

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 2025 Queensland Open Water State Championships (or equivalent).

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

- Able Bodied Open Water 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

Athlete Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, an athlete must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet athlete eligibility criteria for the WA Performance Pathway Program outlined in the selection criteria here - Complete all financial and administrative tasks required by Swimming WA, by the allotted deadlines
Selection Criteria	<p>Athletes must have been selected into the following WA Performance Pathway Squads from the following benchmark meets in order for consideration for selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2025 Australian Open Water Championships <p>Athletes must either be selected into the following WA Performance Pathway Squads in order for consideration for selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2025/2026 WA Target Flippers Squad OR; - 2025/2026 WA Flippers Squad OR; - 2025/2026 WA Development Squad, provided the athlete qualified from performances in the 10km event at the benchmark meet

Process

Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Athlete confirms their intent for selection by the allotted deadline - Swimming WA Pathways Manager (or equivalent) will confirm athlete eligibility as soon as practically possible - Athletes completes all administrative and financial requirements, by the allotted deadlines, as required by Swimming WA
Appeals Process	<p>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 here.</p>

Version

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