

**USA SWIMMING**  
**ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**2017 FINA World Junior Championships**  
**Indianapolis, August 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

- I. **DEFINITIONS:** The following common definitions shall apply to these Athlete Selection Procedures.
- a. **Available Swimmer.** “Available Swimmer” shall mean a swimmer who, at the time of selection and through the Championships: (i) is a registered member of USA Swimming in good standing; (ii) is a citizen of the United States who is eligible to represent the United States at the Championships; (iii) qualifies for the Team in an Event according to these Procedures; (iv) satisfies all the applicable FINA, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and USA Swimming eligibility requirements; (v) if female, is 14-17 years of age on 31 December 2017 (born 2003, 2002, 2001, or 2000); (vi) if male, is 15-18 years of age on 31 December 2017 (born 2002, 2001, 2000, or 1999) per FINA rules; (vii) indicates that he or she will accept the invitation to become a member of the Team when that invitation is offered by USA Swimming; (viii) agrees to swim in at least one Event for which he/she qualifies; and (ix) continues to train for peak swimming performance. If a swimmer does not satisfy these requirements, then he/she is not considered an Available Swimmer.
  - b. **Championships.** “Championships” means the 2017 FINA World Junior Championships, which will be conducted in Indianapolis, Indiana August 23-28, 2017.
  - c. **Event.** “Event” shall refer to individual Events held in long course meters only at the Championships and Qualifying Competition.
  - d. **Head Coach.** Unless otherwise indicated, “Head Coach” means the Head Coach of the Team for each gender.
  - e. **National Junior Team Program Director.** “National Junior Team Program Director” means the USA Swimming National Junior Team Program Director or his designee.
  - f. **Non-Olympic Events.** “Non-Olympic Events” are described in section VII. A.
  - g. **Qualifying Competition.** “Qualifying Competition” means the 2017 Phillips 66 National Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana June 27-July 1, 2017.
  - h. **Team.** “Team” means the 2017 FINA World Junior Championship Team selected to participate in the Championships, which will be announced on or before 11:59 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on July 11, 2017.
  - i. **World Ranking.** “World Ranking” shall mean the ranking of the time swum by a swimmer based on the Final Results in that Event at the Qualifying Competition

integrated into the fina.org 2017 World Rankings as of June 19, 2017 and as printed by USA Swimming at approximately 8:00 a.m. MT on June 23, 2017.

- j. Final Results. Times will be considered from swims in this order; A Final, B Final, C Final and Preliminaries. In the event no Available Swimmer makes an A Final in an Event, then the fastest time(s) from Available Swimmer(s) in the B Final will be considered. In the event no Available Swimmer makes a B Final in an Event, then the fastest time(s) from C the Final will be considered. In the event no Available Swimmers make C Final, then the fastest time(s) from Preliminaries will be considered. Intermediate splits, and time trials will NOT be considered for selection.

II. **SELECTION ELIGIBILITY.** To be eligible for selection to the Team, a swimmer must be an Available Swimmer at the time of selection.

III. **ADDITIONAL REQUIRMENTS FOR SELECTION AND TO REMAIN ON THE TEAM.** All swimmers selected to the Team must comply with all applicable rules and requirements of FINA, WADA, USADA, and USA Swimming. Specifically, and without limitation, each swimmer selected to the Team must:

- a. Sign and abide by the terms and conditions set forth in the USA Swimming competition forms (attachment A) and conform to all USA Swimming policies and protocols, including without limitation those policies, procedures and protocols dealing with Team preparation and participation; and
- b. Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming under the conditions authorized by USA Swimming, and grant USA Swimming the right to use his or her name, picture, likeness, and biographical information to promote the sport of swimming.

IV. **TEAM SELECTION:** The Team will be selected as follows:

- a. Team Size. The maximum allowable Team size is twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women. The actual team size will be determined once these Selection Procedures have been implemented. For purposes of these Selection Procedures, the men's and women's components of the Team shall be considered separately. USA Swimming is under no obligation to select a full team of 26 athletes in each, or either, gender.
- b. Withdrawal from an Event or the Team. Any athlete who, based on the results at the Qualifying Competition, expects to make the Team and swim in certain Event(s) may choose to voluntarily withdraw from one or more Events at the Championships, or from the Team altogether. An athlete choosing to voluntarily withdraw from an Event at the Championships or from the Team must do so in writing, and is strongly encouraged to submit a written letter to USA Swimming National Junior Team Program Director by 9:00am East Coast Standard Time (EST) on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 so USA Swimming can incorporate the withdrawal into the application of priorities, as described below.

