

**SELECTION POLICY**  
**XXXI OLYMPIC GAMES – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**  
**24 JULY – 9 AUGUST 2015**

**1. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY – Olympic Swimmers**

1.1. All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 4 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate

1.1.1. Only the athletes who are eligible to participate at the official FINA competitions, in accordance with the FINA Rules, are entitled to participate in the Olympic Games.

**2. ATHLETES QUOTA – Olympic Swimmers**

2.1. The total number of athletes for swimming is 900\*.

2.1.1. The total number of NOC's entered in swimming events in Rio will be at least equal to the number of NOC's represented at the 2015 World Championships in Kazan (RUS), provided all athletes are eligible for the Games.

**3. FINA QUALIFICATION PATHWAY**

3.1. The priority order for qualification places into the Olympic Games will be (FINA Rule BL 9.3.6.4.2):

3.1.1. All swimmers with Olympic Qualifying Times (OQT / "A" Time)

3.1.1.1. Only two per individual event

3.1.2. Swimmers with the Olympic Qualifying Times (OST/ "B" Time)

3.1.2.1. Only one swimmer per individual event (subjected to no "A" Qualifiers)

3.1.2.2. This qualification would only apply if there are no swimmers who have established (OQT/ "A" Time) in any particular event

3.1.2.3. This qualification method would be subjected to FINA's invitation list and SNOC's approval.

3.1.3. Swimmers in Relays

3.1.3.1. The first 12 placed teams in each relay event at the 16<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships in Kazan (RUS) in 2015 will automatically qualify for the relay events at the 2016 Olympic Games.

3.1.3.2. The remaining four (4) teams per relay event will be the teams with the fastest times in the FINA World Rankings of 31 May 2016 achieved during the qualification period, in the qualifying events approved by FINA from 1 March 2015 to 31 May 2016.

3.1.3.3. All swimmers that achieve an OQT / "A" Time can be used in relays even if they have not achieved the OQS / "B" Time for the corresponding event and distance of the relay in which they are entered.

3.1.3.4. Any additional Relay Only Swimmers will have to achieve the OST / "B" Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in order to be eligible to be entered in the relay.

The following formula shall apply:

- One (1) Relay - two (2) additional swimmers
- Two (2) Relays - four (4) additional swimmers
- Three (3) Relays - six (6) additional swimmers
- Four (4) Relays - eight (8) additional swimmers
- Five (5) Relays - ten (10) additional swimmers
- Six (6) Relays - twelve (12) additional swimmers

These swimmers must swim either in the heat of final event of that relay event. Should a relay-only swimmer not compete, this will lead to the disqualification of the respective team in the final.

3.1.3.5. Universality Places (does not apply to Singapore Swimmers)

#### 4. Singapore Swimming SWIMMERS SELECTION

- 4.1. Maximum of 26 men and 26 woman.
  - 4.2. The fastest two (2) OQT / "A" Times achieved at the meets sanctioned by SSA will be automatically selected.
  - 4.3. In the event that no swimmers achieves a OQT / "A" time in an event then the fastest swimmer with the OST / "B" Time will be selected provided that the swimmer is invited by FINA. The SNOC will be informed by FINA by July 3<sup>rd</sup> of all the invited swimmers with an OST / "B" Time.
  - 4.4. Relays will depend on the Relay selection Policy established by FINA and listed in the "FINA Qualification Pathway" above.
    - 4.4.1. The selection of the 4 x 100 Freestyle/4 x 200 Freestyle Relays will be based off the selection of the TOP 4 swimmers in the (100 and 200 Freestyle).
    - 4.4.2. The TOP 4 swimmers will be selected using the meets sanctioned by SSA in points (4.5.1. – 4.5.4 (4.5.4.1-4.5.4.2))
  - 4.5. The swimmers selection will be done based on the times achieved at the following competitions and priority:
    - 4.5.1. 2015 SEA Games – Singapore (6-11 of June)
    - 4.5.2. 2015 FINA World Championships Kazan Russia (August 2-9)
    - 4.5.3. 2015 FINA World Junior Swimming Championships Singapore (August 25 – 30)
    - 4.5.4. 2015 FINA World Cup Meets (Russia, Paris, Hong Kong, Beijing, Singapore, Japan, Doha, Dubai)
    - 4.5.5. 47<sup>th</sup> Singapore National Age Group Championships (March 2016).
    - 4.5.6. For the overseas based swimmers that who are unable to participate at the 47<sup>th</sup> Singapore National Age Group Championships, will have to compete in a FINA sanctioned meet between January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> to achieve the qualifying times.

