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2009 Australian State Teams Age Short Course Championships

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Swimming WA would like to clarify for our members the selection criteria for the 2009 Australian State Teams Age Short Course Championships in Canberra on 19th – 21st September 2009.

As per the selection criteria:

- Selection is based on athlete performances at the 2009 Hancock Family Medical Foundation Age Short Course Championship in August.
- Selection will be based on times swum in heats and finals.
- Up to twenty places will be made available for swimmers based on performances at these championships.
- Age as at 19th September 2009
- The selection criteria from the 2009 Hancock Family Medical Foundation Age Short Course Championship for both boys & girls are as follows:
 - The age groups for male events are 14/15 years and 16/17 years
 - The age groups for female events are 13/14 and 15/16 years
 - The 5 male swimmers in the 14 / 15 years age group who achieve the highest FINA point score in an individual event will be selected
 - The 5 male swimmers in the 16 / 17 years age group who achieve the highest FINA point score in an individual event will be selected
 - The 5 female swimmers in the 13 / 14 years age group who achieve the highest FINA point score in an individual event will be selected
 - The 5 female swimmers in the 15 / 16 years age group who achieve the highest ranked FINA point score in an individual event will be selected.

Please note:

- Selection is based on FINA points scored in an individual event and will take priority over multiple events
- Should two swimmers tie for a place on the team the swimmers second highest ranked swim in another event at the Hancock Family Medical Foundation Age Short Course Championships will determine their selection. E.g Swimmer A and B both tie for the 5th place with 700 FINA points, Swimmer A's second highest FINA point score (in another event) is 690 and Swimmer B's second highest FINA point score (in another event) is 650 then Swimmer A will be selected.
- Swimmers will be required to swim in a variety of events at the 2009 Australian Age State Team Short Course Championships as determined by the Team coach and manager.

Swimming WA will be taking a maximum team size of 20 swimmers comprising of 5 swimmers from each of the age groups.

The 5 swimmers from each of the age groups who achieve the highest FINA point score in any individual event will be selected irrespective of which event they achieve that point score in. For example, if 5 female swimmers in the 15/16 years age group all achieve over 700 points in the 50m freestyle, then out of every other event in that age group the highest point score achieved is only 690, we would take all 5 50m freestyle swimmers. Please note swimmers will not be selected off their performances in relay events, 100m IM and females will not be selected off their performances in the 1500m and males in the 800m freestyle events at the State Championships. Please see the attached example of selecting swimmers based on their FINA point scores.

Selection is based on FINA point score as this is the fairest means of selecting our team and is a means of ensuring the most competitive swimmers will attend the meet.

We hope that this helps to clarify any questions you may have in regards to the selection criteria.