Fiji Swimming Selection Criteria (Version 1)
For Swimmers

WORLD AQUATICS SC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Budapest, Hungary

1.	Competition	World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2024
2.	Date	10 - 15 December 2024
3.	Selection Period	01 January 2024 to 29 September 2024

20th August 2024	Registration for the World Aquatics Championships Budapest 2024 is to be opened.
13th September 2024	Preliminary Entries [possible names] To be submitted through the GMS by Fiji Swimming of ranked swimmers [provisional list]
22nd September 2024	Release Expression of Interest for Coach / Manager position
29th September 2024	Closing of application for Coach / Manager
6th October 2024	FS Selection Committee recommends Coach / Manager and forwards recommendation to FS Executives
8th October 2024	FS Executives appoints and inform successful Coach / Manager
29th September 2024	Closing date for selection of Swimmers
6th October 2024	FS Selection Committee recommends Swimmers and forwards recommendation to FS Executives
8th November 2024	FS Executives appoints and inform successful Swimmers
19th November 2024	Final nominations (entries by name) To be submitted through the AQUA GMS by appointed Coach / Manager The Final Nominations is the final deadline to register all Athletes, Team Officials and Member Representatives, that includes all relevant data for the purposes of Accreditation, Visa free entry, possible travel details and accommodation.

4.	Selection Event	**Qualifying period for entry times** [Per WA 2024 Summons Clause 3.1).] Entry times will only be accepted if they have been achieved at a World Aquatics approved qualification event, either in a 25m pool or a 50m pool, within the period 23 July 2023 – 29 September 2024. All times achieved outside this qualifying period will not be accepted. The Standard Entry Times for the World Aquatics Championships Doha 2024 will be applied as the standard times for 50m pool competitions. **Tier 1** • LC Championships Fukuoka - *Times will only be considered if WA 2024 A &B Qualifying Entry times were achieved at these Games. Otherwise, no swimmers time from Fukuoka will be considered for selection purpose.* • LC Championships Doha • XXXIII Olympic Games 2024 **Tier 2** • Regional Games 2024 where Swimming is included (Oceania Championships, Junior Pan Pacific Games etc) **Tier 3** • 2024 Fiji Swimming LC Open Nationals, LC Age Championships, SC Open Nationals, SC Age Championships. **Tier 4** • 2024 Fiji Swimming LC competitions from 01 April 2024 – 29 September 2024. • 2024 LC Swimming competitions where results are accessible in Hy-Tek CI file format. Covers competitions in NZ / AUST / US and any other countries affiliated to World Aquatics / FINA 01 April 2024 – 29 September 2024. • 2024 Fiji Swimming Grand Prix SC series + any additional SC competitions 01 April 2024 – 29 September 2024 • 2024 SC swimming competitions where results are accessible in Hy-Tek CI file format. Covers competitions in NZ / AUST / US and any other countries affiliated to World Aquatics / FINA. Overseas based swimmers who are eligible for selection are requested to submit to the FS Manager, copies of official Long Course LC and Short Course SC meet results in Hy-Tek CI file format evidencing their results during the Selection Period no later than 1st October 2024.

