

**SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING SELECTION CRITERIA,****FINA WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018****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 FINA World Junior Championships 2018.
- 1.4. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the FINA World Junior Championships 2018.
- 1.5. Athletes must participate at :
  - 1.5.1. SSA National Age Groups in 2017
  - 1.5.2. SSA National Synchronised Swimming Championships 2017 or SSA Level 3 2017
- 1.6. All athletes must be available for training camps, as determined by the appointed coaches (exact dates and venues to be confirmed once logistical arrangements have been finalized).
- 1.7. Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.8. The SSA Executive Committee reserves the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.
- 1.9. The final team selection is subject to approval by the SSA Executive Committee.

**2. Criteria**

Attendance at SA Nationals 2017 or SA Level 3 2017, as well as NAG 2017 is compulsory in to be eligible for team selection.

- 2.1. Athletes must have achieved a minimum average score of 5.0 for figures and routines at SA Nationals Age Groups 2017.
- 2.2. Solo and duet athletes must have achieved a minimum average score of 5.5 at SA National Age Groups 2017.
- 2.3. Athletes must be aged between 15 years and 18 years by 31 December 2018



### **3. Funding**

- 3.1. This will be a self-funded tour.

### **4. Conditions of Selection**

- 4.1. Athlete must pass fitness/flexibility tests at training camps as attached.
- 4.2. Athletes may be cut from the group if the fitness test results are not satisfactory, and after training camps if progress or attitude is not up to standard. This is at the discretion of SSA after submission of the coach to TSSC.
- 4.3. In order to participate at international team events (9 athletes minimum) SSA reserves the right to include additional athletes who may not achieve the above criteria but show potential and would benefit from being fast tracked.
- 4.4. Athletes must be available to attend training camps at times specified by the SSA appointed coach.
- 4.5. Each team member must attend any training camps as required by coach and technical committee.
- 4.6. The coach and management, in consultation with the selectors, will make the final selection of athletes to compete with due consideration of the following:
  - 4.6.1. Synchronised Swimming ability
  - 4.6.2. Compatibility with other athletes and coaches
  - 4.6.3. Work Ethic
  - 4.6.4. Physical competitive readiness and physical suitability

### **5. General**

The SSA Executive Committee reserves the right to use these criteria to select other teams in this age group where suitable competitions appear

