

Scope

The purpose of this policy is to inform the selection of athletes into the WA State Relay Team, competing at Australian Age Championships in April 2023.

The WA State Relay Team will consist of athletes eligible to compete in the following relay events:

- Boys 14-18yrs 4x50m Freestyle
- Boys 14-15yrs 4x50m Freestyle
- Boys 16-17yrs 4x50m Freestyle
- Girls 13-17yrs 4x50m Freestyle
- Girls 15-16yrs 4x50m Freestyle
- Girls 13-14yrs 4x50m Freestyle
- Mixed 13G/14B 4x50m Medley
- Mixed 14G/15B 4x50m Medley
- Mixed 15G/16B 4x50m Medley
- Mixed 16G/17B 4x50m Medley
- Mixed 17G/18B 4x50m Medley

Definitions

Swimming WA	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming in Western Australia
Swim Aus	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming in Australia
World Aquatic	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming (globally)
Benchmark Championship	Competitions that have been identified by a governing body as the pinnacle competitions for an athlete's annual program

Criteria

Athlete Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, an athlete must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australian Citizen* - Current member of a Swimming WA affiliated club - Eligible under World Aquatic regulations to represent Australia at the upcoming international benchmark championship as defined by Swim Aus - Considered in good standing by the Swimming WA affiliated club, Swimming WA and Swim Aus - Registered in a minimum of one (1) event at Australian Age Championships - Nominated for selection consideration for the WA State Relay Team prior to the closing date of 20:59 March 21, 2023. <p>* Athletes that can demonstrate evidence of application for Australian Citizenship, with the estimated date of Australian Citizenship within a timeframe agreed by Swimming WA Athlete Pathways Manager and SA Technical Lead (Western Australia/South Australia), may be considered for selection.</p>
Selection Criteria	<p>The Selection Panel will consider selections based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swim Aus Competition Guidelines - The event-specific criteria (below) <p>Rankings will be formulated using time recorded from nominated athletes in My Swim Results, in order of fastest to slowest, from December 16, 2022 until the conclusion of heats session of the respective day of relays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freestyle Relays: Sunday April 9, 2023 - Medley Relays: Saturday April 15, 2023 <p>Relay and Recognised Split times will not be taken into account to determine to Rankings.</p>

	<p><u>Freestyle Relays</u> Athletes will be considered for selection based on their 50m Freestyle ranking in their respective gender and age groups.</p> <p><u>Medley Relays</u> Athletes will be considered for selection based the following process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Backstroke ranking in their respective gender and age groups AND; - Combination of athletes, based on Swim Aus Competition Guidelines, resulting in the fastest seed time in their respective age groups
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Process

Selection Process	<p><u>Squad</u> An initial squad of athletes will be selected by 17:00 March 23, 2023, comprising of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Top 6 ranked 50m Freestyle athletes in each gender and age group as articulated by the relay events listed - Top 2 ranked 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke, Butterfly <u>and</u> Backstroke athletes in each age group as articulated by the relay events listed <p>This squad will be invited to a relay session prior to Australian Age Championships.</p> <p><u>Team</u> Relay Teams will be selected following the heats session of the respective day of relays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freestyle Relays: Sunday April 9, 2023 - Medley Relays: Saturday April 15, 2023 <p>Athletes not included in the initial WA Relay Squad may be selected in the WA State Relay Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming WA Athlete Pathways Manager will circulate Rankings to the Selection Panel as soon as practically possible following the heats session on the respective day of relays. - Selection Panel will confirm WA State Relay Teams by 3.00pm on the respective day of relays. - Swimming WA Athlete Pathways Manager will communicate the WA State Relay Team by 3.30pm on the day of respective day of relays.
Selection Panel	Swimming WA Athlete Pathways Manager Swim Aus Technical Lead (Western Australia/South Australia) Junior Age Group WA State Relay Team Lead Coach Senior Age Group WA State Relay Team Lead Coach Relay Team Advisor
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 here .