5. a	Eligibility - ***Swimmer***	Per Fiji Swimming requirement, to be considered for selection, a swimmer must satisfy the following: **Fiji Swimming Eligibility** (i) Citizenship - be in possession of a valid Fiji Passport for travel (ii) Residency – have resided in Fiji, at any time, for a minimum of five years, whether consecutively or accumulated. For the avoidance of doubt the temporary absence of an athlete from Fiji for purposes such as education, sports training, military service, health care and other legitimate absences of a like kind shall be considered as residency. (iii) A Fiji Passport / Dual Passport Holder residing overseas as a permanent resident must comply and satisfy the Residency requirement of World Aquatics if not compliant to 5 (ii) above, whichever is applicable by Games Charter and residency rules. (iv) An athlete to be eligible to compete in any Games as a member of Fiji Swimming's Team Fiji shall: a) Complete all entry and other applicable contractual documentation. b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by their respective NF, International Federation (IF) or World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). c) Comply with the rules and regulations of the relevant Games, the Games Charter and the relevant IF rules and regulations. d) Meet the sports guideline in terms of age, if applicable, to represent the country. e) Agree, sign and abide by the following: 1) Team Fiji Athlete Agreement, 2) Fiji Swimming Code of Conduct 3) Competitor's "Declaration" confirming eligibility f) Be willing and able to do the activities and duties required to meet Fiji Swimming sponsorship obligations. g) Be able to travel nationally and internationally. (v) Anti-Doping a) Must abide and comply with the rules and procedures of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Oceania Regional Anti-Doping Organisation (ORADO) and Drugs Free Sport Fiji (DFSF) or applicable legislation under the Laws of Fiji. b) Must refrain from using illegal substances and supplements as prohibited by the rules of any relevant charter or constitution, policies or guidelines of the IOC, the CGF, PGC, IFs and FASANOC. c) Must have not breached the WADA Code within the previous 24 months of signing Fiji Swimming Athletes Agreement. (vi) Swimmer is in good standing with Fiji Swimming between 01 January 2024 to 8th October 2024.

		(vii) Be the best available athlete ranked within his/her NF National Ranking for the competition in the event being entered, by the closing date for athlete entries by name, set by the relevant Games Charter. (viii) Must produce a coach's report that swimmer has been active in swimming and training during the qualifying period from 1st April 2024 – 29 September 2024 and whose attendance to training has been consistent (ix) Must have attended Fiji Swimming Medical. Must have mental health state been certified as medically fit [physically, mentally and emotionally] to participate at the 2024 World Aquatics SC Championships by a clinical professional on behalf of Fiji Swimming Board. (x) Not have had any disciplinary action (suspended or otherwise) taken against him or Her by Fiji Swimming or a criminal conviction in the 12 months prior to the selection. Suspension that was uplifted after due process as an outcome of disciplinary or civil court is exempted. (xi) Be available to fulfil Team Commitments as outlined below if selected, and any additional commitments following selection. (xii) All local based swimmers eligible for selection MUST attend the 2024 FS SC Open Nationals in Fiji. Failure to compete with justified reasons such as medical report must be supported and verified. Invalid reasons will mean non consideration for selection.
6.	Team Commitments	All swimmers selected will be required to: (a) Sign and abide by Fiji Swimming Athletes Agreement, including Competitor's "Declaration" confirming eligibility (b) Comply with all applicable Fiji Swimming Rules, Code of Conduct, Directions and World Aquatics rules for Anti-Doping Policy (c) Conform to all Fiji Swimming policies and protocols regarding team preparation and participation including but not limited to training attendance, performance, camps & activities plus, accommodation and meals (d) Make themselves available for all team activities designated by Fiji Swimming (e) Be willing and able to do the activities and duties required to meet Fiji Swimming's sponsorship obligations. (f) Undergo a full medical as per Fiji Swimming requirements that confirms the swimmer to be fully fit and healthy (mentally, physically and emotionally). (g) Keep in the best possible mental and physical condition to the highest possible standard

		(h) Refrain from betting / gambling - No athlete is to bet or gamble in relation to their sport performance (or cause anyone to bet or gamble on their behalf), nor in any way participate in, assist or support such betting or gambling.
7.	Swimmer Performance / Selection Criteria	Based on the requirements for identifying our best possible swimmers to represent Fiji in the various aquatic's events, the following criteria's have been established for selection; Two Male and Twos Female swimmers will be selected based on the following. (i) Male or female swimmer 16 years or older that achieves the SC WA 500 or more points in two event a 50m and a longer distanced events or 100m and a longer distanced event between 01 April – 29 September 2024. In the event we will take 4 swimmers, the next Male & Female swimmer again 16 years or older that achieves the SC Second highest WA Points 500 or more, including points for converted times (These being LCM and SCY conversions ONLY) in two events, either a 50m and a longer distanced event, or a 100m and a longer distanced event between 01 April 2024 – 29 September 2024.

