

**SELECTION CRITERIA for 2023 WORLD AQUATICS WORLD OPEN WATER SWIMMING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**15 – 20 July 2023**

**1) Eligibility**

- 1.1 Only athletes registered with and in good standing with Swimming South Africa will be considered for selection.
- 1.2 Selected athletes must be in possession of a South African passport, valid until February 2024 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 Selected Team Members 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 20<sup>th</sup> World Aquatics World Championships 2023.
- 1.5 Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 20<sup>th</sup> World Aquatics World Championships 2023 in Fukuoka, Japan, from 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023.
- 1.6 To be eligible for selection swimmers must participate at the 2023 SA National Open Water Swimming Championships (20<sup>th</sup> World Championships Open Water Swimming Trials) at Marina Martinique in Jeffery's Bay on 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- 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 championships training 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 two females

- 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 2023 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 at the 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.