



**SWIMMER AND COACH SELECTION CRITERIA  
FINA 2017 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – POOL SWIMMING**

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<b>Tour Dates:</b>	July 11 to 31, 2017
<b>Competition Dates:</b>	July 23 to 30, 2017
<b>Location:</b>	<i>Staging :</i> Ostia, Italy <i>Competition:</i> Budapest, Hungary
<b>Team Size:</b>	Maximum of 52 Swimmers (26 female + 26 male). Maximum of two entries per event.
<b>Number of Coaches:</b>	Up to 5 appointed coaches / 1 appointed Head Coach (6 total) (dependent of the final team size)
<b>Trials:</b>	2017 Canadian Swimming Trials, April 6-9, 2017 Victoria, BC

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**I. INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by Swimming Canada to select pool athletes and coaches for the 2017 FINA World Championships.

**II. GENERAL INFORMATION – Swimmers**

Only Swimmers identified by these criteria will be considered for selection. The following conditions must be satisfied to be eligible for selection to the 2017 FINA World Championships:

1. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by FINA ([www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org)) and Swimming Canada ([CGR 1](#)) must hold a Canadian passport as of April 5, 2017 and which expires no earlier than February 1, 2018.
2. A Swimmer must declare him/herself available for selection prior to March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 using the form at the following link (<https://forms.swimming.ca/view.php?id=16093>) Any Swimmer who does not declare themselves eligible by this deadline may not be considered for selection to this event.
3. Selected Swimmers must sign the 2016-17 Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian must also sign this agreement. Copies of the 2016-17 Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement are available upon request to Swimming Canada ([bedey@swimming.ca](mailto:bedey@swimming.ca)).
4. Selected Swimmers from the Trials must attend team meetings on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Victoria. Details will be circulated prior to the conclusion of the Trials. Swimmers must plan and book flights accordingly. Swimming Canada is not responsible for the cost of flight changes.
5. Selection does not guarantee specific event entry. Individual entries and relay team composition will be determined by the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and appointed World Championships Head Coach. All selected team members are eligible for relay selection.
6. Only performances in Olympic Events are eligible for selection purposes.
7. Only individual performances in "A" finals at the Trials are eligible for selection purposes in individual events. The only exceptions shall be "timed final" events, in which case all performances shall be



considered for selection purposes. Performances from other events may be considered for discretionary selections as outlined in Section III.

8. If selection is declined, the selection performance of the declining Swimmer will be disregarded for the purpose of these Criteria.
9. Selected members of the Men's and Women's Relays must attend the Swimming Canada Relay Camp (May, 2017). Details TBC.

### III. SELECTION CRITERIA – Swimmers

#### **Priority 1 – Individual Event Selection 1:**

All Swimmers finishing first or second in an Olympic event at the Trials and achieving the FINA A Standard (Appendix A) shall be selected.

#### **Priority 2 – Individual Event Selection 2:**

All Swimmers who finished in the top 3 at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games in an individual event and who submit a Request for Consideration of Performance in that specific event will be considered for Discretionary Selection as per section VI of this document, up to a maximum of 2 swimmers per individual event inclusive of Priority 1.

#### **Priority 3 – Freestyle Relay Selection 1:**

The top 4 swimmers in the 100 m and 200 m Freestyle events shall be selected provided that the sum of their times posted in the finals at the Trials, minus 1.5 seconds, achieves the Relay Qualification Time (appendix B).

#### **Priority 4 – Discretionary Selection**

At the end of the Trials, the Swimming Canada High Performance Director at his sole discretion may select additional Swimmers to the team.

#### **Priority 5 – Individual Event Selection 3:**

All Requests for Consideration of Performance received under Section VI will be considered, up to a maximum of 2 swimmers per individual event, inclusive of Priorities 1-4. Priority 5 shall not be used to unseat any swimmer previously nominated through Priority 1-4.

Any team positions unclaimed after Priorities 1 through 5 are completed shall remain vacant.

