

SELECTION CRITERIA for 2024 WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

OPEN WATER SWIMMING

Doha, Qatar 2nd – 18th February 2024

1) Eligibility

- 1.1 Only athletes registered with and in good standing with Swimming South Africa (SSA) will be considered for selection.
- 1.2 Selected athletes must be in possession of a South African passport, valid until July 2024 and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.3 Swimmers under the age of 18 years must be in possession of an Unabridged Birth Certificate.
- 1.4 Members selected to the team must abide by the SSA Code of Conduct as appended to the SSA Constitution and agree to and sign the SSA Athlete / Official Agreement for the 2024 World Aquatic Championships.
- 1.5 Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 2024 World Championships in Doha, Qatar, from 2nd – 18th February 2024
- 1.6 To be eligible for selection swimmers must participate at the SSA 2024 World Aquatics Open Water Trials (Official Swimming South Africa 2024 World Aquatics Championships Open Water Swimming Trials) at Marina Martinique in Jeffery's Bay on 8th, 9th and 10th December 2023.
- 1.7 All athletes selected, must be available for the 6km Team Event if selected.
- 1.8 All athletes must be available for the full duration of the pre-2024 World Aquatics Championships camp. Dates and venues to be confirmed.
- 1.9 Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.10 The SSA Executive reserves the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.
- 1.11 The final team selection is subject to approval by the SSA Executive Committee

2) Criteria

2.1 **Team Size:** As per World Aquatics Rules, maximum of 2 swimmers per event

2.2 Events

2.2.1 Individual Events: (Male and Female)

2.2.1.1 5km

2.2.1.2 10km

2.2.2 4 x 1.5km Team Relay: Mixed

2.2.2.1 Four swimmers must be selected for the team event.

2.2.2.2 Two male and Two female

2.3 The times achieved by swimmers at the SSA 2024 World Aquatics Open Water Swimming Trials may be considered for selection.

2.4 The first and second placed athletes in the 1500m, 5km and 10km individual event at the SSA 2024 World Aquatics Open Water Trials may be considered for selection.

2.5 Selection for all events will be dependent on the athlete's performances at the trials being internationally competitive.

2.6 SSA reserves the right to approve or hold additional qualifying competitions (due to inclement weather etc.) if they feel it is in the interests of South African Open Water Swimming.

3 Funding

3.1 This will be a partially subsidized tour.

3.2 Team members will be partially subsidized according to their level of performance.