The list of Sanctioned Meets can be found at:  
<http://www.fina.org/content/swimming-qualif-events>
  - 4.5.6.1. The deadline to submit the name, location and date of the qualifying meet will be Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - 4.5.6.2. ONLY 1 meet during the said time frame of January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 can be nominated
- 4.6. If a swimmer that qualifies in an individual event declines to swim that event, the vacant spot will be replaced by the next swimmer that has met the qualifying standards and procedures as stated by FINA.

#### 5. SELECTION OF COACHES

- 5.1. The National Team Head Coach will assume the role of Head Coach for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.
- 5.2. The number of coaches will depend on the number of swimmers selected and also on the number of accreditation passes assigned to the federation.
- 5.3. Maximum of 4 coaches will be named in accordance with the following criteria and priority:
  - 5.3.1. Number of swimmers that have achieved the individual OQT / "A" Time.
  - 5.3.2. Number of swimmers that have achieved the individual OST / "B" Time.
  - 5.3.3. Number of swimmers that have qualified (individually & relay) for the meet.
- 5.4. The rest of the Assistant Coaches will be selected by the National Team Head Coach.
- 5.5. Every coach will have to be current with all the SSA coaching certifications.

## 6. GENERAL SELECTION CRITERIA GUIDELINES

- 6.1. Times accomplished as a split of an individual event will not be used to qualify.
- 6.2. Swimmers subjected to various qualifying scenarios via the OST/ "B" Time would need to observe points 6.2.1 – 6.2.3
  - 6.2.1. In case of a tie in the Finals of an event, the times to be considered will be the ones from the Prelims in order to select the swimmer.
  - 6.2.2. In the case of a tie in the Prelims and if both swimmers achieve the qualifying time, the one with the fastest time in the FINAL will be put up for nomination.
- 6.3. Swimmers that reach the qualifying time in the Prelims but do NOT participate in the Finals will not be selected unless:
  - 6.3.1. Because of Medical Issue, and in this case the swimmer will have to present a certificate from the doctor stating that the swimmer had to pull out of the competition for medical issues. This certificate will have to be delivered to the National Team Head Coach no later than 24 hours after the swimmer has pulled out of the event.
- 6.4. Swimmers need to be fully committed with their preparation and goals towards the Olympic Games. If the National Team Head Coach feels that a swimmer is not fully committed then he will consult with the personal coach of the swimmer to understand the circumstances and proceed onto discussing with the chairpersons of the High Performance Coaches Committee before making a decision of taking the swimmer out of the team.
  - 6.4.1. Every member of the Team will have to attend all the activities designed by the National Team Head Coach in preparation for Olympics. The National Team Head Coach will excuse on an individual basis a swimmer that can't attend one of those activities as long as it is justified.
  - 6.4.2. Every selected swimmer, coach and team official will have to fill out and sign the Acceptance Agreement to conform to the agreement laid out by the association towards their participation for Olympic Games.
  - 6.4.3. All swimmers and coaches will have to accept and follow the equipment rules established by FINA and the SSA.
  - 6.4.4. The National Team Head Coach and the chairpersons of the High Performance Coaches Committee will be responsible that the selection of the 2016 FINA Olympic Games in Rio is in accordance with the criteria and rules reflected in this document and that the selection aims to bring out the best performance of the National Team at such a competition.

**Table-1 – FINA 2016 Olympic Rio Qualifying Standards**

Men's		Event	Women's	
Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT / "A" Time) - 2 Entries	Olympic Selection Time (OST / "B" Time) - 1 Entry		Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT / "A" Time) - 2 Entries	Olympic Selection Time (OST / "B" Time) - 1 Entry
0.22.27	0.23.05	50m Freestyle	0.25.28	0.26.17
0.48.99	0.50.70	100m Freestyle	0.54.43	0.56.34
1.47.97	1.51.75	200m Freestyle	1.58.96	2.03.13
3.50.44	3.58.51	400m Freestyle	4.09.08	4.17.80
N/A	N/A	800m Freestyle	8.33.97	8.51.96
15.14.77	15.46.79	1500m Freestyle	N/A	N/A
0.54.36	0.56.26	100m Backstroke	1.00.25	1.02.36
1.58.22	2.02.36	200m Backstroke	2.10.60	2.15.17
1.00.57	1.02.69	100m Breaststroke	1.07.85	1.10.22
2.11.66	2.16.27	200m Breaststroke	2.26.94	2.32.08
0.52.36	0.54.19	100m Butterfly	0.58.74	1.00.80
1.56.97	2.01.06	200m Butterfly	2.09.33	2.13.86
2.00.28	2.04.39	200m Individual Medley	2.14.26	2.18.96
4.16.71	4.25.69	400m Individual Medley	4.43.46	4.53.38

SSA National Team Head Coach & High Performance Coaches Committee

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