

Swimming ACT Squads 2018 Selection Criteria

Background:

The squad structure and associated selection criteria are generally reviewed each year ahead of the selection process. This document sets down the squad selection criteria for 2018.

Who is eligible for consideration?

Any swimmer who is a first claim member of a Swimming ACT affiliated club.

Note: A swimmer who moves into the Area (and becomes a first claim member of a Swimming ACT affiliated club) following the selection process could be ranked and included on the reserve list for a squad if they met the basic criteria for that squad.

Swimmer Ranking

Selectors will rank swimmers based on improvement across the selection period when considering swimmers for the Achievers Squad.

Guidance is to be sought from Swimming Australia to ensure that swimmers with a disability are able to be appropriately ranked.

Times to be considered for ranking purposes

Unless otherwise specified, swimmers times for ranking purposes will be the long course times recorded by the swimmer from 1 September 2017 to 31 March 2018, plus the 2018 National Open and Age Championships. Results to be taken into consideration are: ACT approved meets, State and National meets and those meets for which official results have been lodged with the Registrar.

General rules

1. In a particular year, if a swimmer is eligible for selection in a squad (“the higher squad”) they are no longer eligible for consideration for selection in any squad lower than the higher squad.
2. A swimmer will not be offered a place in a squad unless their club head coach (or venue head coach where the club has more than one training venue) or an appropriate club official confirms that the swimmer is training and competing regularly and has not sustained an injury that prevents the swimmers from training and competing.
3. Swimmers who have been selected in either a SNSW or SAL squad are not eligible for an ACT Squad.

Criteria Specific to each squad

National Squad:

Age: No age restriction.

Must have been eligible to compete at the

- 2018 National Age or Open Championships in an individual event; or
- 2018 National Age or Open MC Championships in an individual event; or
- 2018 National Open Water Championships.

Target Squad:

Age: 10-18 as at 4 August 2018 (the date of the away trip)

Must have been eligible to compete at the

- 2018 State Age Long Course Championships in an individual event; or
- 2018 Country Long Course Championships in an individual MC event; or
- 2018 State Open Water Championships.

Achievers Squad:

Maximum number of swimmers: 100

Age: Must be at least 10 years old as at the date of the 2018 NSW Achievers Squad Meet (13 October 2018).

Selected from the swimmers who competed during the 2017-2018 Summer season (i.e. 1 September 2017 to 31 March 2018) and are not eligible for the National or Target Squads.

Only swimmers who have recorded long course times for all four (4) strokes for a distance of at least 50m will be considered.

To be considered the swimmer must have achieved an Intermediate level time for at least one event.

Eligible swimmers will be ranked based on demonstrated improvement across the summer season as well as their comparative ranking based on times achieved against other swimmers in their age/sex grouping.

2018 Brophy Team

The 2018 Brophy Team will be selected based on recorded 50m times achieved from 1 September 2017 to 4 February 2018.

Any swimmer who has achieved a national qualifying time (National Age or Open Nationals) in any stroke for a 50m, 100m or 200m event at the conclusion of the NSW State Age Championships (or equivalent) (i.e. as at 20 December 2017) for the age group applicable for 2018 Brophy meet (i.e. their age group as at 25 March 2018) cannot compete in that stroke in an individual event nor swim that stroke in a relay at Brophy.

Any swimmer who won a medal at the current summer season NSW State Age Championships (or equivalent) over distances of 50m, 100m or 200m may not compete in either an individual or team relay event in that particular stroke.

Maximum team size: 60

Coverage: 8 & under, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 & over male and female.

2 competitors for each event (50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly).

While the selection will endeavour to include the two highest ranked, eligible swimmers for each age, sex and stroke the cap of 60 swimmers per team means that ranking across a number of strokes needs to be considered to ensure the strongest possible team.