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Guyana Amateur Swimming Association

Selection Criteria Policy

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by Guyana Amateur Swimming Association, **hereafter referred to as GASA**, to select pool Swimmers for International Competitions, while meeting the qualification procedures outlined by GASA and the rules of World Aquatics. In addition, this document also, sets out the criteria to identify Coaches eligible to be appointed for International Competitions.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW AT ALL TIMES

1. AQUA certified events can be used for the ranking and selection of any swimmer for international events. However, GASA reserves the right to give the opportunity for local base swimmers who have not had the opportunity to participate at a Aqua certified event and to be able to qualify at home with the use of electronic timing or the use of (3) three hand held times and (1) one backup time is available locally.
2. Only times achieved in Long Course Meters (LCM) or Short Course Meters (SCM) are counted for ranking and selection for international events if the swimmer has not been to an AQUA Qualifying event then **NO converted times will be accepted** for any consideration at any given time.

SWIMMER ELIGIBILITY

- ☐ Only Swimmers identified by these criteria will be considered for selection. The following conditions must be satisfied to be eligible for selection to the Pool Swimming Teams:
- ☐ A Swimmer must be able to represent Guyana in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by World Aquatics (GR 1 & GR 2.5) and GASA.
- ☐ Where a Swimmer is a Guyanese citizen permanently residing outside of Guyana, they must be registered directly with a GASA registered swim club in accordance with GASA eligibility rules.
- ☐ A Swimmer must hold a valid Guyanese passport as at June 1st, 2024 which expires no earlier than December 31, 2025.
- ☐ A swimmer must declare His / Her self-available for selection prior to March 31st, 2025, using the Swimmer Declaration of availability forms. Any such swimmer who does not declare themselves eligible by this deadline may not be considered for selection to any Team.
- ☐ Selected Swimmers must sign the current GASA athlete Code of Conduct by March 31st, 2025. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian will be required to co-sign the agreement. The GASA athlete code of Conduct will be provided to the swimmer upon selection.
- ☐ Following the conclusion of the GASA Trials selected Swimmers will be required to attend post-Trials Team meetings.

SELECTION PROCESS RULES

The following statements outline the rules used in the selection process.

- ☐ Only performances in **GASA** or **World Aquatics** accredited events are eligible for selection purposes.
- ☐ For Athletes residing outside of Guyana (**Not on the business of GASA or World Aquatics**) only individual performances with **"B"** Standard qualifying times posted for upcoming events are eligible for selection purposes in individual events.
- ☐ Performances from other competitions may be considered for discretionary selection as outlined. World Aquatics will only accept entry times which have been achieved at competitions officially approved by World Aquatics.
- ☐ Results achieved in a Time Trial or as an intermediate distance in an individual event will not be considered eligible for selection purposes unless other swimmers do not have matching or faster times.
- ☐ Selection does not guarantee specific event entry. Individual entries relay entries and relay team composition will be determined by the Team Leader in consultation with the Team Coach. All selected Swimmers are eligible to be considered in relay team composition.
- ☐ Mixed relays will be made up by swimmers selected to the team through the selection criteria.
- ☐ If selection is declined, the selection performance of the declining Swimmer will be disregarded for the purpose of these Criteria.

SELECTION CRITERIA – Swimmers

Priority 1:

From the results at the Selection Event the fastest eligible Swimmer(s) achieving the World Aquatics event **"B"** Standard will be selected to a maximum of two Swimmers per event.

Priority 2:

From the results at the Selection Event, for freestyle relays that finished in the top 8 at any Qualification meet (Women's 4x100 FR, Men's 4x100 FR, Women's 4x200 FR), the top four placed eligible Swimmers in the Women's and Men's 100m Freestyle and the top four placed eligible Swimmers in the Women's 200m Freestyle, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1 will be selected.

Priority 3:

From the results at the Selection Event, for freestyle relays that did not finish in the top 8 at any selection event, (Men's 4X200 FR) the top four placed eligible Swimmers in the Men's 200m Freestyle, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1 will be selected for relays provided that the add-up of the four swimmers' times minus 1.5 seconds is equal to or faster than the GASA Relay Standards.

Priority 4:

From the results at the Selection Event where a World Aquatics accredited international event **"B"** standard time has been achieved in an individual event, the fastest placed eligible Swimmer will be selected

Priority 5:

After selection of the Swimmers through Priorities 1 to 4, is complete, from the results of 100m events at the Selection Event, for medley relays that finished in the top 8 at the World Aquatics accredited event (Women's 4x100 MR), the fastest eligible female Swimmer in each 100m event inclusive of those

Swimmers selected in Priorities 1, 2 and 4 will be selected.

Priority 6:

After selection of the Swimmers through Priorities 1 to 4 is complete, from the results of 100m events at the Selection Event, for medley relays that did not finish in the top 8 at the World Aquatics World Championships (Men's 4x100 MR), the fastest eligible male Swimmer in each 100m event inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priorities 1, 2 and 4 will be selected provided that the add-up of the four swimmers times minus 1.5 seconds is equal to or faster than GASA Relay Standards.

Priority 7:

The Technical Committee may, at its sole discretion, recommend eligible Swimmers where space remains in individual events or may select Swimmers to enhance relays.

