



**Swimming South Africa (SSA) and  
University Sport South Africa (USSA)  
Selection Policy: SWIMMING  
FISU 32<sup>nd</sup> Summer Universiade in Rhine-Ruhr  
Germany  
16 -27 July 2025**

**1. Introduction:**

The document below outlines the process by which University Sport South Africa Aquatics, in conjunction with Swimming South Africa, will select the USSA Swimming Team to compete at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Summer Universiade in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany.

**2. Eligibility:**

(a) Bona fide higher education students who are defined according to Article 3.4.1 of the USSA Regulations, stipulates that; “Only a bona fide student registered with a club of a member institution of University Sport South Africa (USSA) may participate in a USSA tournament. A bona fide student is defined as a person who is:

- i. Registered with a member club of USSA at a higher education institution recognized by the appropriate national academic authority in the country (ie. Department of Higher Education and Training) for a programme of at least 120 SAQA credits regardless of registration status (ie full-time or part-time) on NQF Level 5, and approved by that institution’s senate. This includes bridging course, although only one (1) attempt at competing any bridging course will be allowed at any institution. Students enrolled for bridging courses must have a matriculation endorsement or a certificate of exemption issued by the Matriculation Board. This excludes students who are enrolled for short courses or are registered for courses or modules or units of study that are less than 120 SAQA credits

- ii. Actively involved in pursuing his/her academic career, i.e. attending lectures, submitting assignments, writing tests and examinations in order to be promoted to the next level of study.
  - iii. In the case of a post graduate student, a letter from the Registrar (or appointed representative of the Registrar) of the participating institution in question is required for all honours, masters and doctoral students indicating that the student is making satisfactory progress towards the completion of his/her post graduate degree
  - iv. In the case of foreign students, a certified copy of the study permit along with a proof of registration, passport and student cards must be produced. Refugees are only required to produce confirmation of their refugee status and meet the bona fide requirements in a), b) and c).
- (b) South African citizens in possession of a South African passport (Citizens with only foreign passports will not be accepted);
- (c) Students to be at least 18 years of age and no older than 25 years of age on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025, i.e. born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2007.
- (d) Athletes must be attending a tertiary institution that is affiliated to USSA (RSA based institution), or an International Institution affiliated to a member of FISU.
- (e) Swimmers must be registered with the National Federation, Swimming South Africa (SSA), to be considered for selection.

### **3. Selection Pathway in accordance with SSA and USSA Requirements:**

To be considered for selection to the Universiade Team to participate in 2023, the following performance criteria must be achieved:

- a) Participation at the SA Nationals Swimming Championships is a requirement for team selection. USSA Aquatics has introduced an extended qualification period which will start from 1 May 2024 until the final day of SA Nationals Swimming Championships in 2025. Only times achieved at World Aquatics sanctioned events will be considered for team selection. Verified results must be submitted to USSA Aquatics Vice Chairperson Marco Markgraaff, [marco@kovsieaquatics.co.za](mailto:marco@kovsieaquatics.co.za) within 7 days of the completion of the competition.
- b) South African swimmers (based overseas and registered at FISU accredited university) who are unable to participate at the 2025 SA National Aquatic Championships, will need to submit a letter of motivation including proof of Meet results (zip file preference) before the 28 February 2025, in order to be considered for selection.

As per clause 3 (a) times must be achieved at World Aquatics sanctioned events during the qualification period and the motivation for consideration must be submitted to Marco Markgraaff

- c) Only the top two (2) ranked times per event within the minimum standard will be considered when the Team is finalized. Just achieving the Standard does not guarantee an athlete's inclusion.
- d) The final World University Games Swimming Team selection will be at the sole discretion of USSA with input from SSA
- e) The number of swimmers selected in the final team is at the discretion of USSA NEC and World University Games Chef de Mission
- f) Relay teams will be chosen from the swimmers that meet the qualifying standards and selection criteria
- g) The SSA and USSA transformation policy will be taken into account when the final team is approved.
- h) Swimmers on the long list are required to attend any training camps arranged by USSA Aquatics in early 2025
- i) All team members will be required to travel with the team from South Africa to the World University Games and return to South Africa with the team. No breakaway travel requests will be considered
- j) No correspondence regarding team selection will be entertained.

#### 4. **Staff**

To be considered as a coach or Team Manager for the World University Games, the following application process must be followed:

- a) Coaches and Team Managers will be required to complete a World University Games Application Form and submit together with a comprehensive CV. Selection will be at the discretion of USSA Aquatics, with input from SSA and will be ratified by USSA NEC and USSA High Performance Committee. Preference will be given to staff associated with tertiary institutions. Both Coaches and Team Managers are required to attend and be involved at 2024 USSA Swimming Championships and SA National Swimming Championships 2025
- b) Applications for Coaches and Team Managers must be submitted by Friday 30 August 2024 to the USSA Aquatics Chairperson, Carole Adam [cadam@varsitycollege.co.za](mailto:cadam@varsitycollege.co.za)

#### 5. **Events to be swum at the 32nd Summer Universiade:**

The following events are to be held for men and women in Rhine-Ruhr:

Freestyle:	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1 500m
Breaststroke:	50m, 100m, 200m
Backstroke:	50m, 100m, 200m
Butterfly:	50m, 100m, 200m
Medley:	200m, 400m

Freestyle relays: 4 x 100m and 4 x 200m  
 Medley relay: 4 x 100m

**6. SSA and USSA Qualifying Standards for the 32nd Summer Universiade**

Over and above the eligibility and selection criteria, the USSA NEC, USSA Aquatics and Swimming South Africa (SSA) agree on the following time standards for the selection of athletes for the Summer Universiade in Chengdu, China.

These Standards will serve as a minimum performance requirement for athletes in contention for selection.

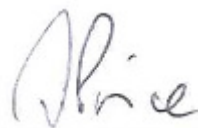
Figure 1.

<b>MEN</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
22.89	<b>50m Freestyle</b>	25.92
50.21	<b>100m Freestyle</b>	56.15
1:50.81	<b>200m Freestyle</b>	2:02.81
3:56.14	<b>400m Freestyle</b>	4:19.34
8:09.67	<b>800m Freestyle</b>	8:56.03
15:36.30	<b>1500m Freestyle</b>	17:04.20
26.04	<b>50m Back</b>	29.21
55.92	<b>100m Back</b>	1:02.71
2:02.20	<b>200m Back</b>	2:15.67
28.29	<b>50m Breaststroke</b>	32.11
1:01.84	<b>100m Breaststroke</b>	1:09.71
2:14.88	<b>200m Breaststroke</b>	2:31.02
24.35	<b>50m Butterfly</b>	27.24
53.78	<b>100m Butterfly</b>	1:00.37
2:00.79	<b>200m Butterfly</b>	2:13.37
2:03.71	<b>200m IM</b>	2:17.63
4:26.49	<b>400m IM</b>	4:52.91

This document was compiled and signed by the Chairperson of USSA Aquatics and High-Performance Manager of Swimming South Africa.



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