

SELECTION CRITERIA for 2017 FINA WORLD AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS,**OPEN WATER SWIMMING, Balatonfüred, Hungary, 15 - 21 JULY 2017****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 February 2018 and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.3. Athletes 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, agree to, and sign the SSA Athlete / Official Agreement for the 17th FINA World Aquatic Championships 2017.
- 1.5. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 17th FINA World Championships 2017 in Budapest, Hungary from 14 – 30 July 2017.
- 1.6. To be eligible for selection, athletes must participate at the 2017 SA National Open Water Championships (Official South African 2017 17th FINA World Championships Open Water Swimming Trials) that will take place at North End Lake/Marina Martinique, Port Elizabeth on 4th and 5th of March 2017.
- 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 2017 17th FINA World Championships training camps. 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. Team Size

- 2.1. The team will consist of a maximum of two (2) athletes per event.
- 2.2. Athletes will be considered for the mixed relay event, provided they have qualified for and participate in individual events.

3. Age

- 3.1. The age limit for all FINA Open Water Swimming events is 14 years of age.
- 3.2. Athletes born in 2003 or earlier is eligible for selection.



4. Events

4.1. Individual Events: (Male and Female)

- 4.1.1. 5km
- 4.1.2. 10km
- 4.1.3. 25km

4.2. 5km Team event: Mixed

- 4.2.1. Four (4) athletes; two (2) male and two (2) females
- 4.2.2. Only athletes entered in individual events may be selected for the team event

5. Criteria

- 5.1. The times achieved by athletes at the 2017 South African National Open Water Swimming Championships may be considered for selection.
- 5.2. The first and second placed athletes in the 5km and 10km individual event at the 2017 South African National Open Water Championships may be considered for selection.
- 5.3. To be considered for the 25km event Athletes must have verified times for this event and have placed in the top 5 in the 10km events at the South African National OWS Championships. All costs related to competing in this event will be the responsibility of the selected swimmer.
- 5.4. Selection for all events will be dependent on the athlete's performances at the trials being internationally competitive.
- 5.5. 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.

6. Funding

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

