

**SELECTION POLICY
2016 FINA WORLD CUP CIRCUIT
26th August to 30th October 2016**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. World Cup Circuit Meet Schedule for 2016.

Clusters	Date	Country
Europe Cluster	26-27 August	Paris-Chartres (FRA)
	30-31 August	Berlin (GER)
	3-4 September	Moscow (RUS)
Middle East Cluster	30 Sept – 1 Oct	Beijing (CHN)
	4-5 October	Dubai (UAE)
	8-9 October	Doha (QAT)
Asian Cluster	21-22 October	Singapore (SIN)
	25-26 October	Tokyo (JPN)
	29-30 October	Hong Kong (HKG)

2. SWIMMERS SELECTION – FINA WORLD CUP OVERSEAS CLUSTERS

2.1. Team Size:

2.1.1. International Cluster Travel: Maximum of 4 SSA funded swimmers: 2 Male and 2 Female preferably but not required

2.1.2. Singapore: Maximum of 20 Male and 20 Female funded swimmers to represent Singapore

2.1.2.1. Additional swimmers that do not qualify to represent Singapore may request to enter the meet under the designation:

2.1.2.1.1. Club 1

2.1.2.1.2. A maximum cap of 200 athletes can combine under Singapore or Club 1 to compete.

2.2. Swimmers will be ranked by Long Course Times with the following priority to represent Singapore:

Priority 1: Olympic A / B Qualifiers

Priority 2: 2015 SEA Games 4th Place Time Equivalent

Priority 3: Junior Pan Pacific Finalist

Priority 4: Junior Pan Pacific Qualifiers

Priority 5: 12th Singapore National Swimming Championships (LCM) Medalist

Priority 6: 5th Singapore National Swimming Championships (SCM) Medalist

2.2.1. Rankings would be compiled from the period of the Sept 1 2015 up to Entry Deadline of each cluster.

2.2.2. After Priority 3, rankings will be based over an average of 3 events.

2.2.2.1. Both non-Olympic and Olympic Events from any SSA or FINA Sanctioned meet will be counted.

2.2.2.2. An Average of 600 combined FINA points will be necessary to make the Ranking.

2.2.3. Athletes must be able to demonstrate a continuous full-time training commitment.

2.2.4. To qualify as an Additional Athlete (Club 1) for the Local Singapore Leg of Cluster 3:

2.2.4.1.1. Additional swimmers will be ranked based on FINA points of their highest event.

- 2.2.4.1.2. Times must have been achieved from Sept 1, 2015 up to the meet entry deadline.
- 2.3. Top 2 Ranked swimmers of each gender from Priority 1-3 will be selected and will have priority to choose which World Cup clusters they want to attend. Priority 4-6 swimmers who have the BEST FINA POINTS AVERAGE over 3 events (Olympic and Non-Olympic) will have the option to choose World Cup clusters based on places remaining to be filled.
- 2.4. Times accomplished as a split of an individual event will not be used for qualification, except:
- 2.4.1. For the overseas based swimmers that reside in a country where the 50 meters events are not part of the FINA sanctioned meets the National Head Coach will consider a split time of a 100m race of that stroke that has been achieved at the FINA sanctioned meet that the swimmer is using to qualify.
- 2.4.1.1. The swimmer must finish the 100 meter race without being disqualified.
- 2.4.2. Alternatively, a 50 meter Time Trial at the same FINA Sanctioned meet that the swimmer is using to qualify for the meet will be accepted.
- 2.4.3. The submitted times must be endorsed by the Meet Referee of the FINA Sanctioned meet that the swimmer is using to qualify.
- 2.5. Swimmers selected would need to provide a written letter to confirm participation in any of the clusters no later than a week of being selected.
- 2.5.1. Swimmers who do not respond within a week shall be deemed to have declined the spot.
- 2.6. If swimmer selected declines the spot for a selected World Cup cluster, the next best ranked swimmer would fill in to replace the swimmer that has declined the spot.
- 2.7. If no swimmer meets Priority 1-3 or the required 600 FINA Point average across 3 events, The SSA High Performance Committee, upon the recommendation of the National Head Coach, will have the discretion of inviting the swimmer/s that are better suited to fill in that open spot, and represent Team Singapore at the highest level.

3. SELECTION OF COACHES – FINA WORLD CUP OVERSEAS CLUSTERS

- 3.1. The SSA High Performance Coach or Assistant Coach will assume the role of Head Coach or one (1) coach will be appointed based on the Level of qualified swimmers by the FINA Points table.
- 3.1.1. The appointed coach must be the coach of record for at least 6 months for at least one of the swimmers selected for the cluster traveling to.
- 3.2. Every coach will have to be current with all the SSA coaching certifications.
- 3.3. Coaches-Swimmers Ratio (1 : 4)

4. SWIMMERS SELECTION – FINA WORLD CUP (SINGAPORE)

- 4.1. Swimmers must participate in the 12th Singapore National Swimming Championships (LCM), 47th Singapore National Age Groups Swimming Championships, or be an Olympic A or B qualifier training and competing with the Singapore National Team in the USA.
- 4.2. A minimum of 500 FINA Points must be achieved in each event to participate in the local edition of the World Cup.

- 4.3. Swimmers qualifying under Priority 1-6 (Section 2.2) to a cap of 40 swimmers (20 male / 20 female) will represent Singapore.
- 4.4. Swimmers qualifying as an “additional swimmer” will represent Club-1.

5. SELECTION OF COACHES – FINA WORLD CUP (SINGAPORE)

- 5.1. Local Coaches will be selected based on the following ratio, up to a maximum of 2 coaches per club.
 - 5.1.1. Coaches-Swimmers Ratio (1 : 8)
- 5.2. Every coach will have to be current with all the SSA coaching certifications.
- 5.3. Appointed coaches must be the coach of record for at least 6 months prior to the Singapore World Cup meet.

6. GENERAL CRITERIA

- 6.1. Every selected swimmer will have to fill out and sign the **Athlete’s Agreement** to confirm their participation in the “Cluster/s” that they decide to compete.
- 6.2. All swimmers and coaches will have to accept and follow the equipment rules established by FINA and the SSA.
- 6.3. The High Performance Committee, upon the recommendation of the National 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 the National Team.
