

## CLARIFICATION OF SWIM WAIKATO SQUAD SELECTION

**1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY – 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

We have now reached a point in Swimming Waikato's Development Pathway where we have finalized the format of the development squads which form part of the Hub programme. This is a reference document so all our members are aware of the selection criteria that has been used for each of the squads.

### **TAPS (Train | Achieve | Perform Squad)**

The selection criteria is aligned with Swimming New Zealand's National and Development Squads.

- National Squad FINA B times, irrespective of age.
- Development Squad
  - Male 13/14 & Female 12/13 – 600 FINA
  - Male 15/16 & Female 14/15 – 660 FINA
  - Male 17/18 & Female 16/17 – 720 FINA

### **ACCELERATE SQUADS**

These squads have been selected based on the same criteria as the Swimming NZ National and Development Squads, but at a lower FINA points range and with the older age group being included.

- Selection is from the 1st of January – 31<sup>st</sup> of December each year.
- Swimmers will age up on 1st January and will be required to re-qualify each year.
- Baseline FINA points are updated each year on 1<sup>st</sup> January by FINA.
- Waikato swimmers remain in the squad from the date of qualifying through to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December each year.
- Swimming Waikato will update and publish a list of swimmers' FINA Points for these squads on a monthly basis. Coaches are required to check preliminary lists before publication on the Swimming Waikato website.
  - Squad One - Male 17+ & Female 16+: 500-719 FINA
  - Squad Two - Male 15/16 & Female 14/15: 450-659 FINA
  - Squad Three- Male 13/14 & Female 12/13: 350-599 FINA

### **IM PATHWAY SQUAD – FEMALE –**

- For identified swimmers born in 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- This selection is made by Swimming Waikato's Hub Head Coach, taking into account swimmers in this age range who have displayed a good balance of skills across the four competitive strokes, turns and starts, and who are committed to training and show good attendance.

- Swimmers can be removed from this group if, in subsequent years, their commitment to training and competition does not keep up with a standard (FINA Points), or they do not maintain a level of skill that is expected of a swimmer of their age.
- Selection into this group is open and swimmers born in this age bracket can be added through to 2020.
- Coaches can apply to have a swimmer in this age bracket observed at any approved LC competition for consideration for selection.

#### **PATHWAY SQUAD – MALE -**

- For identified swimmers born in 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- 360 FINA points is the minimum requirement.
- Swimmers must either demonstrate a high level of skill in the four competitive strokes or be beginning to show exceptional skills in a particular stroke, turns and starts.
- Swimmers will have demonstrated that they are competing on a regular basis in regional competition and have a commitment to training.
- Selection is open and swimmers born in this age bracket can be added through to 2020 after achieving 360 FINA points and having satisfied the other criteria listed above.

**Note:** Age differentiation between male and female swimmers is to distinguish the differences in maturity between the two genders. This is a policy that FINA adheres to internationally and is part of the LTAD Model philosophy.

#### **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD -**

- Swimmers aged 11 and 12 with 2500+ XLR8 Points.
- Age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December.

#### **NOTE -**

The selection criteria for these squads will be reviewed annually and any changes will be communicated to our swimming community.