

SELECTION CRITERIA for 2018 FINA WORLD AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS,**OPEN WATER SWIMMING, Gwangju, Korea - 12 - 28 JULY 2019****1) Eligibility**

- 1.1 Only athletes registered with and in good standing with SSA will be considered for selection.
- 1.2 Selected athletes must be in possession of a South African passport, valid until February 2020 and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.3 Swimmers under the age of 18 years must be in possession of an Unabridged Birth Certificate.
- 1.4 Members selected to the team must abide by the SSA Code of Conduct as appended to the SSA Constitution and agree to and sign the SSA Athlete / Official Agreement for the 18th FINA World Aquatic Championships 2019.
- 1.5 Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 18th FINA World Championships 2019 in Gwangju, Korea from 12 – 28 July 2019.
- 1.6 To be eligible for selection swimmers must participate at the 2019 SA National Open Water Championships (*Official South African 2019 18th FINA World Championships Open Water Swimming Trials*) that will take place at Marina Martinique, Jeffery's Bay on 2nd and 3rd March 2019.
- 1.7 All athletes selected, must be available for the 5km Team Event if selected.
- 1.8 All athletes must be available for the full duration of the pre 2019 18th FINA World Championships training camps. Dates and venues to be confirmed.
- 1.9 Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.10 The SSA Executive reserves the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.

- 1.11 The final team selection is subject to approval by the SSA Executive Committee

2) Criteria

- 2.1 **Team Size:** As per FINA Rules, maximum of 2 swimmers per event

2.2 Events

2.2.1 Individual Events: (Male and Female)

- 2.2.1.1 5km
- 2.2.1.2 10km
- 2.2.1.3 25km

2.2.2 5km Team event: Mixed

- 2.2.2.1 Four swimmers may be selected for the team event
- 2.2.2.2 Two male and two female

- 2.3 The times achieved by swimmers at the 2019 South African National Open Water Swimming Championships may be considered for selection.

- 2.4 The first and second placed athletes in the 5km and 10km individual event at the 2019 South African National Open Water Championships, may be considered for selection.

- 2.5 Swimmers who would like to be considered for the 25km event must have verified times for this event and have placed in the top 5 in the 10km events at the South African National OWS Championships. All costs related to competing in this event will be the responsibility of the selected swimmer.

- 2.6 Selection for all events will be dependent on the athlete's performances at the trials being internationally competitive.

- 2.7 SSA reserves the right to approve or hold additional qualifying competitions (due to inclement weather etc.) if they feel it is in the interests of South African Open Water Swimming.

3 Funding

- 3.1 This will be a partially subsidized tour. Team members will be partially subsidized according to their level of performance.