

SWIMMING CRITERIA FOR 14TH FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018**HANGZHOU, CHINA 11 – 16 DECEMBER 2018****1. Eligibility**

- 1.1. Only athletes registered with and in good standing with SSA will be considered for selection.
- 1.2. To be eligible for selection a swimmer must participate at the SSA National Short Course Swimming Championships (Official South African 14th FINA World Short Course Championships 2018 Swimming Trials) that will take place in Durban from 9 to 12 August 2018.
- 1.3. Athletes who have attained the FINA 'A' Qualification Time Standard, at the Official South African 14th FINA World Short Course Championships 2018 Swimming Trials, may be considered for selection.
- 1.4. All athletes must be available for relay selection.
- 1.5. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 14th FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) 2018 in Hangzhou, China from 11 – 16 December 2018.
- 1.6. Selected athletes must be in possession of a valid South African passport and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.7. Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.8. 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 14th FINA World Swimming Championships (26m) 2018.
- 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. Individual Events

- 2.1. The first and second placed athletes in the final of an individual event at the South African National Short Course Swimming Championships 2018 may be considered for selection, only if they achieve an “A” qualifying time in that event.
- 2.2. Should one or both first two placed finalists not achieve an “A” qualifying time, athletes with the fastest “A” times in either a heat or a semi-final of that event, may be considered for selection, if they swim in the final of that event.
- 2.3. Swimmers achieving qualifying times and showing performance progression improvements from Heats to Semis to Finals may be considered for selection.
- 2.4. If there are no “A” Qualifiers in an event, the first swimmer achieving a “FINA B” Qualifying Time Standard, in the final, may be considered for selection, to satisfy transformation and gender objectives.

3. Relays

3.1. 4 x 100m Men Freestyle Relay

- 3.1.1. Athletes achieving “A” qualifying times in the 100m freestyle final at the trials, may be considered for selection.
- 3.1.2. Athletes achieving “FINA B qualifying times” in the final may also be considered for selection.
- 3.1.3. The final team will only be selected after intensive training with regards to take-over reaction times and matters relating to team-spirit build up

3.2. 4 x 100m Men Medley Relay

- 3.2.1. All athletes achieving “A” qualifying times in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly events, in the finals of these events at the trials, may be considered for selection.

- 3.2.2. Athletes achieving “FINA B Qualifying Time” Standards in the finals in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly events, may also be considered for selection.
- 3.2.3. Selection of a team for the Medley relay is conditional provided the cumulative time of the individual athletes is faster than 5th place in the final at the 2016 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m).
- 3.2.4. The final team will only be proposed after intensive training regarding take-over reaction times and matters relating to team-spirit build up.
- 3.3. The other relays, viz. the men’s 4 x 200m freestyle, the women’s 4 x 100m free, women’s 4 x 200m free and the women’s 4 x 100m medley, will only be considered if the best times from the relevant finals added together are faster than the 10th place time in the final at the 2016 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m).

4. **Funding**

This will be a self-funded tour.



5. TIME STANDARDS**FINA WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m) "A" and "B" Times**

		Men's Standard		Women's Standard	
A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry			A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry
21.71	22,47	50m Freestyle		24.60	25.46
47.78	49.45	100m Freestyle		53.78	55.66
1:45.02	1:48.70	200m Freestyle		1:56.52	2:00.59
3:44.09	3.51.93	400m Freestyle		4:07.29	4:15.96
//////	//////	800m Freestyle		8:35.69	8:53.74
14:49.29	15:20.42	1500m Freestyle		//////	//////
23.98	24.82	50m Backstroke		27.01	27.96
51.61	53.42	100m Backstroke		58.08	1:00.11
1:53.35	1:57.32	200m Backstroke		2:07.19	2:11.64
26.77	27.71	50m Breaststroke		30.70	31.77
58.18	1.00,21	100m Breaststroke		1:06.18	1:08.50
2:06.83	2:11.27	200m Breaststroke		2:24.60	2:29.66
23.22	24.03	50m Butterfly		26.26	27.18
51.56	53.36	100m Butterfly		58.28	1:00.31
1:54.84	1:58.86	200m Butterfly		2:09.76	2:14.30
53.57	55.44	100m Ind. Medley		1:01.21	1:03.35
1:56.69	2:00.77	200m Ind. Medley		2:12.46	2:17.09
4:10.27	4:19.03	400m Ind. Medley		4:43.43	4:53.35