

Selection Criteria for Water Polo, Olympic Games –Tokyo, Japan, 23 July- 8 August 2021**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 and SASCOC Agreements for the Olympic Games –Tokyo, Japan, 23 July- 8 August 2021
- 1.4. To be eligible for selection an athlete must have passed a fitness test as per the minimum performance standards as attached which will be conducted per region in Cape Town, Johannesburg and East London dates to be confirmed. Injury or Ill health will not serve as justification for not taking or passing the fitness test.
- 1.5. To be eligible for selection an athlete must have participated at the one of following international tournaments.

For Men:

2019 Senior World Championships – South Korea

2019 Under 20 World Championships – Kuwait

2017 World University Games – Taipei

For Ladies:

2019 Senior World Championships - South Korea

2019 Under 20 World Championships – Portugal

2019 Under 20 Governor's Cup - Russia

- 1.6. To be eligible for selection an athlete must participate at the following which are compulsory and which are self-funded :

For men:

- Selection Camp – Dates and venue TBC
- Training Camps – for team and reserves, Date and venue TBC
- Pre- Olympics training camp from TBC July 2021 until admission to the Olympic athlete village for team. (Destination To Be confirmed)



For Ladies:

- Selection Camp – Date and Venue TBC
 - Training Camps – for team and reserves, Date and venue TBC.
 - Ladies Olympic Training Camp for team and reserves Date and venue TBC.
 - Pre- Olympics training camp from TBC July 2021 until admission to the Olympic athlete village, for team (Destination To Be confirmed)
- 1.7. Should a player miss these camps they would not be eligible for selection.
 - 1.8. Regional training shall be held daily at a time and venue agreed upon by the athletes and regional coaches. The regional coaches and venues will be confirmed.
 - 1.9. Players including reserves must attend training and assessment sessions at the SSA High Performance Centers or any other venue as directed by SSA.
 - 1.10. Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
 - 1.11. Team selection will also take into account SSA view of developing a team with a long term view of qualifying for and competing at the 2024 Olympic Games.
 - 1.12. The SSA Executive Committee reserves the right to amend these criteria.
 - 1.13. The final team selection is subject to approval by the SSA Executive Committee and SASCOC.

2. Funding

- 2.1. This tour will be self-funded.

3. Criteria

- 3.1. The selected team and reserves will be required to attend all the training camps as directed by the Director of Coaching.
- 3.2. Should a position in the team become available due to the injury or withdrawal of an athlete, after the team announcement, the Water Polo Selection Committee may consider an athlete from the selected team reserves on the basis of their overall performance, commitment and attendance at the training camps.



3.3 Conditions of Selection

- 3.3.1 Each team member including reserves must attend all training camps and follow the training program as directed by the Director of Coaching.
- 3.3.2 Pass fitness/flexibility tests and must be free of any injuries.
- 3.3.3 Submit fitness tests as directed by the Director of Coaching.
- 3.3.4 Athletes may be cut from the team if the weekly fitness test results are not satisfactory or the athlete fails to adhere to the team playing strategy or coaches instructions. This is at the discretion of SSA after written submission from the coach.

