

Coach & Athlete Selection Criteria

2010 Indian Ocean All-Stars Tour

Between January the 18th and 25th 2009
Kuala Lumpur



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ATHLETE APPLICATION GUIDELINES

All Swimmers and coaches who would like to be considered for selection need to complete and return the Intent to swim / coach form, which is available on the Swimming WA website under 'Squads' in 'Development' by **Friday the 4th of December 2009**. A schedule of the trip will also be included in this section once it is confirmed.

Objectives of the Program

- To promote the Indian Ocean All-Stars swimming meet.
- To give WA's talented developing swimmers experience of travelling internationally with a team.
- To educate and develop the skills of promising WA athletes and aspiring coaches.
- To develop relationships within the Asian region for the future.
- To positively influence the Asian swimming community and aid it's development.

Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Athletes must:

- Be an Australian citizen.
- Have a current and valid passport (submitted to SWA by the first day of the State Age Championships) which expires after the 31st of July 2010.
- Have completed and returned an 'Intent to Swim' form before December 4th.
- Be a current registered member of a Swimming WA affiliated club.
- Upon selection, sign an Athlete's Contract which outlines the commitment of being a tour member. Enter into this agreement with their coach who will support the program.
- Be 14 – 17 years of age (inclusive) on the 5th of April 2010 or be 13 years of age on the 17th of January 2010 to go on tour.

Athlete Selection Criteria

- Age for selection is as at the first day of the 2010 Australian Age Championships, 5th of April 2010. Athletes will be selected within an age group based on this date regardless of their age at the SunSmart State Age Swimming Championships. Age groups are 13 year olds, 14 year olds, 15 year olds, 16 year olds and 17 year olds. Those who are in the 13 year olds age group as at the 5th of April 2010, must also be 13 on the 17th of January 2010 to attend the tour.
- Athletes are not able to swim up an age group.
- Selection is based on athlete performances at the SunSmart State Age Swimming Championships to be held at Challenge Stadium in December 2009.
- Selection will be based on times swum in finals only for the following able bodied events:
50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (Girls and 13/u Boys) and 1500m (Boys Only) Freestyle,
100m and 200m Breastroke,
100m and 200m Backstroke,
100m and 200m Butterfly
200m and 400m IM
- Up to twenty places will be made available for swimmers based on performances at these championships.
- The overall three highest 13 year old and 14 year old, two highest 15 year old, highest 16 year old and highest 17 year old FINA Points Score achievers for times swum in finals for selection events for each gender will be selected to take part in the tour.

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This means:

- The overall three highest FINA points scoring 13 year old girls and the overall three highest FINA points scoring 13 year old boys will be selected to take part in the tour.
- The overall three highest FINA points scoring 14 year old girls and the overall three highest FINA points scoring 14 year old boys will be selected to take part in the tour.
- The overall two highest FINA points scoring 15 year old girls and the overall two highest FINA points scoring 15 year old boys will be selected to take part in the tour.
- The overall highest FINA points scoring 16 year old girl and the overall highest FINA points scoring 16 year old boy will be selected to take part in the tour.
- The overall highest FINA points scoring 17 year old girl and the overall highest FINA points scoring 17 year old boy will be selected to take part in the tour.

Please note:

- Selection is based on FINA points scored in an individual event. The FINA points scores an athlete achieves during the championships will not be combined, only the overall highest score achieved by an athlete in the final of a selection event will count.
- Should two swimmers tie for a place on the team, each swimmer's second highest ranked swim in another final of a selection event at the SunSmart State Age Swimming Championships will determine their selection.
- Swimmers will be required to take part in a number of activities during the tour including training sessions, mini meets, dry land sessions and presentations as well as sightseeing and social events. The tour schedule will be released as soon as it is confirmed.
- Athletes must be capable of swimming all 4 strokes.

Athlete Program Benefits

- Funded position to take part in the 2010 Indian Ocean All-Stars Tour. This will include flights, accommodation, basic meals and swimming based activities. Swimmers will need to bring money for anything extra on top of this such as snacks, souvenirs and tourist activities. This will be discussed with athletes prior to the tour.
- Skill development opportunities, experience travelling in a team environment and cultural exchange with members of the swimming and broader Asian community.

Coach Eligibility Criteria

Coaches must:

- Be the primary coach of an athlete selected in the 2010 Indian Ocean All-Stars Tour.
- Be a current registered member of an affiliated Swimming WA swimming club or a member of Swimming WA.
- Have a National Police Clearance or Working with Children Clearance as appropriate
- Have at least a current Silver Licence Swimming Australia Coaching Accreditation.
- Upon athlete selection sign a Coaches Contract which outlines the roles, responsibilities and commitment of being a team coach.

Coaches should also:

- Have experience with coaching national level athletes.
- Have experience with presenting to an audience.
- Have experience with team tour management.

Coach Selection Criteria

- Two Coaches will be selected, one male coach and one female coach. Coaches who have completed an 'intent to coach' form will be sent an application document for the positions available on the tour. These applications will then be judged by Swimming WA Development Officer Sam Hunt, Swimming WA CEO David Toll and WAIS Swimming Performance manager Greg Hodge, to see which candidates will be most

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suitable for the tour. Once the coaches have been selected, Swimming WA will advise all candidates of the reasons for their decision.

Coach Program Benefits

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- Skill development opportunities, experience travelling in a team environment and coaching talented athletes. Cultural exchange with members of the swimming and broader Asian community.

2010 Indian Ocean All-Stars Tour Selection Process

Swimmers who are successful in gaining selection on to the team will be notified by Thursday the 24th of December 2009. Coaches will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

Swimming WA's decision is final and no appeal process regarding a decision will be entered into.

All athletes and coaches will be notified of the outcome of their application.

All athletes and coaches selected will be required to sign the Swimming WA Athletes / Coaches Contract.