

## Performance Pathway Program

### Athlete Selection Criteria 2025/2026

#### Amendment

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#### Scope

The purpose of this policy is to inform the selection of athletes for the WA Team competing at the Victoria Tri-Series Competition 2025.

This policy encompasses the following disciplines of the sport of swimming:

- Able Bodied Pool events
- Multi Class Pool events

#### Definitions

“Home State”	The State or Territory of Australia that the athlete considers themselves as a representative of at national competition.
Automatic Qualification	Selection into the respective squad is without discretion provided the athlete meets stated athlete eligibility standards and selection criteria.
Benchmark Championship	Competitions that have been identified by a governing body as the pinnacle competitions for an athlete’s annual program.
Heat	The race in a specific event that athletes will compete for placings used to qualify for a final.
Final	The race in a specific event that athletes will compete for final placings, usually determined by placing in the preceeding heat session.
Performance Standards	An agreed time taken to complete a specified event, that is used to inform athlete selection into the respective squad.
Special Consideration	The consideration of an athlete for qualification, that does not meet performance standards, due to circumstances outside the athlete’s control significantly impacting the ability to meet performance standards.
Swimming Australia	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming in Australia.
Swimming WA	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming in Western Australia.
Timed Final	The race in a specific event that athletes will compete for final placings, where there was no preceeding heat session.
World Aquatics	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming (globally).

## Criteria

<b>Competition Eligibility Rules</b>	<p>The following rules for athletes to be eligible for selection, based on the competition guidelines, apply:</p> <p><b>Team Size and Composition</b> The team will consist of a maximum of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 male able-bodied athletes</li> <li>- 8 female able-bodied athletes</li> <li>- 2 multi-class athletes of either gender</li> </ul> <p><b>Age groups</b> Male athletes (able-bodied and multi-class) must be aged between 15 and 18 years old as at the start date of the competition</p> <p>Female athletes (able-bodied and multi-class) must be aged between 14 and 18 years old as at the start date of the competition</p> <p><b>Competition Eligibility</b> Athletes must not have been selected into the following national teams in order to be eligible for selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2025 World Aquatics Championships</li> <li>- 2025 Australia “A” Team</li> <li>- 2025 Junior World Swimming Championships</li> <li>- 2025 Swimming Australia Next Wave Invitational Camp or equivalent</li> </ul> <p><b>Multi-Class Classification</b> Athletes must hold a valid national classification, as at the start date of the competition, of S/SB/SM1 – 19 in order to be eligible for selection.</p> <p>International classification is not required in order to be eligible for selection.</p>
<b>Athlete Eligibility</b>	<p>To be considered for selection, an athlete must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet athlete eligibility criteria for the 2025/2026 WA Performance Pathway Program outlined in the selection criteria <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>- Meet competition eligibility rules outlined above</li> <li>- Complete all financial and administrative tasks required by Swimming WA, by the allotted deadlines</li> <li>- <b>Multi-class events:</b> Athletes must achieve a Multi-Class Points Score (MCPS) more than or equal to 350 MCPS in one or more events swum at their benchmark championship stated <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>
<b>Selection Criteria</b>	<p><b>Able Bodied and Multi Class Events</b> Athletes will be assigned a priority ranking, based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Priority One to Three, with One being first priority for selection and Three being last priority for selection.</li> <li>- If the number of athletes meeting the standard for Priority One to Three exceeds maximum team size and composition rules, athletes</li> </ul>

will be further ranked within each priority by secondary criteria.

### **Priority One**

Athletes whom are selected into the following 2025/2026 WA Performance Pathway Program Squads through automatic qualification, ranked by the selection panel in order of secondary criteria outlined below:

- WA Target Flippers Squad
- WA Flippers Squad

#### *Secondary Criteria*

*A combination of the following will be considered by the selection in the ranking of athletes:*

- *Athletes' best % proximity to WA Flippers Squad performance standards at the benchmark championships, stated within the 2025/2026 WA Performance Pathway Program selection criteria, in either a heat, timed final or final*
- *Number of events whereby the athlete met automatic qualification performance standards for selection into the respective squad(s).*
- *Event profiles that best contribute to the team's performance needs*

### **Priority Two**

Athletes whom are selected into the following 2025/2026 WA Performance Pathway Program Squads through special consideration, ranked by the selection panel in order of secondary criteria outlined below:

- WA Target Flippers Squad
- WA Flippers Squad

#### *Secondary Criteria*

*A combination of the following will be considered by the selection panel in the ranking of athletes:*

- *Athletes' best % proximity to WA Flippers Squad performance standards at the benchmark championships, stated within the 2025/2026 WA Performance Pathway Program selection criteria, in either a heat, timed final or final*
- *Number of events whereby the athlete met automatic qualification performance standards for selection into the respective squad(s).*
- *Event profiles that best contribute to the team's performance needs*

### **Priority Three**

Athletes whom are selected into the following 2025/2026 WA Performance Pathway Program Squad, ranked by the selection panel in order of secondary criteria outlined below:

- WA Development Squad

#### *Secondary Criteria*

*A combination of the following will be considered by the selection panel in the ranking of athletes:*

- *Athletes' best % proximity to WA Flippers Squad performance*

	<p><i>standards at the benchmark championships, stated within the 2025/2026 WA Performance Pathway Program selection criteria, in either a heat, timed final or final</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Non-Paralympic Pathway Events: Athletes' best MCPS at the benchmark championships, stated within the 2025/2026 WA Performance Pathway Program selection criteria, in either a heat, timed final or final</i></li> <li>- <i>Number of events whereby the athlete met automatic qualification performance standards for selection into the respective squad(s).</i></li> <li>- <i>Event profiles that best contribute to the team's performance needs</i></li> </ul>
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## Process

Selection Process	<p><b>First Round of Selection: Priority One and Two</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athletes to accept the position in the WA Performance Pathway Program and indicate intent for selection for this team by the stated deadline</li> <li>- Selection panel to confirm priority ranking of athlete and notify athlete of selection or, if not selected, priority ranking within seven (7) days following the stated deadline.</li> <li>- Athletes to pay the deposit and complete financial and administrative tasks by the allotted deadlines.</li> </ul> <p><b>Second Round of Selection: Priority Three</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selection panel to confirm priority ranking of athletes within fourteen (14) days following the notification of athletes within the first round of selection.</li> <li>- As team size permits, selection panel to confirm and notify athlete of selection for this team as soon as practically possible.</li> <li>- Athletes to confirm intent for selection and pay the deposit within fourteen (14) days following notification of selection.</li> <li>- Athletes to complete all remaining financial and administrative tasks by the allotted deadlines.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Athletes ranked within Priority Three, whom are not selected, will not be notified of their priority ranking.</p>
Selection Panel	Swimming WA Pathways Manager Swimming WA Pathways Coordinator Appointed 2025 Tri-Series Coaching Team
Appeals Process	Disputes relating to decisions and application of this policy are bound by Part Four (Dispute Resolution, Mediation and Disciplinary Action) of the Swimming WA Constitution which can be found <a href="#">here</a> .

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