TIE BREAKING – Swimmers

Where there is a tie in the Swimmer selection process from performances at the selection event the swimmers' preliminary swims will be utilized to break the tie. Should a tie exist in the preliminaries a swim-off shall be conducted at a time mutually agreed upon by the Swimmers and their Personal Coaches. If a swim-off cannot be agreed upon within a timeline determined by GASA, then the Technical Committee, in consultation with the GASA Council shall determine a tie breaking method, which shall be applied

ALTERNATES – Swimmers

All eligible swimmers not already selected to the team, whose times met the international event "B" Standard but who cannot be selected due to quota limitations will be considered as an alternate in that specific event(s). Alternates will not be formally announced and are not considered team members. Alternates are subject to all sections of these criteria.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMANCE – Swimmers

In the event that injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstances of a significant nature inhibit a Swimmer's preparation for the Selection Event, or prohibit a Swimmer from competing at the Selection Event, a Swimmer may submit a written request for consideration of performance. Any time for pool swims submitted in such a request must have been achieved between June 1, 2022 and Feb 28th, 2023 at a World Aquatics approved qualification event.

The deadline for any request consideration for injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstances arising before the selection event under this clause is 24 hours before the start of the first event of the meet and must be submitted directly to the Technical Committee. The submission must include:

A letter from a medical doctor explaining the injury, illness, etc. and expected recovery time.

A letter from the Swimmer's Coach explaining the effect of the injury, illness, etc. on training both leading into the selection event and the training plan post selection event.

Should injury, illness, or unforeseen circumstances arise during the Selection Event the deadline to submit any request for consideration is 2 hours before the start of the preliminary heats of the event in question. Swimmers in this situation, or encountering illness/ injury at any point during the competition day, are required to immediately submit a **request for consideration of performance form** and be examined by the National Team Physician or their designate onsite personnel at the Selection Event.

All requests for consideration of performance received will only be considered after the conclusion of the Selection Event and where space remains on the team.

Any Swimmer identified for selection within the Request for Consideration of Performance will not unseat any Swimmer selected through Section IV Selection Criteria – Swimmers, Priorities 1 through The GASA Technical Committee as per **Priority 7** will have sole discretion on the recommendation to select the Swimmer.

COMPETITIVE READINESS – Swimmers

“Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the Swimmer to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the Swimmer achieved in qualifying.

Swimmers who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team. Swimmers and their Personal Coaches are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level.

The GASA Technical Committee will make the recommendation on competitive readiness in concert once the selection process is completed. The Technical Committee has absolute discretion about which factors they will consider in making the final recommendation.

In the case of injuries or illnesses, Technical Committee will consider recommendations made by the National Team Physician in making the final decision. Injured or ill Swimmers may be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the Technical Committee and in consultation with the Swimmer’s Personal Coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. These Swimmers will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that the Swimmer is not competitively ready once onsite at the event, they may be asked to return home immediately.

REMOVAL OF A SWIMMER FROM TEAM

GASA may, at any time, disqualify a Swimmer from being considered for selection to any Team, or remove a Swimmer after selection based on current or past behavior of the Swimmer that is inconsistent with GASA’s Athlete Code of Conduct.

A Swimmer will be removed from being considered for selection to any Team or be removed after selection if they are found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by GASA and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND AMENDMENTS

Unforeseen Circumstances

Should the GASA Technical Committee determine that unforeseen circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these Criteria, the Technical Committee shall have the full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.

AMMENDENT TO DOCUMENTS

GASA reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion is necessary. No such changes shall be made after the commencement of the Selection Event unless the changes relate to the Technical Committee exercising its discretion under the “**Unforeseen Circumstances**” provisions above.

GASA reserves the right to review and modify these Criteria or decisions related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from World Aquatics that affect the Criteria set out in this document.

Any changes to these Criteria shall be communicated directly to the council of GASA and who declared themselves eligible for selection.

APPEALS

The GASA “Complaints, Disciplinary Action and Dispute Resolution Policy” and the GASA “Appeals Policy” govern all decisions made by GASA, including issues pertaining to selection.

SWIMMERS ON WA SCHOLARSHIPS OVERSEAS REPRESENTING

These swimmers **must** be held accountable to produce higher standards of **(700 WA points)** than the locally based swimmers when up for international selections.

All swimmers registered with GASA **must** follow the rules and regulations set out by GASA along with the regulations and rules of World Aquatics, **GOA, IOC, WADA** and all other international regulations that govern swimming.

All swimmers must be in compliance with filling and submitting of their Whereabouts form, **WADA** Courses, all rules governing branding and Sponsorship etc. **must** be followed at all times.

SWIMMERS LIVING AND TRAINING IN GUYANA

1. An athlete **MUST** have an aggregate score of **500 WA POINTS** or higher between two individual events before considerations are put in place for a selection
2. Only the highest rank athletes base on World Aquatics points will be selected to represent GUYANA (NB the number of athletes will be determine base on the game requirements).
3. If for some reason the top qualified athlete is not available to attend any of the games then the nest highest ranked will be consider for selection providing they have a minimum of **500 WA POINTS** in **TWO** events
4. Athletes would only be allow to enter events they qualify for base on their World Aquatics points

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