



**SWIMMING WAIKATO
SELECTION POLICY FOR REGIONAL RELAY TEAMS
10 March 2015**

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OBJECTIVE –

To select the best possible team to represent Swimming Waikato at Swimming New Zealand's national meets.

POLICY –

1. Where possible, teams will be pre-selected based on top times swum in a 3 month period prior to the national meet using LC times where the meet is LC and similarly SC times where the meet is SC. Where there is a lack of meets in this three month period, psych sheet times can be used to assist with relay selection for that meet. Pre-selections will include alternatives should a swimmer withdraw due to injury.
2. There is no requirement for any of the selected swimmers to have met the individual qualifying time for the event - e.g. 100m free for the 4 x 100m free relay but must have qualified in at least 1 event (as per SNZ meet conditions.)
3. Only an "A" team will be selected with the exception of NZ Juniors where a "B" team may be selected for development purposes. This is subject to the "B" team having a time that is likely to achieve a top 10 placing (based on previous year's competition.)
4. The Relay Coach (if one has been appointed) has the discretion to make changes as deemed appropriate but any such changes should only be based upon actual results for the stroke and distance at the meet.
5. Where no Relay Coach has been appointed, the pre-selected combination shall be the team and changes only made due to injury or illness. If such a scenario occurs, the first reserve shall take the fourth place in the team.
6. The Waikato Team Manager will be responsible for ensuring the selected swimmers are available and ready for their event.
7. For NZ Opens and NZ SC Champs, relay events are club / region combined. Due to Swimming New Zealand's current points allocation focus which is based around Club points (rather than Regional points), Club teams are deemed to take priority with regard to the selection of swimmers. A club's intention to enter relay teams into these events should be clearly communicated well in advance of the meet to Swimming Waikato so a decision can be made as to whether or not a regional team will be entered.
8. The provisionally selected teams will be announced by Swimming Waikato by communication to the clubs and posting on the Swimming Waikato website.
9. Exceptions to the above policy may be considered by the selectors at their discretion. These are expected to be very isolated instances and will only be considered upon the written request of the swimmer's coach. Swimming Waikato reserves the right to conduct a time trial to determine the swimmer's fitness.