

Competition	FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier May 29th – 30th 2021
Initial Release Date	12 th June 2020
Selection Event	New Zealand Open Water Championships 16 th January 2021, Lake Taupo.
Eligibility	To be considered for selection, a swimmer must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be a New Zealand citizen who is eligible to represent New Zealand in competition as per FINA General Rule 2 (GR2); ▪ Be a registered and financial member of Swimming New Zealand; ▪ Be and remain in “good standing” with Swimming NZ and always comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement of Swimming NZ and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the team into disrepute; ▪ Not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete’s body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in SNZ’s or FINA’s Anti-Doping Bylaw.
NZ Team Commitments	All swimmers selected must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ comply with the provisions of the SNZ Code of Conduct at all times ▪ conform to SNZ requirements regarding team participation. This includes, but may not be limited to, providing an acceptable IPP, attendance at a pre-event camp and wearing team uniform as required. ▪ make themselves available for all team activities designated by SNZ. ▪ not act in such a manner as to bring themselves or SNZ into public disrepute.
Selection Standards	<p>1.0</p> <p>1.1 The first-place male and female finisher in the 10km Championship race at the Selection Event will be considered for selection to the FINA Marathon Swim Qualifier, subject to Clause 4.0 below</p> <p>1.2 Extenuating Circumstances: In any decision regarding the selection of swimmer(s), the Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 4.0 below.</p>
Selection announcements	The selection of the swimmers that have met the eligibility and performance requirements will be announced no later than one week after the completion of the Selection Event.
Notes	<p>2.0 SNZ may amend these selection criteria at any time, by giving reasonable notice to all swimmers eligible for selection.</p> <p>3.0 If a swimmer is unable to satisfy SNZ requirements after selection and needs to withdraw from the team, SNZ may at their discretion select the next swimmer who has met all the eligibility and performance requirements. SNZ reserve the right to request that any swimmer being considered for selection under the provisions of this clause undertakes a fitness test, the parameters of which will be determined by the SNZ Targeted Athlete and Coach Manager at their sole discretion.</p> <p>4.0 Extenuating Circumstances</p> <p>a) If a swimmer is unable to compete at the Selection Event due to extenuating circumstances (as set out below), the SNZ Selectors may consider previous performances within the 13 months prior to the Selection Event at a competition acceptable to the SNZ Selectors and the SNZ CEO. If the previous performances are to be considered, then the fastest qualifying time, irrespective of where it was achieved, shall have priority.</p>

	<p>b) Swimmers must advise SNZ of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much notice as possible before the commencement of the selection event(s). If SNZ is not notified of any extenuating circumstances before the selection event (s) in accordance with this selection criteria, then the SNZ Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.</p> <p>c) In considering the selection of Swimmers in accordance with the selection criteria, the SNZ Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury or illness; • Travel delays; • Equipment failure; • Bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or • Any other factors reasonably considered by the SNZ Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances. <p>d) In the event of illness or injury, swimmers will be required by the SNZ Selectors to provide a medical certificate and may be required to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by SNZ, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the SNZ Selectors including an indication of the current and future performance impact of the condition. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the SNZ Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.</p> <p>e) Selection of any swimmers, as outlined above, will be subject to confirmation of their satisfactory return to training. This process is to include a test in the swimming event that they have been selected for. The test must be performed by a designated date decided by the SNZ Targeted Program Manager. A target time indicating satisfactory progress will be decided and announced to the swimmer before the designated date</p>
Approved	Swimming New Zealand Board