

Scope & Amendment

The purpose of this policy is to inform the selection of athletes for the State Relay Events at 2025 Australian Age Championships. SwimmingSA reserves the right to amend any component of this document.

Athlete Eligibility

To be considered for selection, a swimmer must satisfy all the below eligibility requirements:

- Be considered in good standing by the SwimmingSA affiliated club, SwimmingSA and Swimming Australia
- Hold the National Swimmer Membership
- Be an Australian Citizen
- Be eligible under World Aquatics regulations to represent Australia at the upcoming international benchmark championship as defined by Swimming Australia
- Be age and gender eligible for the events being selected
- Be attending (at their own cost) the Australian Age Championships event for individual events
- Achieve the minimum qualification standard for the relevant stroke (times will be shown on Swim Central)
- Declare any injury or illness to the selection panel that may prevent their full participation in a relay team
- Have registered their intent for selection via Swim Central – [Click Here](#), by the nominated closing date of **9am Tuesday 11th March 2025**

Terms of Selection

This selection criteria is applied in accordance with event-specific regulations supplied by Swimming Australia and with the sole discretion of the selection panel.

Athlete rankings will be formulated using the official Long Course times available on Swim Central during the period of December 1st 2024 through March 11th 2025 for the following:

- 50m Freestyle,
- 50m Backstroke,
- 50m Breaststroke and
- 50m Butterfly

Priority 1 selection will be afforded to swimmers who satisfy all the eligibility criteria and are the highest ranked available swimmer to the maximum required to fill the relay team as per the event criteria.

Priority 2 selection will be afforded to the swimmer who has the most recent highest ranked performance if multiple swimmers are tied by time for a particular event.

Priority 3 selection may be awarded to a swimmer who has not satisfied all the eligibility criteria to enable the selectors to ensure South Australia enters the most suitable relay teams in each event as per the event criteria.

Furthermore, the below rules apply to each of the teams.

Freestyle Relays

Four (4) highest ranked athletes in accordance with event-specific regulations, with the next two (2) highest ranked athletes named as reserves. Should athletes be ranked for more than one (1) freestyle event, the selection panel has full discretion on:

- Which event a particular athlete shall be considered for, noting athletes cannot be considered for multiple freestyle teams under the event-specific regulations; and/or
- Selecting further athletes and/or naming additional reserves to the maximum of four per event.

Medley Relays

The fastest combination of four (4) athletes in accordance with event-specific regulations shall be named. Should athletes be ranked for more than one (1) medley event, the selection panel has full discretion on:

2025 Australian Age Championships State Relay Teams Athlete Selection Criteria

- Which event a particular athlete shall be considered for, noting athletes cannot be considered for multiple medley teams under the event-specific regulations; and/or
- Selecting further athletes and/or naming additional reserves to the maximum of four per event based upon both ranking and adaptability to different strokes.

Process

The selection panel, consisting of the SwimmingSA Pathways Manager, SwimmingSA CEO, Swimming Australia representative and One (1) representative from the coaching community will:

- Be notified of athlete registrations to be considered for selection (March 11, 2025).
- Meet to select teams within 5 Business days following the conclusion of the 2025 SA Age Championships.
- Notify all athletes of their selection or non-selection within 2 days following the selection meeting.

SwimmingSA will notify athletes of selection as soon as practically possible following the confirmation of selection. Athletes will be required to accept their place within the team with 2 days following notification.

Appeals

There is no guarantee that all swimmers who are nominated will be selected in a relay team and selection remains up to the selection panel, to select at their discretion.

Any appeal in relation to selection for the State Relay teams must be submitted within 48hrs of the announcement of the selected teams. Disputes relating to decisions and application of this criteria are bound by the Team Selection Guideline which can be found [here](#).

Confirmation of Team Selection on day

The Selection panel or their nominated representatives may convene at the Australian Age Championships to make any changes to nominated relay teams based upon swimmer availability, injury and performance at the meet. Final teams will be confirmed on the day of the event and athletes notified of any changes. **Reserves will be required to attend the race session as a formality to ensure participation in the meet.**

Nomination Link – [Click Here](#)
Nominations close – 9am Tuesday 11th March 2025

Version	Published by	Approved by	Date
1.0	Pathways and Community Development Coordinator	CEO	