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**SWIMMING CRITERIA FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023**  
**FUKUOKA, JAPAN 14 – 30 JULY 2023**

**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 South African Citizens, in possession of a valid South African passport and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.3. To be eligible for selection a swimmer must participate at the SSA National Swimming Championships (Official South African 20<sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships Swimming Trials) that will take place in Gqeberha from 12 to 16 April 2023.
- 1.4. Athletes who have attained the World Aquatics 'A' Qualification Time Standard in Olympic events, at the Official South African 20<sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2023 Swimming Trials, will be considered for selection.
- 1.5. All athletes must be available for relay selection.
- 1.6. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 20<sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships in Fukuoka, Japan from 14 – 30 July 2023.
- 1.7. All athletes must be available for the full duration of any pre 20<sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships camps, which may be scheduled for April/May 2023 (exact dates and venues to be confirmed once logistical arrangements have been finalized).
- 1.8. Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.8. 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 20<sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2023.
- 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.

## **20<sup>th</sup> World Aquatics Championships 2023 trials – Gqeberha – 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

### **2. Individual Events**

- 2.1. At the South African National Championships 2023, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed finalists, who achieve an “A” qualifying time in an Olympic event will automatically be selected.
- 2.2. Should one or both of the first two placed finalists not achieve an “A” qualifying time, athletes with the fastest “A” times in the heats of that event will be considered for selection, provided that they swim in the final of that event.
- 2.3. If there are no “A” Qualifiers in an Olympic event, the first swimmer in the final achieving a “World Aquatics B” Qualifying Time Standard, may be considered for selection, to satisfy transformation and gender objectives.
- 2.4. Any swimmer achieving either an “A” or a “B” qualifying time at the South African National Junior Championships in Durban 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023, may be considered for selection.
- 2.5. If no athletes achieve the qualifying criteria at the 2023 SA Championships, athletes who have fulfilled the AQUA Qualifying criteria and are ranked in the AQUA GMS may be selected according to their AQUA points ranking, provided they participated at the 2023 S A Championships.

### **3. Relays**

#### 3.1. Freestyle Relays

- 3.1.1. Any swimmer achieving “A” or “B” qualifying times in the 100m and 200m freestyle finals at the trials will be considered for selection.

#### 3.2. Medley Relays

- 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, will be considered for selection.



- 3.2.2. Athletes achieving “AQUA B Qualifying Time” Standards in the finals in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly events, where there is no “A” qualifier, may also be considered for selection.

#### 4. Funding

This will be a partially self-funded tour. Team Members will be funded according to their level of performance and participation as the 2022 World Championships.

#### QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

##### 2023 AQUA WORLD CHAMPS “A” & “B” Times

	Men's Standard		Women's Standard	
B – 1 entry	A – 2 Entries		A – 2 Entries	B – 1 entry
22.89	22.12	<b>50 m Freestyle</b>	25.04	25.92
50.21	48.51	<b>100 m Freestyle</b>	54.25	56.15
1:50.81	1:47.06	<b>200 m Freestyle</b>	1:58.66	2:02.81
3:56.14	3:48.15	<b>400 m Freestyle</b>	4:10.57	4:19.34
8:09.67	7:53.11	<b>800 m Freestyle</b>	8:37.90	8:56.03
15:36.30	15:04.64	<b>1500 m Freestyle</b>	16:29.57	17:04.20
55.92	54.03	<b>100 m Backstroke</b>	1:00.59	1:02.71
2:02.20	1:58.07	<b>200 m Backstroke</b>	2:11.08	2:15.67
1:01.84	59.75	<b>100 m Breaststroke</b>	1:07.35	1:09.71
2:14.88	2:10.32	<b>200 m Breaststroke</b>	2:25.91	2:31.02
53.78	51.96	<b>100 m Butterfly</b>	58.33	1:00.37
2:00.79	1:56.71	<b>200 m Butterfly</b>	2:09.21	2:13.73
2:03.71	1:59.53	<b>200 m Ind. Medley</b>	2:12.98	2:17.63
4:26.49	4:17.48	<b>400 m Ind. Medley</b>	4:43.06	4:52.97