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From: Chief Executive Officer

To: SSA Affiliate Presidents
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Cc: SSA Executive Committee
Committee Conveners

Re: OPEN WATER SWIMMING SELECTION CRITERIA – 15TH FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

Herewith find attached the Open Water Swimming Selection Criteria for the 15th FINA World Championships 2013, for your attention.

We remain at your disposal for any queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shaun Adriaanse".

Shaun Adriaanse
Chief Executive

OPEN WATER SWIMMING CRITERIA FOR 15TH FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013**BARCELONA, 20 JULY - 27 JULY 2013****1. Eligibility**

- 1.1. Only athletes registered with and in good standing with SSA will be considered for selection.
- 1.2. Selected athletes must be in possession of a valid South African passport and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.3. Members selected to the team must abide by the SSA Code of Conduct as appended to the SSA Constitution and agree to and sign the SSA Athlete / Official Agreement for 15th FINA World Championships 2013.
- 1.4. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the Barcelona 15th FINA World Championships 2013 from 20 July 2013 – 27 July 2013.
- 1.5. To be eligible for selection a swimmer must participate at the SSA National Open Water Swimming Championships (Official South African 15th FINA World Championships 2013 Open Water Swimming Trials) that will take place in Elgin from 02 to 03 March 2013.
- 1.6. All athletes must be available for the 5km Team Event selection.
- 1.7. All athletes must be available for the full duration of the pre 15th FINA World Championships 2013 camp, which is tentatively scheduled for mid July 2012 (exact dates and venues to be confirmed once logistical arrangements have been finalized).
- 1.8. Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.9. The SSA Executive Committee reserves the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.
- 1.10. The final team selection is subject to approval by the SSA Executive Committee.

2. Criteria**2.1. Team Size**

- 2.1.1.** In accordance with the FINA Rules, a maximum of 2 (two) swimmers may be considered for selection per event.



2.2. Events

2.2.1. Individual Events: (Male and Female)

- 2.2.1.1. 5km,
- 2.2.1.2. 10km
- 2.2.1.3. 25km

2.2.2. 5km Team Event:

- 2.2.2.1. Three swimmers may be selected for the team event
- 2.2.2.2. Either two males and one female or
- 2.2.2.3. One male and two females

- 2.3. The times achieved by swimmers at the SSA National Open Water Swimming Championships may be considered for selection
- 2.4. The first and second placed athletes in the 5km and 10km individual event at the South African National Open Water Swimming Championships 2013, will be considered for selection.
- 2.5. Swimmers who would like to be considered for the 25km event must have verified times for this event and have placed in the top 5 in the 10km events at the S A National Open Water Swimming Championships. All costs related to competing in this event will be the responsibility of the selected swimmer.
- 2.6. Selection for all events will be dependent on athlete's performances at the trials being internationally competitive.
- 2.7. SSA reserves the right to approve or hold additional qualifying competitions (due to inclement weather etc.) if they feel they are in the interests of South African Open Water Swimming

3. Funding

- 3.1. This will be a partially subsidized tour.
- 3.2. Team members will be partially subsidized according to their level of performance.