Women			Men	
W - "B"	W - "A"		M - "A"	M - "B"
25.30	24.44	50m Freestyle	21.40	22.15
55.66	53.78	100m Freestyle	47.23	48.88
1:59.65	1:55.60	200m Freestyle	1:44.08	1:47.72
4:15.59	4:06.95	400m Freestyle	3:42.50	3:50.29
8:46.99	8:29.17	800m Freestyle	7:45.02	8:01.30
16:49.40	16:15.27	1500m Freestyle	14:49.29	15:20.42
27.47	26.54	50m Backstroke	23.38	24.20
1:00.11	58.08	100m Backstroke	51.30	53.10
2:09.93	2:05.54	200m Backstroke	1:52.66	1:56.60
31.52	30.45	50m Breaststroke	26.57	27.50
1:07.56	1:05.28	100m Breaststroke	57.63	59.65
2:28.40	2:23.38	200m Breaststroke	2:06.23	2:10.65
26.72	25.82	50m Butterfly	22.53	23.32
59.41	57.40	100m Butterfly	50.57	52.34
2:13.36	2:08.85	200m Butterfly	1:53.61	1:57.59
1:01.74	59.65	100m Individual Medley	52.98	54.83
2:14.72	2:10.16	200m Individual Medley	1:55.25	1:59.28
4:47.25	4:37.54	400m Individual Medley	4:09.19	4:17.91

(ii) Training attendance records & commitment to be verified by FS Admin Management team before release to FS Selection Committee – MANDATORY requirement for submission. Club coaches must provide a comprehensive report for each swimmer by no later than 1st October to FS for FS Selection Committee.

		(iii) All competitions [excluding mini meets] and organized training squad camps are mandatory for all athletes Fiji based. Non-attendance for any reason must be supported by valid reasons and communicated with the coaches and management prior to the competition and or camp.
8.	Team Size and Rankings	(i) Fiji Swimming is looking to take 4 swimmers to the Championships + 1 Official per the Games Summons 6.2.1.1…. **6.2.1.1 Sport Entry with no Standard Times** At the World Aquatics Championships, National Federations may enter swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time as follows: **• With no swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to four (4) swimmers, two (2) men and two (2) women.** • With one (1) or two (2) swimmers who has achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women), and with three (3) swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented. • The swimmers who have not achieved a Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each. • An individual entry for a swimmer without an "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time must be in an event where no other swimmer from the National Federation has been entered. **Category** / **Maximum athlete quota** Competitors: Men 26; Women 26 **No. of Competitors** / **Maximum Number of Team Official** Team Officials: 1-2 competitors 2; 3-4 competitors 4; 5-8 competitors 6; 9-13 competitors 10; 14-20competitors 14; 21-30 competitors 20; 31-40 competitors 25; Over 40 competitors 30 (ii) Final team announcements will be released to the media by Fiji Executive Board.

9.	Withdrawal	Should an athlete withdraw from the team following the team announcement, the appointed Manager/Coach may request the Fiji Swimming Executive to consider a replacement. Fiji Swimming reserves the right to remove or dismiss a swimmer from the National Team at any time: • who has an injury or illness, as certified by an approved medical practitioner that is likely to keep him or her from competing or • who breaches Team Commitments following an appropriate hearing. If a replacement athlete is required and is possible, the Selection Committee will make a recommendation to the Fiji Swimming Executive.
10.	Amendment	Fiji Swimming may amend this selection criteria at any time by giving reasonable notice to the athletes eligible for selection.
11.	Important Notes	(a) Preparation for this event is partially funded by World Aquatics for the Manager/Coach position, and the First Male and Female selected. The Second Male and Female athlete will be under the assumption that they will be self funded, and all other individuals selected may be levied some financial commitments. This is to be advised after Team selection. (b) The final selected swimmers will be required to work with the Head Coach nominated by Fiji Swimming. The nominated Manager/Coach will prepare all build up, logistics and preparations budgets for the selected team. (c) The team to the WA World Championships are expected to arrive at the competition on 7th to the 9th December 2024 and depart on the 16th of December 2024. (d) Swimmer is required to complete the ACCREDITATION & ENTRY INFORMATION in Annex A (e) Swimmer is required to complete the Fiji Swimming Athletes Agreement
12.	Approved	Fiji Swimming dated 20 September 2024.

Approved by: Fiji Swimming Board
20th September 2024