- c. Application of Priorities for Team Selection. The team for each gender shall be selected based on the following priorities. Only swimmers who qualify via one of the priorities set forth below are eligible for selection to the Team. Swimmers not qualifying via one of these priorities will not be selected to the Team. Times will be considered in order based on the Final Results.
- d. Any withdrawals from an Event or from the Team received by the National Junior Team Program Director by 9:00am EST on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, will be incorporated into the application of these priorities.
- (i) **Priority #1.** The first priority shall be (A) the four best finishing Available Swimmers based on the Final Results swum at the Qualifying Competition in the 100-meter and 200-meter Freestyle, and (B) the Available Swimmer based on the Final Results swum at the Qualifying Competition, in each Event other than the 100-meter and 200-meter Freestyle.
  - (ii) **Priority #2.** The second priority shall be the second Available Swimmer based on the Final Results swum at the Qualifying Competition in each individual Event, other than the 100 meter and 200 meter freestyle.
  - (iii) **Priority #3.** The third priority shall be the highest placing Available Swimmer in Non-Olympic Events based on the Final Results swum at the Qualifying Competition.
  - (iv) **Limitation.** Available Swimmers finishing below the sixth placing Available Swimmer at the Qualifying Competition will not be considered for selection to the Team (example: if an athlete is the 7<sup>th</sup> placing Available Swimmer in an Event and they meet the above criteria, they will not be eligible for selection to the team), with the exception of the 100 and 200 freestyle Events; up to and including the 8<sup>th</sup> placing Available Swimmer from the Qualifying Competition in these events will be eligible for selection to the meet.
  - (v) **No Requirement for Full Team:** If all Priority #3 swimmers are selected to the Team and the maximum Team size of twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender has not been attained, no additional swimmers will be selected to the Team.
- e. Procedure if Nominations to the Team Stand To Exceed 26 Per Gender. If the prioritization procedures described above result in a list of either more than twenty-six (26) male or more than twenty-six (26) female swimmers, then the swimmers of each gender shall be ranked and selected to the Team according to the following system:
- (i) all swimmers from Priority #1 shall be selected to the Team.

(ii) if the Team is not full, then all swimmers from Priority #2 will be selected to the Team; provided, however, that if adding all swimmers from Priority #2 would result in more than twenty-six (26) swimmers for a gender to be selected to the Team, then the swimmers within Priority #2 shall be selected to the Team in the order of the best World Ranking until a maximum of twenty-six (26) swimmers for that gender are selected to the Team.

(iii.) if all Priority #2 swimmers are named to the team and the maximum team size of twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender has not been attained, then the same Procedure of using the highest World Rankings will be used to rank the swimmers in Priority #3 until the Team has been filled, or until the list of Available Swimmers in Priority #1 through Priority #3, has been exhausted subject to the limitation set for in IV(d)(iv).

f. Breaking a Tie.

(i) Tie in Same Event. In the instance where there is a tie between two swimmers in the same Event for first place, both swimmers will be classified under Priority #1.

In the instance where there is a tie between three or more swimmers for first place in the same Event or where there is a tie between two or more swimmers in the same Event for second place, or two or more swimmers for first place in a Non- Olympic Event, a swim-off will be conducted at a time determined by the National Junior Team Program Director, the swimmers, and the personal coaches of the swimmers. If the parties are unable to agree on a date and time for the swim-off, then the date and time will be established by the National Junior Team Program Director. If the initial swim-off fails to break the tie, this process will continue until the tie is broken. The swimmers will be assigned to their respective Priorities based on their finish in the swim-off(s). The swim-off results will only be used to determine places of those involved in the swim-off and may not be used to change the finish order otherwise determined at the Qualifying Competition (for example, the winner of the swim-off between the second and third place finishers at the Qualifying Competition may not use his/her time in the swim-off to move to Priority #1 if the swim-off time is better than the time of the winner of the Qualifying Competition).

(ii) Tie in Different Events. In the instance where there is a tie between two or more swimmers in different Events for the final position(s) on the Team after applying the World Rankings then the tie will be broken as follows:

(A) Each swimmer's times in the Final Results swum in the Event which is subject of the tie will be ranked according to the FINA point table published by FINA in February 2017, and the swimmer with the highest point score will be selected to the Team.

