



**Swimming South Africa (SSA) and
University Sport South Africa (USSA)
Selection Policy: SWIMMING
FISU 31st Summer Universiade in Chengdu, China
28 July – 8 August 2023**

1. Introduction:

The document below outlines the process by which Swimming South Africa, in conjunction with University Sport South Africa Aquatics will select its Swimming Team to compete at the 31st Summer Universiade in Chengdu, China.

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. Officially registered at a higher education institution recognized by the appropriate national academic authority in the country (i.e. Department of Higher Education and Training) for a programme of at least 120 SAQA credits on NQF Level 5 and approved by that institution’s senate. This includes bridging courses, although only one (1) attempt at completing 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 i), ii), and iii).
- (b) Former students of the institutions mentioned in (a) who have obtained their academic qualification in 2022, on condition that such persons have fulfilled the selection criteria and has participated in 2022 USSA Swimming Champs can be included in the final team that will be selected to participate in the Universiade 2021, as per section 3.4.12 of the USSA Regulations.
 - (c) South African citizens in possession of a South African passport (Citizens with only foreign passports will not be accepted);
 - (d) Students to be at least 18 years of age and no older than 27 years of age on 31st December 2023, i.e. born between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 2005.
 - (e) 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.
 - (f) Swimmers must be registered with the National Federation, Swimming South Africa (SSA), to be considered for selection.
 - (g) The 2022 Universiade Local Organising Committee have indicated that that Covid 19 Vaccination is mandatory for all team delegations that will participate in the Games.

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) Times must be achieved at the SA Nationals Swimming Championships that will take place from 11th – 16th April 2023 in Gqeberha.
- b) 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.
- c) The SSA selectors will preside over the final selection of the South Africa Universiade Swimming Team with input from the USSA Aquatics Vice Chairperson: Swimming. Final team selection will be at the sole discretion of the selectors, SSA and USSA.
- d) All swimmers must compete at SA Nationals Swimming Championship in order to be considered for selection to the team.

- e) The number of swimmers selected in the final team is at the discretion of USSA NEC and Universiade Chef de Mission.
- f) Relay teams will be chosen from the swimmers that meet the qualifying standards and criteria.
- g) The SSA and USSA transformation policy will be taken into account when the final team is approved.
- h) University swimming coaches/administrators may apply to the USSA NEC to travel as an Observer to the Universiade. In order to process accreditation application/s USSA must be notified and a date will be provided by Universiade Chef de Mission. Please contact Carole Adam at cadam@varsitycollege.co.za for more information.
- i) Swimmers on the long list are required to make themselves available for a training camp which will be held in conjunction with the Grand Prix No 3, which is to be held in at the Kings Park Pool in Durban from 3-4 March 2023.
- j) No correspondence regarding team selection will be entertained. Selection by SSA and USSA Aquatics will be final.

4. **Events to be swum at the 31st Summer Universiade:**

The following events are to be held for men and women in Chengdu:

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

5. **SSA and USSA Qualifying Standards for the 31th 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.

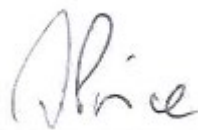
MEN	EVENTS	WOMEN
22.89	50m Freestyle	25.92
50.21	100m Freestyle	56.15
1:50.81	200m Freestyle	2:02.81
3:56.14	400m Freestyle	4:19.34
8:09.67	800m Freestyle	8:56.03
15:36.30	1500m Freestyle	17:04.20

26.04	50m Back	29.21
55.92	100m Back	1:02.71
2:02.20	200m Back	2:15.67
28.29	50m Breaststroke	32.11
1:01.84	100m Breaststroke	1:09.71
2:14.88	200m Breaststroke	2:31.02
24.35	50m Butterfly	27.24
53.78	100m Butterfly	1:00.37
2:00.79	200m Butterfly	2:13.37
2:03.71	200m IM	2:17.63
4:26.49	400m IM	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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