

**SELECTION POLICY  
2016 SEA Swim CHAMPIONSHIPS - Hanoi  
30th August -5<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION ELIGIBILITY**

- 1.1. Team Size: Maximum squad size of 20 athletes. 10 Male and 10 Female.
- 1.2. Athletes must not be eligible for selection to the Olympic Games or Junior Pan Pacific Championships. There is a maximum of two spots available per individual event. Qualified swimmers at the discretion of the National Team Head Coach will have the opportunity to swim additional events to those qualified in should an event not be filled.
- 1.3. No relay only swimmers will be selected for this meet. Relays will be swum only by swimmers already qualified for the Championship.
- 1.4. The swimmers selection will be done based on the times achieved at the following competitions:
  - 1.4.1. 47<sup>th</sup> Singapore National Age Groups Swimming Championships – 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2016.
  - 1.4.2. 12<sup>th</sup> Singapore Nationals Swimming Championships – 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016
    - 1.4.2.1.1. No other competition dates will be accepted for qualification.
- 1.5. Qualifying Times CAN be achieved in morning Prelims or evening Finals.
- 1.6. The SSA Qualifying Time Standards for the 2016 SEA Swim Championships are shown in Table-1.
- 1.7. Swimmers who achieve the Qualifying Time Standards for the meet will be selected to join the team. Selected swimmers will have to submit their intent to participate by 1<sup>st</sup> July to confirm their spot in the team.
- 1.8. If spaces are available once selection via criteria is complete, spots will be open to club swimmers based on highest ranking via FINA Points System until all spaces are filled. These spots will be designated “open” after July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for Qualified Swimmers to accept their places.
  - 1.8.1. Swimmers entering the meet via this process will bear all expenses including travel and accommodation.
    - 1.8.1.1. Swimmers will still be members of Team Singapore and therefore required to abide by all team rules for travel.
    - 1.8.1.2. Swimmers will be required to stay in the meet hotel with Team Singapore.
    - 1.8.1.3. Coaches selection will be based as per criteria in Section 4 below.
- 1.9. All Qualified Swimmers must accept and sign the athlete agreement by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, one week post the 12<sup>th</sup> Singapore National Swimming Championships to participate in this SEA Swimming Championships.
- 1.10. All invited swimmers that join the meet after selection criteria places are deemed “open” will be required to sign the athlete agreement upon acceptance of their place. These swimmers will be attending this meet on a self-funding basis.

**2. SWIMMERS SELECTION – INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

- 2.1. Individual Selection: 47<sup>th</sup> Singapore National Age Groups Swimming Championships and 12<sup>th</sup> Singapore National Swimming Championships

- 2.1.1. The fastest two (2) swimmers per individual event that achieve the SSA Time Standards (Table-1) with a maximum squad size of 20 athletes 10 male / 10 female.
- 2.1.2. If more than 10 per gender achieve the qualifying standard, the selection will be by order of the swimmers with the highest FINA points until the roster of 20 swimmers (10 Boys & 10 Girls) up to (2) swimmers per individual event is completed.

2.2. Event Selection:

- 2.2.1. In case that after the selection of swimmers and events there are still some events open, the SSA High Performance Team, upon the recommendation of the National Team Head Coach, reserves the right to fill out that event with one of the swimmers already selected for the meet

- 2.3. 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 reached the qualifying standards.

- 2.4. Times accomplished as a split of an individual event will not be used to qualify.

- 2.5. In the event that there is a tie between two swimmers during the FINAL for the final open spot. The results from the prelims will be taken into consideration. The swimmer with the fastest prelim swim will qualify for the meet.

- 2.5.1. In the event that two swimmers tie in both the HEATS and FINALS and both achieving the qualifying time, there would then be a swim off at a designated time during the course of the meet. Winner of the swim-off would then be the swimmer selected for the final open slot.

- 2.6. Swimmers that reach the qualifying time in the Prelims but do NOT participate in the Finals will not be selected unless the swimmer has been medically exempted.

- 2.6.1. 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 48 hours after the swimmer pulls out of the event

- 2.6.1.1 Any Team Spots that are "open" after criteria 1.1-1.7 July 1, 2016 deadline, selection will be opened to club swimmers based on their highest FINA ranking until all spots are filled to a maximum of 10 male and 10 female athletes.

- 2.6.1.2 Swimmers invited to fill open spots are not eligible for SSA funding and will bear all cost applicable to the meet.

