

2009 / 10
'Rising Stars'
Age Development Squad



Athlete Application Pack

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Objective of the Program

To provide Athletes with the development and educational opportunities that will enhance the athlete's ability to move through the high performance pathway, achieve a National Age Finalist performance and a National Age Medalist performance.

Eligibility Criteria

Athletes must:

- Be a registered member of an affiliated Swimming WA club
- Have a permanent residential address in Western Australia
- Be 13 – 18 years on the first day of the meet selection listed below.

Ineligibility

Athletes who have been selected in the following squads will not be eligible for selection in the 2009/10 Swimming WA Rising Stars Age Development Squad:

- 2009/10 WAIS Squads
- 2009/10 Flippers National Youth Squad
- 2009/10 Flippers State Youth Squad
- 2009/10 Regional Talent Development Squad

Selection Criteria

- Athlete selection is based on the 10th fastest time recorded in each event at the 2009 Australian Age Championships. Swimmers will be eligible for selection provided they record a time equal to or faster than the 10th fastest time of any event in their respective age group.
- The times recorded at the 2009 Australian Open Championships, 2009 Australian Age Championships, 2009 Summer Sensation Championships, 2009 Sunsmart State Open Championships and 2009 Sunsmart State Age Championships will be considered.
 - Priority will be given to those with the least percentage gap between their time and the winning time.
 - In the event of a tie, swimmers will be separated based on their next best performance in any event on any previous occasion.

Please Note: Maximum of 28 places available, SWA retains the right to refuse applicants regardless of achievement of places remaining.

OPEN WATER

- 5th Place or higher in 5km or 10km at Australian/Age Open Water Championships. Priority is given to higher places or faster relevant times based on records. Athletes must also have a 400m, 800m or 1500m Freestyle time equivalent to or within 5% of an Australian Age Qualifying time.

Please Note: Maximum of 2 places available

Coach Eligibility Criteria

Coaches must:

- Be the primary coach of the athlete selected in the 2009-10 'Rising Stars' Age Development Squad.
- Be a current registered member of an affiliated Swimming WA swimming club.
- Have a permanent residential address in WA.
- Have a National Police Clearance.
- Have a current Swimming Australia Coaching Accreditation.
- Upon athlete selection sign a Coaches Contract which outlines the roles, responsibilities and commitment of being a squad coach.

Proposed Rising Stars Activities 2009/10

These activities are tentative and subject to change. Further information will be given closer to the date. Note that these activities may incur a cost due to the expansion of activities for the new season.

Development Squad Camp September/October 2009
WA State Long Course Championships December 2009

COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

If after having read these Guidelines, you have considered that you are suitable and there are genuine benefits for you, complete the enclosed Application Form and return it to Swimming WA.

Athletes applying for squad selection must lodge their application on the form at the end of this document. It is advisable to send your application at least a week before the closing date to avoid any possible delays and unnecessary disappointment.

ASSISTANCE

If you require any assistance or have any questions concerning your application, please contact Sam Hunt, Development Officer, Swimming WA on (08) 9328 4599.

LODGING YOUR APPLICATION BY CLOSING DATE

Please return the **2009/10 'Rising Stars' Age Development Squad Application Form** to **Swimming WA by Friday, 22nd May, 2009 at 5pm:**

- 1) Post: PO Box 205, Leederville WA 6903
- 2) Fax: (08) 9227 6089
- 3) Email: sam@wa.swimming.org.au

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'RISING STARS'
AGE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD**

ATHLETE APPLICATION FORM

ATHLETE DETAILS

Please complete all details in the table below:

Athlete Name:	
Date of Birth:	Age:
Parent Name:	
Address:	
Suburb:	Postcode:
Ph (H)	(W)
Mobile:	Fax:
Email:	
Shirt Size:	
Club:	
Head Coach:	Signature:
Ph No:	MOB:
Swimmers Coach:	Signature:
Ph No:	MOB:

