

Swimming ACT Squads 2013 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 2013.

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

The Australian Age Points (AAP) will be used to rank swimmers for A and B Squads.

Selectors will rank swimmers based on rankings for individual events against the 2013 NSW State Age 10 Years & under – 12 Years Championships when considering swimmers for the C Squad.

Selectors will rank swimmers based on improvement across the selection period when considering swimmers for the D 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 9 September 2012 to 31 March 2013, plus the 2013 National 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. A swimmer is only eligible for consideration for selection in a specific ACT Squad (except for the A Squad) for a maximum period of four years from, and including, the first year they were selected in that squad.
2. Once a squad offer is made a swimmer cannot elect or request to move to a lower squad.
3. In a particular year, if a swimmer is eligible for selection in a squad (“the higher squad”), whether they are selected or not in that higher squad, they are no longer eligible for consideration for selection in any squad lower than the higher squad.
4. After a swimmer has been selected in any squad they are not eligible at any future time for selection in a squad lower than the squad in which they had previously been selected.
5. 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) confirms that the swimmer is training and competing regularly and has not sustained an injury that prevents the swimmers from training and competing.
6. Swimmers who have been selected in either a SNSW or SAL squad are not eligible for an ACT Squad.

Criteria Specific to each squad

A Squad:

Age: 12–18 years at date of the 1st day of Age Nationals (8 April 2013).

Selection:

- Must have been eligible to compete at the 2013 National Age Championships

Selection to be made following the 2013 National Age Championships.

B Squad:

Maximum number of swimmers: 20

Age: 13-17

Selection:

- Must have been eligible to compete at the 2013 NSW State Age 13-18 Years Championships
- Swimmers will be ranked using an appropriate point score system

Selection to be made after 31 March, 2013.

C Squad

Maximum number of swimmers: 30

Age: 10-13 as at 1 April 2013

Selection:

- Must have been eligible to compete at the 2013 NSW State Age 10 and under to 12 Years Championships
- Swimmers will be ranked by the selectors based on rankings for individual events against the 2013 NSW State Age 10 Years & under – 12 Years Championships.

Selection to be made after January 31 with long course times established between 9 September 2012 and 31 January 2013.

D Squad:

Maximum number of swimmers: up to 100

Age: Must be at least 10 years old as at the date of the 2013 NSW Development Meet (22 September 2013).

Selected from the swimmers who competed during the 2012-2013 Summer season i.e. 9 September 2012 to 31 March 2013.

Selection to comply with the requirements of the NSW development program i.e. non State qualifiers.

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

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

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

2013 Brophy Team

The 2013 Brophy Team will be selected based on recorded 50m times achieved from 9 September 2013 to 3 February 2013.

Any swimmer who has achieved a national qualifying time in any stroke for 50m, 100m or 200m at the conclusion of the 2013 NSW Age Championships (or equivalent), i.e. as at 13 January 2013, for the age group applicable for 2013 Brophy meet, i.e. their age group as at 24 March 2013 or an Open National Championships qualifying time for 50m, 100m or 200m event cannot compete in that stroke in an individual event nor swim that stroke in a relay at Brophy.

Any swimmer who won a medal in their current age group at the current summer season NSW Age Championships or the NSW State Open 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.