada Selection Committee and the Swimming Canada High Performance Director shall then have full discretion to determine a tie breaking method, which they will apply.
2. In the case of tie breaking, only results performed from sanctioned competitions between July 1 2018 and April 15, 2019 will be eligible for tie-breaking purposes. Results from Time Trials or as Official Splits are not eligible.

### **V. COMPETITIVE READINESS - Swimmers**

1. "Competitive readiness" is defined as the ability of the swimmer to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the swimmer achieved in qualifying.
2. Swimmers 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 2019 World Swimming Championships to the High Performance Director and Open Water Head Coach in writing via email.
3. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made in concert by the High Performance Director and the Open Water Head Coach once selection is completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about which factors they will consider in making the final decision.
4. In the case of injuries or illnesses, the High Performance Director and the World Championships Open Water Head 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 World Championships Open Water Head 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 time 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 a swimmer from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or remove a swimmer after selection based on current or past behavior of the swimmer that is inconsistent with Swimming Canada's Code of Conduct. A copy of this document is available upon request to Swimming Canada.
2. A swimmer 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 first day of the Selection Event
  - b. Be a fully registered coach and member in good standing with the CSCTA and Swimming Canada as of March 15, 2019.
  - c. Be a minimum NCCP Senior Coach Level 3 In-training or be a Chartered Professional Coach with the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada.
  - d. Provide a valid Police Record Check (PRC) to Swimming Canada
  - e. Hold a passport that can be used for travel to Gwangju, Korea for Visa processing within Canada, and which expires no earlier than January 20, 2020.
  - f. Declare him/herself available for selection prior to the Selection Trials meet entry deadline (date TBD), using the form at the following link. Any Coach who does not declare him/herself eligible by this deadline may not be considered for selection to this event.
  - g. Abide by the CADP Agreement and WADA Code and have never had a violation of either the CADP or WADA code.
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 15, 2019 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 May 31, 2019. Failure to do so will render the Coach as having officially declined selection, or nomination for selection. Copies of the Team Staff Agreement are available upon request to Swimming Canada (khahto@swimming.ca).

## **VIII. APPOINTMENT– Coaches**

1. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint one additional Open Water Coach to the FINA World Championships Open Water Swimming 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**

3. 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 Event unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unforeseen Circumstances” provisions above.
4. Swimming Canada reserves the right to review and modify these Criteria or a 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.
5. Any changes to these Criteria shall be communicated directly to all Swimming Canada Carded Swimmers and Coaches, and Swimmers and Coaches who declared themselves eligible for selection, and published to the Swimming Canada website forthwith.

#### **X. APPEALS**

1. 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.*

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Appendix A follows

*Appendix 'A'*

## CANADIAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING TRIALS

Swimming Canada is pleased to announce a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed with the Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association for the delivery of the 2019 Canadian Open Water Trials.

The Canadian Open Water Trials are to be held in the Cayman Islands on Saturday, April 27, 2019, with a rain date of Sunday, April 28, 2019.

### EVENT DETAILS

Date:	Saturday April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 (backup date: Sunday April 28 <sup>th</sup> )
Pre-event training:	April 24 – 26, 2019
Entry Deadline:	Monday, April 15, 2019
Check-in:	5:30 AM with medical check
Race:	7:00 AM Men's Start & 7:10 AM Women's Start
Course:	10km (6 x 1.66 loop); Start and Finish at Governors Square

A full technical package will now be finalized and circulated in the coming month.