

SELECTION CRITERIA for 2019 FINA WORLD AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS,**OPEN WATER SWIMMING****Gwangju, Korea 12 - 28 JULY 2019****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 2020 and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.3 Swimmers under the age of 18 years 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 18th FINA World Aquatic Championships 2019.
- 1.5 Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 18th FINA World Championships 2019 in Gwangju, Korea, from 22 July – 2 August 2015.
- 1.6 To be eligible for selection swimmers must participate at the 2019 SA National Open Water Championships (Official South African 2019 18th FINA World Championships Open at Marina Martinique in Jeffery's Bay on 2nd and 3rd March 2019.
- 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 2019 18th 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 4 x 1.25km Team Relay: Mixed

- 2.2.2.1 Four swimmers must be selected for the team event
- 2.2.2.2 Two males and one female

- 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 2019 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 South African 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.