**3. SWIMMERS SELECTION – RELAYS will be selected WITH ATHLETES MAKING THE MEET.**

- 3.1. For the 4 x 100m Freestyle & 4 x 200m Freestyle Relays

- 3.1.1. The top two qualified swimmers in each event will have a secured spot in the relay final.

- 3.1.1.1. The coaching staff will meet the day before the relay to discuss who will swim in the Prelims. Finals spots on the relay will be discussed based on morning preliminary results.

- 3.2. 4 x 100m Medley Relay

The top qualified swimmer of each individual 100m stroke will be considered as a priority for Finals. The coaching staff will meet the day before the relay to discuss who will swim in the Prelims.

- 3.2.1. Mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle & 4 x 100m Medley Relays

- 3.2.2. The coaching staff will meet the day before the relay to discuss who will swim in the Prelims.

- 3.3. The Appointed Head Coach will make the final decision on who will swim in the relays after consulting with the coaching staff.

#### 4. SELECTION OF COACHES

- 4.1. The SSA High Performance Coach will assign a Head Coach for the above championship.
- 4.2. The number of coaches will depend on the number of swimmers selected with a maximum ratio of 1:5 (1 coach x every 5 swimmers), with a max cap of 2 coaches selected per club.
  - 4.2.1. Up to 4 coaches appointed including the Appointed Head Coach:
    - 4.2.1.1. Head Coach Boys Team 1
    - 4.2.1.1.1. Assistant Coaches up to 1
    - 4.2.1.2. Head Coach Girls Team 1
    - 4.2.1.2.1. Assistant Coaches up to 1
- 4.3. A Maximum of 4 coaches will be named in accordance with the following criteria and priority:
  - 4.3.1. Number of swimmers that have achieved the individual SSA Time Standard (Table-1).
  - 4.3.2. Level of Qualified swimmers by the FINA points Table.
  - 4.3.3. Number of swimmers that have qualified for the meet.
    - 4.3.3.1. Appointed coaches must be coach of record for at least 6 months prior to athlete selection.
- 4.4. The rest of the Assistant Coaches will be selected by Singapore Swimming Association.
  - 4.4.1. Designation of coaches based on swimmers added to the meet after general selection criteria will be added based on coaching positions still available.
    - 4.4.1.1. The selection of coaches will follow the same guidelines as outlined in 4.1-4.3.
- 4.5. Every coach must be up to date with current regulations and sign a coaches agreement on acceptance of a coaching position.

#### 5. GENERAL CRITERIA

- 5.1. Every member of the Team will have to attend all the activities designed by the National Team Head Coach in preparation for the SEA Swim Championships. Swimmers who are unable to attend a certain activity are required to inform the National Team Head Coach in writing where he will assess on a case by case basis.
- 5.2. Every selected swimmer will have to fill out and sign the **Athlete's Agreement** to confirm their participation for the 2016 SEA Swim Championships in Hanoi Vietnam.
- 5.3. All swimmers and coaches will have to accept and follow the equipment rules established by FINA, SEA Swimming and the SSA.
- 5.4. The SSA High Performance Team, upon the recommendation of the National Team Head Coach, reserves the right to propose the addition of a swimmer that has not been selected following the established criteria for the benefit of the goals and performance of Singapore Swimming High Performance Development purposes.

Cuts are based on 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at 2015 SEA Games

**Table-1**

SSA Time Standards				
2016 SEA Swimming Championships				
Boys		Event	Girls	
Olympic B-Cut	SEA Games 4th Place Time		SEA Games 4th Place Time	Olympic B-Cut
23.05	23.31	50m Freestyle	25.82	26.17
50.70	50.67	100m Freestyle	56.42	56.43
1:51.75	1:50.82	200m Freestyle	2:03.83	2:03.13
3:58.51	3:58.34	400m Freestyle	4:23.69	4:17.80
		800m Freestyle	8:58.29	8:51.96
15:46.79	15:58.34	1500m Freestyle		
56.26	57.28	100m Backstroke	1:05.18	1:02.36
2:02.36	2:06.15	200m Backstroke	2:19.35	2:15.17
1:02.69	1:03.40	100m Breaststroke	1:11.93	1:10.22
2:16.97	2:18.35	200m Breaststroke	2:36.97	2:32.08
54.19	54.28	100m Butterfly	1:01.36	1:00.80
2:01.06	2:02.39	200m Butterfly	2:15.16	2:13.86
2:04.39	2:02.61	200m Individual Medley	2:20.72	2:18.96
4:25.69	4:29.79	400m Individual Medley	5:00.96	4:53.38



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