### IV. TIE BREAKING – Swimmers

Where there is a tie in the Swimmer selection process from performances at the Trials, the Swimmer's preliminary swims will be utilized to break the tie. Should a tie exist in the preliminaries a swim-off shall be conducted at a time mutually agreed upon by the Swimmers and their Personal Coaches. If a swim-off cannot be agreed upon within a timeline determined by the Swimming Canada Selection Committee, the Selection Committee and the Swimming Canada High Performance Director shall then have the full discretion to determine a tie breaking method, which they will apply.



## V. ALTERNATES – Swimmers

All third place finishers, not already selected to the team, whose time meets the FINA A Standard (appendix A) but who cannot be selected due to quota limitations will be considered as an alternate in that specific event(s). Alternates will not be formally announced and are not considered team members. Alternates are subject to all the regulations outlined in this document including Clause II.6 and Clause VII.

## VI. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE – Swimmers

1. In the event that injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstances of a significant nature inhibit a Swimmer's preparation for the Trials, or prohibit a Swimmer from competing at the Trials, a Swimmer may submit a written Request for Consideration of Performance. Any time for pool swims submitted in such a request must have been achieved between March 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017 at a FINA approved qualification event.
  - a. The deadline for any request consideration for injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstances arising before Trials under this clause is 24 hours before the start of the Trials and must be submitted directly to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee (c/o Iain McDonald – imcdonald@swimming.ca). The submission must include:
    - i. A fully completed Request for Consideration of Performance form (appendix C)
    - ii. A letter from a medical doctor explaining the injury, illness, etc. and expected recovery time.
    - iii. A letter from the swimmer's coach explaining the effect of the injury, illness, etc. on training both leading into the Trials and the training plan post Trials.
  - b. Should injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstances arise during the Trials the deadline to submit any request consideration is 2 hours before the start of the preliminary heats of the event in question. Athletes in this situation are required to immediately submit a Request for Consideration of Performance Form (appendix C) and be examined by the National Team Physician or his/her designate onsite at the Trials.
2. All Requests for Consideration of Performance received, will only be considered after the conclusion of the Trials.
3. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director will meet with the Selection Committee to consider Requests for Consideration of Performance. The Selection Committee shall have full discretion as to whether or not any Swimmer will be selected under this Discretionary Selection section (III, Priority 5).
4. All decisions of the Swimming Canada Selection Committee will be final.

## VII. COMPETITIVE READINESS – Swimmers

“Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.

Athletes who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team. Athletes and their personal coaches are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2017 FINA World Championships to the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the World Championships Head Coach in writing via email.



The final decision on competitive readiness will be made in concert by the High Performance Director and the World Championships Head Coach once selection is completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about which factors they will consider in making their final decision.

In the case of injuries or illnesses, the High Performance Director and the World Championships Head Coach will consider recommendations made by the National Team Physician in making the final decision.

Injured or ill athletes may be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the High Performance Director and the World Championships Head Coach in consultation with the athlete's personal coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. These athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that the athlete is not competitively ready once onsite at the event, he or she may be asked to return home immediately.

#### **VIII. REMOVAL OF A SWIMMER FROM TEAM**

Swimming Canada may, at any time, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behavior of the athlete that is inconsistent with Swimming Canada's Code of Conduct. A copy of this document is available upon request to Swimming Canada ([bedey@swimming.ca](mailto:bedey@swimming.ca))

An athlete will be removed from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or removed after selection if he/she is found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Swimming Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

#### **IX. GENERAL INFORMATION – Coaches**

1. To be eligible for appointment a Coach must:
  - i. Have been resident in Canada and duly employed as a swimming coach by a Swimming Canada affiliated organization since February 1, 2017.
  - ii. Be registered with the CSCTA and Swimming Canada as of February 1, 2017.
  - iii. Be a minimum NCCP Level 3 In-training or be a Chartered Professional Coach with the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada as of March 31, 2017.
  - iv. A Coach must declare him/herself available for appointment prior to March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 using the form at the following link (<https://forms.swimming.ca/view.php?id=15455>). Any Coach who does not declare him/herself eligible by this deadline may not be considered for appointment to this event.
2. All Coaches identified by these criteria must become a member of the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada on or before June 1, 2017 either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach.
3. All Coaches identified by these criteria must sign the Swimming Canada Team Staff Agreement by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Copies of the Team Staff Agreement are available upon request to Swimming Canada ([bedey@swimming.ca](mailto:bedey@swimming.ca)).



