

**SWIMMING CRITERIA FOR 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES****TOKYO, JAPAN – 23 July – 8 August 2021**

These criteria must be read in conjunction with published SASCOC Policy and General Selection Criteria and Aquatics Selection Criteria.

**1. Eligibility**

- 1.1. Only athletes registered with and in good standing with SSA will be considered for selection.
- 1.2. To be eligible for selection, an athlete must participate at the SA National Swimming Championships (official South Africa Olympic Games Swimming Trials) that will take place in Durban from 7 - 12 April 2021.
- 1.3. Athletes will only be considered for selection of athletes only if they attained the 2020 “A” Olympic Qualifying Times (OQT / “A” Times) at the Trials mentioned in 1.2 above. (Refer Schedule “A” for OQT’s), subject to Sections 2.2 and 2.3 below.
- 1.4. All athletes must be available for relay selection.
- 1.5. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games from 23 July – 8 August 2021.
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. The SSA Executive and SASCOC reserve the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.
- 1.8. The final team selection is subject to approval by SASCOC.
- 1.9. All athletes must be available for the full duration of the pre-Olympic Training Camp which is tentatively scheduled for mid-July 2021 (exact dates and venues to be confirmed once logistical arrangements have been finalized).

**2. Individual Events**

- 2.1. The first and second placed athletes in the final of an Olympic individual event at the South African National Championships 2021 (Olympic Games Swimming Trials) will be considered for selection, only if they achieve an “A” qualifying time in that event.



- 2.2. Should one or both of the first two placed finalists not achieve an “A” qualifying time, then an athlete or athletes with the fastest “A” times in either a heat or a semi-final of that event will be considered provided they swim in the final of that event.
- 2.3. If, at the end of the Olympic Games Swimming Trials, there are not two (2) athletes with “A” Olympic Qualifying Times for a specific Olympic event, athletes who have achieved an “A” Olympic Qualifying Time at any FINA approved event between 1 March 2019 and 27 June 2021 will be considered for selection.
- 2.3.1. These times will only be considered if the athlete was a finalist for that event at the Olympic Games Swimming Trials.
- 2.3.2. Should any athlete swim a faster “A” Olympic Qualifying Time at an approved FINA event (other than the Olympic Trials), it will not take precedence over any “A” Olympic Qualifying Time swimmers from the 2020 Olympic Games Swimming Trials.
- 2.3.3. If there are two (2) athletes with “A” Olympic Qualifying Times for a specific Olympic event at the 2021 Olympic Games Swimming Trials, those events will be “closed” for further consideration of the selection of athletes.
- 2.4. An athlete who has achieved an Olympic Selection Time (OST / “B” time) and invited by FINA/IOC to participate (as is described in schedule “B”), will be considered for selection.
- 2.5. Only times achieved between 1 March 2019 and 27 June 2021 will be considered by FINA.

### 3. **Relays**

- 3.1. Time trials will be held at the 2021 Olympic Games Swimming Trials for specific relays and to achieve a World Top 16 Ranked time for FINA Consideration.
- 3.2. Only times achieved between 1 March 2019 and 31 May 2021 can be considered by FINA.



**SCHEDULE A - QUALIFYING “A” TIME STANDARDS FOR SELECTION FOR 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES**

		Women	Men
50m	Freestyle	24.77	22.01
100m	Freestyle	54.38	48.57
200m	Freestyle	1:57.28	1:47.02
400m	Freestyle	4:07.90	3:46.78
800m	Freestyle	8:33.36	7:54.31
1500m	Freestyle	16:32.04	15:00.99
100m	Backstroke	1:00.25	53.85
200m	Backstroke	2:10.39	1:57.50
100m	Breaststroke	1:07.07	59.93
200m	Breaststroke	2:25.52	2:10.35
100m	Butterfly	57.92	51.96
200m	Butterfly	2:08.43	1:56.48
200m	IM	2:12.56	1:59.67
400m	IM	4:38.53	4:15.84

**SCHEDULE B - OLYMPIC SELECTION TIME (OST / “B” TIME)**

1. Following the end of the qualification period and in the event that the quota of 878 athletes is not reached, FINA will assess the number of athletes having achieved the OQT / “A” Time, the number of Relay-Only Athletes and the number of Universality Places.
2. FINA will then invite athletes who have achieved an OST / “B” time, until the total quota of 878 athletes is reached. OST places will be distributed by event, according to the position on the FINA World Ranking of 27th June 2021.
3. Athletes invited through OST / “B” Time are only allowed to compete in the events for which they received the quota place.

