

**OPEN WATER (MARATHON) SWIMMING SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 2021
OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 23 JULY – 08 AUGUST 2021**

These criteria must be read in conjunction with the published FINA Qualification System and SASCOG General Selection Policies and General Rules.

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. Only athletes registered with and in good standing with Swimming South Africa (SSA) will be considered for selection.
- 1.2. To be eligible for selection an athlete must participate at the 2021 SA National Open Water Swimming Championships, 5 - 7 March 2021.
- 1.3. The times and placing achieved by swimmers at the above competition will be considered for selection.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 2021 FINA 10km Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier scheduled for Fukuoka, Japan on 29-30 May 2021
- 1.6. Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable
- 1.7. Selected athletes must be in possession of a valid South African passport (expiry date March 2022) and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 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 the 2021 FINA 10km Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier.

- 1.9. The SSA Executive and SASCOC reserve the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.
- 1.10. The final team selection is subject to approval by SASCOC.

2. Criteria

- 2.1 **Team Size:** As per FINA Rules, maximum of 2 swimmers per event
- 2.2 The times achieved by swimmers at the SA National Open Water Swimming Championships on 5 - 7 March 2021 may be considered for selection to participate at the following event:
 - 2.3 The first two placed male and female athletes in the 10km individual event at the 2021 South African National Open Water Championships may be considered for selection for the 2021 FINA 10km Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier scheduled at Fukuoka, Japan on 29 -30 May 2021
- 2.5 Selection for all events will be dependent on the athlete's performances at the trials being internationally competitive.

3 Funding

- 3.1 SASCOC will fund the team to the Olympics.
- 3.2 The cost of competing at any of the Olympic Qualifying events and any camps will be self funded.