

1. Definitions and Interpretation

- (a) This Selection Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Swimming Australia Ltd. (SAL) Selection Guidelines.
- (b) All defined terms in this Selection Policy have the same meaning as in the Selection Guidelines, unless otherwise stated.

2. Background

- (a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
 - (i) the Team is the Australian Swim team for the Open Water events at 2019 FINA World Championships;
 - (ii) the Competition is the 2018 FINA World Championships;
 - (iii) the Competition will take place from 13-19 July 2019 in Gwangju, South Korea; and
 - (iv) the Qualifying Events are the;
 - (A) 2019 Australian 10km Championships, which will take place from 26 – 28 January 2019 in Adelaide.
 - (B) 2019 FINA Marathon Swim World Series which will take place on 16 February 2019 in Doha, Qatar.
 - (C) 2019 FINA Marathon Swim World Series which will take place on 12 May 2019 in the Seychelles.
- (b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SAL will select athletes to the Team to compete at the Competition.

3. Team composition, size and rankings.*Team composition and size*

- (a) When selecting the Team, the SAL Selection Committee will select the Team in accordance with this Selection Policy and the Selection Guidelines.
- (b) The composition of the Team is to be determined by the SAL Selection Committee.
- (c) The Team will, in accordance with applicable eligibility requirements for the Competition, consist of a maximum of:
 - (i) eight athletes (the **Team Size**); and
 - (ii) four athletes from either gender.
- (d) Subject to enough athletes from each gender meeting the Performance Requirements, the Team will be made up of the same number of male swimmers as female swimmers.

Rankings

- (e) In the event of a tie for the final position on the Team based on the Ranking System, then the SAL Selection Panel will select the athlete(s) to the Team from the tied athletes at its absolute discretion.

4. Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

The requirements to be met by an athlete in order to be considered for selection (**Performance Requirements**) at the Competition are as follows, and are subject at all times to adjustment in accordance with **clause 5** of the Selection Guidelines.

4.1 Open water swimming - 10km event

- (a) The first and second ranked eligible athletes (in both genders) who accrue the most points based on the combined point score from the FINA Marathon Swim World Series Qualifying Events will be selected to the Team.
- (b) Points System: In each FINA Marathon Swim World Series Qualifying Event, points will be awarded to the swimmers depending upon their **overall race finishing position**. Swimmers may accumulate points at each Event in which they participate and finish, with their total points counting towards the overall final rankings
- (c) Points Distribution: The points awarded for both the men's and women's races at each Qualifying Event based on the athletes **overall finishing position** in the Qualifying Event:
 - (i) 1st - 20 points
 - (ii) 2nd - 18 points
 - (iii) 3rd - 16 points
 - (iv) 4th - 14 points
 - (v) 5th - 12 points
 - (vi) 6th - 10 points
 - (vii) 7th - 8 points
 - (viii) 8th - 6 points
 - (ix) 9th - 4 points
 - (x) 10th - 3 points
 - (xi) Highest ranked Australian if no Top 10 finishers – 2 points
- (d) In the case of a tie by two or more athletes on the combined points table from the two Marathon Swim World Series Qualifying Events, and that tie is determinative of whether one or more of the tied athletes are selected to the Team, the following criteria will be applied;
 - (i) The athlete/s with the highest finishing position at the 2019 Australian 10km Championships will be selected onto the team.
 - (ii) If, after applying 4 (d) (i), the athletes are still tied, then the athlete selected to the team will be determined at the absolute discretion of the Selection Committee.

4.2 Open water swimming - 5km event

- (a) The third and fourth ranked athlete under 4.1 will be selected to the team in the 5km event.

4.3 25km event

- a) The 25km events will be held at the Competition. The SAL Program Manager - OWS will determine which, if any, members of the Team will compete in the 25km Event at his/her absolute discretion. Any decision made by the SAL Program Manager - OWS specified in **clause a)** is not capable of being appealed either under the SAL Appeal Charter or otherwise.

4.4 Mixed 5km Team Event

- a) All swimmers selected on the team are eligible to compete in the Mixed 5km Team event.
- b) The Team Head Coach will determine and communicate the specific strategy for the Mixed 5km Team Event. To remain eligible for selection in this event, all athletes will be required to comply with the requirements that have been communicated by the Team Head Coach.
- c) The final selection of the team for the Mixed 5km Team event, will be at the absolute discretion of the Team Head Coach.

5. Financial Support – FINA Marathon Swim World Series

- (a) The first four eligible athletes (both genders) based on performances at the Australian 10km Championships will be funded by SAL to participate at the FINA Marathon Swim World Series in Doha, Qatar.
- (b) Following the FINA Marathon Swim World Series in Doha, the first four eligible athletes (both genders) based on the combined points table will be funded by SAL to compete at the FINA Marathon Swim World Series in the Seychelles.
- (c) Athletes not funded by SAL can still participate in the FINA Marathon Swim World Series meets with SAL approval. They will be required to self-fund to these Marathon Swim World Series meets, sign a Swimmer Agreement and comply with all directions by SAL and Team Management.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, all Australian athletes entered into the FINA Marathon Swim World Series Qualifying Events are eligible to accrue points towards qualification for the FINA World Championships Open Water team.