(B) If this does not break the tie, then each swimmer's fastest time swum in his/her Event during the period January 1, 2017 through June 19, 2017 will be ranked according the World Ranking lists, and swimmers will be selected to the Team in order of the best ranking.

(C) If this does not break the tie, then each swimmer will be ranked according to his/her next highest World Ranking in another Event (other than the Event which is the subject of the tie), and the swimmer with the highest World Ranking will be selected to the Team.

**V. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TEAM.**

- a. If, for any reason, a position on the Team shall become vacant after the Team is selected on or before 11:59 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on the date the nominations are due to FINA, no additional swimmers will be added to the Team. In the event that USA Swimming is permitted to fill a vacant Event position, such vacant Event position will be filled with the swimmer already on the Team who has recorded the fastest long course time in that Event during the period beginning January 1, 2017 through and including July 1, 2017; provided, that the replacement swimmer agrees to swim in the additional Event. If the replacement swimmer does not agree to swim in the additional Event, then the replacement swimmer shall not be considered an Available Swimmer for that Event. This process shall repeat until the Event is filled or there are no other swimmers on the Team who have swum the event in 2017. If this process then results in an Event opening, the spot will be filled at the discretion of the National Junior Team Program Director in conjunction with the head coach.

**VI. SELECTION OF SWIMMERS FOR OLYMPIC EVENTS.**

- a. The two best finishing Available Swimmers in all individual Events at the Qualifying Competition will be given the opportunity to swim the corresponding Event at the Championships, provided that both swimmers have been nominated to the Team.
- b. If one of the top two finishing Available Swimmers in an individual Event at the Qualifying Competition is not nominated to the Team or chooses not to swim in that Event at the Championships, the vacancy will be filled according to Section V above.

**VII. SELECTION OF SWIMMERS FOR NON-OLYMPIC EVENTS.**

a. For Non-Olympic Events at the Championships (M/W 50 Butterfly, M/W 50 Backstroke, M/W 50 Breaststroke, Men’s 800 Freestyle and Women’s 1500 Freestyle), athletes will be selected via the following method:

- (i) USA Entry #1 - Will be given to Priority #3 in section IV (d) (iii), provided that the swimmer has been nominated to the Team.
- (ii) USA Entry #2 - Will be given to the athlete who has qualified for the Team in Priority #1 (per section part of IV (d) (i)) in the Events listed below:

<u>First Offer to Those on Team In:</u>		<u>Non-Olympic Event</u>
Men’s/Women’s 100 Butterfly	for	Men’s/Women’s 50 Butterfly
Men’s/Women’s 100 Backstroke	for	Men’s/Women’s 50 Backstroke
Men’s/Women’s 100 Breaststroke	for	Men’s/Women’s 50 Breaststroke
Women’s 800 Freestyle	for	Women’s 1500 Freestyle
*Men’s 400 and 1500 Freestyle	for	Men’s 800 Freestyle

If, after applying these Non-Olympic Event selection procedures, entry #1 and entry #2 are held by the same Available Swimmer then the Priority #2 athlete (as defined per selection part IV (d) (ii) ) will be offered the USA Entry #2.

Example: For the men’s 50 Butterfly, the first USA entry will be offered to the winner of the 50 Fly at the Qualifying Competition. The second USA entry will be offered to the winner of the 100 Fly at the Qualifying Competition. If this is the same athlete, the second entry will be offered to the second place Available Swimmer in the 100 Fly and the Qualifying Competition.

The best finishing swimmer in the men’s 400 and 1500 freestyle who has the highest World Ranking as of June 19, 2017 will be offered the second opportunity to swim the men’s 800 Freestyle. If this results in a tie, the swimmer among the tied swimmers with the highest World Ranking in the 800 freestyle in the fina.org World Ranking list as of June 19, 2017 shall first be offered the opportunity.

b. Should one or more swimmers decline the opportunity to swim the Non-Olympic Events, unfilled position(s) for such Non-Olympic Event(s) shall, after consultation between the swimmer and Head Coach and National Junior Team Program Director, be filled by the Team member(s) who has swum the fastest time (or second-fastest time if two positions in the Event are to be filled) in such Non-Olympic Event from January 1, 2017 – July 1, 2017. If vacant Non-Olympic Event positions are still not filled, those positions shall be filled from among other swimmers already on the Team at the discretion of the Head Coach, in consultation with the Assistant Coaches and the National Junior Team Program Director.

