

Coach & Athlete Selection Criteria

2009 Australian State Team Age Short Course Championships

Saturday 19th September – Monday 21st September 2009
Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra





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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, to Swimming WA by **Monday 17th August 2009**.

Objective of the Program

To provide Swimmers and Coaches with an opportunity to compete at a National Level Short Course Meet.

Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Athletes must:

- Be a permanent resident of Western Australia.
- Be a current registered member of a Swimming WA affiliated swimming club.
- Upon selection, sign an Athletes Contract which outlines the commitment of being a team member. Enter into this agreement with their coach who will support the program.
- Attend and travel with the team to the 2009 Australian State Teams Age Short Course Championships
- Compete in all events as selected by Team Managers and Team Coaches.

Athlete 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.

Athlete Program Benefits

- Funded position to attend the 2009 Australian Age State Team Short Course Championships in Canberra
- Should a swimmer who is not already in the 2009 – 2010 Flippers State Youth Squad be selected as part of the WA Team, they will be invited to attend the 2009 - 2010 Flippers Squad activities throughout the year.

Coach Eligibility Criteria

Coaches must:

- Be the primary coach of an athlete selected in the 2009 Australian State Team Short Course Team.
- 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 a current Swimming Australia Coaching Accreditation.
- Upon athlete selection sign a Coaches Contract which outlines the roles, responsibilities and commitment of being a team coach.

Coach Selection Criteria

- Two Coaches will be selected:
 - The first coach selected will be the coach who has the female athlete with the highest ranked FINA point score.
 - The second coach selected will be the coach who has the male athlete with the highest ranked FINA point score.

Coach Program Benefits

- Funded position to the 2009 Australian Age State Team Short Course Championships in Canberra
- Access to attend and Coach a State Team at a National Level Meet.

2009 Australian State Teams Age Short Course Championships Selection Process

Swimmers who are successful in gaining selection on to the team will be notified by Friday 11th September 2009.

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

All athletes 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.