

**SELECTION CRITERIA for 2015 FINA WORLD AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS,****OPEN WATER SWIMMING****Kazan, Russia 25 JULY – 1 AUGUST 2015****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 South African passport, valid until March 2016 and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.3 Swimmers under the age of 18years must be in possession of an Unabridged Birth Certificate.
- 1.4 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 the 16<sup>th</sup> FINA World Aquatic Championships 2015.
- 1.5 Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 16<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships 2015 in Kazan, Russia, from 22 July – 2 August 2015.
- 1.6 To be eligible for selection swimmers must have participated at the 2015 SA National Open Water Championships (Official South African 2015 16<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships Open Water Swimming Trials) that took place in Elgin, 7 and 8 March 2015.
- 1.7 All athletes selected, must be available for the 5km Team Event if selected.
- 1.8 All athletes must be available for the full duration of the pre 2015 16<sup>th</sup> FINA World Championships camp. Dates and venues to be confirmed.



- 1.9 Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.10 The SSA Executive reserves the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.
- 1.11 The final team selection is subject to approval by the SSA Executive Committee

## 2) Criteria

**2.1 Team Size:** As per FINA Rules, maximum of 2 swimmers 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: Mixed

2.2.2.1 Three swimmers must 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 SA 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 2015 South African National Open Water Championships, may 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 as S A National OWS 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 the 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 it is 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.