## VIII. WITHDRAWAL FROM TEAM

- a. Any swimmer may withdraw from the Team at any time due to injury or illness, as certified by a USA Swimming Medical Staff member in consultation with USA Swimming (National Junior Team Program Director, Head Coach and Athlete Advisory Representative), which prevents the swimmer from full participation in and/or preparation for the Championships.
- b. USA Swimming may remove an athlete who has an injury or illness, as certified by the approved Team physician, which is likely to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Championships. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by the Team physician, his/her injury will be assumed to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Championships, and he/she may be removed.

## IX. REMOVAL FROM TEAM

- a. Dismissal. Any swimmer may be dismissed from the Team at any time if
  - (i.) the swimmer violates any of the applicable WADA, USADA, FINA, USA Swimming or other rules and regulations applicable to the Team or its members, including without limitation applicable Codes of Conduct; or
  - (ii.) the National Junior Team Program Director, in consultation with the Head Coach, the USA Swimming Steering Committee Chairman and the USA Swimming Athletes' Executive Vice President, determines that the swimmer is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for peak performance in the Championships.

Right to a Hearing before Removal or Ineligibility. An athlete who is to be removed from the Team or from eligibility to be selected to the Team pursuant to these provisions has the right to a hearing as per the USA Swimming Bylaws (usaswimming.org) or the USOC Bylaws, Section 09, before such removal or declaration of ineligibility.

- b. Anti-Doping Violation. If a swimmer is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that swimmer will remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be selected to the Team) until: 1) the swimmer is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by FINA; 2) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or 3) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be selected to the Team. Confidentiality regarding alleged anti-doping rule violations shall be

maintained as provided in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing.

**X. CHALLENGE**

- a. Any challenge under the USA Swimming Bylaws to these Selection Procedures or to any decision made pursuant to or in connection with these Selection Procedures shall be handled as follows:
  - (i.) If such challenge relates to an alleged violation of a technical rule, it shall be handled according to the procedure set forth in Part One of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations (which can be found at [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org));
  - (ii.) if such challenge relates to an alleged violation of the National Team Honor Code, it shall be handled according to the Steering Committee Manual available via the National Team Division.
  - (iii.) if such challenge does not relate to an alleged violation of a technical rule or an alleged violation of the National Team Honor Code, it shall be handled according to USA Swimming’s Hearing Procedures set forth in Part Four of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- b. Any hearing to be held under this Section X shall take place on an expedited basis, if necessary, in order to resolve the challenge in sufficient time for Team selection to be finalized by a relevant deadline.

**XI. DATE OF ENTRY SUBMISSION**

USA Swimming shall submit all entries for the Championships shortly after the selection of the Team and in any event by the deadline set forth by FINA.

**XII. ASSEMBLY, TRAINING AND COMPETITION**

Athletes selected to the Team will be required to participate in assembly, training and competition, and must remain with the Team throughout the Championships. Assembly, training and competition will be determined. These dates are subject to change. Tentative dates/locations of mandatory assembly and competition are:

<b>SITE</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
TBD	August 19	Assembly in Indiana
Indiana	August 20-22	Pre-Competition Days
Indiana	August 23-28	Competition
Indiana	August 29	Team activity and dismal home

**XIII. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES**

These Procedures, when approved, will be published on the USA Swimming website, [usaswimming.org](http://usaswimming.org). Additionally, the Procedures will be distributed at the Qualifying Competition general meeting.



#### **XIV. DISCLAIMER**

- a. International Rules and Regulations. These Selection Procedures are based on the latest information available to USA Swimming and are based on FINA and USA Swimming rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in these Selection Procedures caused by a change in FINA or USA Swimming rules and regulations or other unforeseen circumstances will be distributed to the affected swimmers immediately.
- b. Priority of Written Procedures. The terms and conditions of these written Selection Procedures shall take priority over any verbal explanation, clarification, or interpretation of the Selection Procedures, and an athlete relies on verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures at his or her sole risk. Any request or question that would involve a formal clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures, or that would address an issue not otherwise covered in these Selection Procedures, should be submitted to the National Junior Team Program Director in writing, and the response to such request by USA Swimming will be provided in writing and, where appropriate, will be published promptly on the USA Swimming website.
- c. Accidental Nomination of an Athlete. An athlete who is nominated to the Team by virtue of an error or oversight by USA Swimming may be removed from the Team at any time.