## X. APPOINTMENT – Coaches

1. The Head Coach for the 2017 FINA World Championships swimming team shall be appointed. This appointment shall be at the sole discretion of the Swimming Canada High Performance Director.
2. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint Coaches.

## XI. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

### Unforeseen Circumstances

1. Should the Swimming Canada Selection Committee determine that unforeseen circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these Criteria, the Selection Committee shall have the full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.
2. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.

### Changes to this Document

1. Swimming Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary. No such changes shall be made after the commencement of the Trials unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unforeseen Circumstances” provisions above.
2. Swimming Canada reserves the right to review and modify these Criteria or decisions related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from FINA that affect the Criteria set out in this document.
3. Any changes to these Criteria shall be communicated directly to all Swimming Canada Carded Swimmers and Coaches, and published to the Swimming Canada website forthwith.

## XII. APPEALS

The Swimming Canada “Dispute Policy” and the Swimming Canada “Appeals Policy” govern all decisions made by Swimming Canada, including issues pertaining to selection. For a copy of these policies please contact Swimming Canada or refer to the following link: <https://www.swimming.ca/BoardPoliciesen.aspx>

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*These Criteria were duly created and approved by the Swimming Canada Selection Committee, which by its terms of reference have been properly delegated to perform this task by the Chief Executive Officer of Swimming Canada.*

*These Criteria have been prepared in English and translated to French. Where there is a discrepancy between the two versions, the English version shall be applied.*



**APPENDIX “A”  
FINA A Standard**

Event	Male	Female
50 freestyle	22.47	25.18
100 freestyle	48.93	54.90
200 freestyle	1:47.73	1:58.68
400 freestyle	3:48.15	4:10.57
1500 / 800 freestyle	15:12.79	8:38.56
100 backstroke	54.06	1:00.61
200 backstroke	1:58.55	2:11.53
100 breaststroke	1:00.35	1:07.58
200 breaststroke	2:11.11	2:25.91
100 butterfly	52.29	58.48
200 butterfly	1:57.28	2:09.77
200 Individual Medley	2:00.22	2:13.41
400 Individual Medley	4:17.90	4:43.06

**APPENDIX “B”  
Relay Qualification Times**

Event	Male	Female
4x100 freestyle relay	3:14.17	3:36.85
4x200 freestyle relay	7:09.16	7:53.43

Note: Relay Qualification Times are equal to the 8<sup>th</sup> place time in preliminaries from the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.



APPENDIX "C"  
Request for Consideration of Performance – Page 1/2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to compete at the Trials: Y or N

Briefly describe the injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstance:

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Please identify the team(s) for which you would like to be considered for selection:

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Event(s) for consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you finish in the top 3 of this event(s) at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games: Y or N

Event Best Time(s), please also include the date and location where the best time was achieved\*:

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\*Note that for selection to the 2017 World Championships only times posted between March 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017 at FINA approved qualification events will be considered.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature (if swimmer is under the age of 18 years): \_\_\_\_\_

Once complete, please submit this form along with a letter from your doctor and your coach as outlined in VI Request for Consideration of Performance to Iain McDonald (imcdonald@swimming.ca).

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Notice of Receipt:

This form was received by Swimming Canada on (date and time): \_\_\_\_\_

Form received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



APPENDIX "D"  
Request for Consideration of Performance – Page 2/2

In the instance that the injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstance occurs at the Trials the following section must be completed by the Swimming Canada National Team Physician or their designate:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_