

SELECTION CRITERIA – EP OPEN WATER SWIMMING

EP OPEN WATER SWIM SQUAD

- An open water squad consisting of a maximum of 6 girl and 6 boy swimmers will be selected.
- The selectors are not bound to make selections to ensure the squad consists of 12 swimmers.
- Swimmers will be part of the EP open water swim squad for a two year period. However, swimmers will only be part of the squad for one year for the 09/10 swim season.
- Selection criteria for the 10/11 swim squad will be based on performance, swimming in sanctioned events and consistency at club training.
- The open water squad will be announced after the event being held at Jeffreys Bay on 22 November 2009.
- The squad will attend the WP Open Water Swim Champs being held in Cape Town on 05/06 December. The squad will also swim in other events in Cape Town, George and Swim Challenge Series events during the season.
- An EP OPEN WATER SWIM TEAM will be selected to attend the SA Open Water Swim Nationals being held in March/April. Qualifying times will have to be swum to be eligible. However, selection will not be based on qualifying times alone. Swimming in sanctioned events as well as consistency at club training will also form part of the selectors' decision.
- An EP Masters Team will also be selected to take part in the 3 KM event at Nationals as well as attend the WP Open Water Champs and other events to be decided.

SANCTIONED EVENTS – 09/10 Swim Season

- Ocean Racing Series
- EP Open Water Swim Series
- WP Open Water Swim Series
- SWD Open Water Swim Series – subject to ratification of distances being swum.
- Swim Challenge Series
- 3 km event at Marina Martinique Mile

- The squad will be expected to swim in EP Aquatic sanctioned events such as Redhouse River Mile and Marina Martinique Mile as well as attend training camps.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA 09/10 SWIM SEASON – SQUAD

- Swim in 2 Ocean Racing Series events prior to 22 November.
- Swim in at least one 5km or one 3km event by 22 November.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA 10/11 AND 11/12 SWIM SEASON – SQUAD

- 7 x Ocean Racing Series events.
- 3 x EP Open Water Swim Series events.
- Attendance at other events such as Redhouse River Mile, Marina Martinique Mile.
- Attendance at training camps and tours to swims outside the province.
- Times swum at the above events will be taken into consideration for selection purposes.
- A swimmer can be removed from the squad by the selection committee for non performance and not meeting the qualifying criteria during the season.
- It will be the selection committee's prerogative to replace the swimmer or not during the season in question.
- Should an up and coming swimmer deserve selection to the squad during a 2 year cycle, this selection will again remain the prerogative of the selection committee.

EP OPEN WATER SWIM TEAM SELECTION 09/10

- Swimmers must meet the qualifying times set by Swim SA
- At least 50 % attendance at Ocean Racing Series and EP Open Water Swim Series must be maintained.
- Availability to tour and attend training camps with EP Open Water Swim Squad
- Consistency and attitude at club training will be taken into consideration.
- An EP Masters Open Water Team will also be selected subject to swimmers meeting the qualifying times.

ELEGABILITY

To be considered for selection, a swimmer must be:

- A registered member of EPA.
- Be available to fulfill EPOW swimming commitments.

Team Commitments:

- Sign and abide by the EPA Code of Conduct and conform to all EPOW swimming policies and protocol regarding preparation and participation.
- Fully participate in all required EPOW swimming training camps and competitions. Failure to do so may lead to de-selection.

Notes:

- The Executive of EPA may amend these selection criteria at any time at its discretion.
- EPA reserves the right to approve or hold additional qualifying competitions –due to inclement weather etc- if EPA feels they are in the interests of EPOW swimming.
- The EPOW swimming team will be based on the promotion of athlete development, gender equity, sports development as well as promotion of fair and ethical participation in events.