



**Swimming South Africa (SSA) and
University Sport South Africa (USSA)
Selection Policy
FISU 27th World University Summer Games in Kazan, Russia
July 6-17, 2013**

1. Introduction:

The document below outlines the process by which the South African National Aquatics Federation, Swimming South Africa (SSA), in conjunction with University Sport South Africa (USSA) will select its Swimming Team to compete at the 27th Summer Universiade in Kazan, Russia in 2013.

2. Eligibility:

(a) Bona fide higher education students who are officially registered for and pursuing a full Article 3.4.1 of the USSA Regulations, stipulates that – “Only a bona fide student registered with a club of a member institution of University Sport South Africa (USSA) may participate in a USSA tournament. A bona fide student is defined as a person who is:

- a. Officially registered at a higher education institution recognized by the appropriate national academic authority in the country (i.e. Department of Higher Education and Training) for a programme of at least 120 SAQA credits on NQF Level 5, and approved by that institution’s senate. This includes bridging courses, although only one (1) attempt at completing any bridging course will be allowed at any institution. This excludes students who are enrolled for short courses or are registered for courses or modules or units of study that are less than 120 SAQA credits.
- b. actively involved in pursuing his/her academic career, i.e. attending lectures, submitting assignments, writing tests and examinations in order to be promoted to the next level of study.

- (b) Former students of the institutions mentioned in (a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in 2012 on condition that such persons have fulfilled the selection criteria and have been included in the national squad from which the final team will be selected for participation in the Universiade, as per section 3.4.11 of the USSA Regulations.
- (c) South African citizens in possession of a **South African passport** (Citizens with foreign passports will not be accepted);
- (d) Students between 17 and 28 years of age on 1 January 2013, i.e. born between 1 January 1985 and 31 December 1995.
- (e) Athletes must be attending a tertiary institution that is affiliated to / with USSA (RSA based institution), or an International Institution affiliated to a member of FISU (i.e. USA).
- (f) To be eligible for selection, students, other than those 1) commencing study in 2013 or 2) currently studying at a South African tertiary institution **not** registered to USSA Aquatics at the time of the 2012 USSA Tournament, must have taken part at the USSA Tournament in 2012 or **must apply in writing** to the swimming representative for USSA Aquatics, Mr. Brett Wood (swim2@sun.ac.za) for exemption and subsequent selection consideration. An Athlete who's Institution only registers with USSA Aquatics in the year of selection, in this case, 2013, will still be considered for selection at the discretion of the selection committee. Non-participation in the USSA Tournament of the previous year will not be held against them.
- (g) The 2012 USSA Tournament will take place from the 3rd to the 5th of December in Cape Town, and shall be hosted by UWC.
- (h) Students studying abroad **must** participate at the final Univerisade Selection Trial, being the 2013 South African Nationals (Newton Park, Port Elizabeth).
- (i) Swimmers must be registered with the National Federation, Swimming South Africa (SSA), to be considered for selection.

3. The Selection Process in accordance with SSA and USSA Requirements:

- (a) The inclusion of swimming as a participating sport at the 27th Summer Universiade and the number of swimmers selected in the final team is at the discretion of SASCOC and the USSA NEC.
- (b) Participation at USSA 2012 (local swimmers at USSA Aquatics registered Institutions) (*refer to pt. f and g above*) and SA Senior Nationals in 2013 is a compulsory prerequisite for selection consideration. Qualifying times **must** however be achieved at SA Nationals 2013.
- (c) SSA will preside over the final selection of the Team with input from the USSA Swimming representative.

- (d) The Team will be announced 2 weeks after the conclusion of the National Championships in 2013.
- (e) To be **considered** for selection to the Universiade Team to participate in 2013, swimmers will need to achieve at least one of the published Qualifying Times (*Table 1*) at SA Nationals 2013.
- (f) The first two placed eligible swimmers at the 2013 SA National Championships, in a Final of a Universiade listed Individual Event, will be considered for selection provided they achieve the published SSA qualifying time at the SA National Championships in 2013.
- (g) Should the first two placed finalists at the SA National Championships not achieve the published qualifying time, the swimmer or swimmers who have achieved the published qualifying time in the heats/semi-final at the SA National Championships will be considered for selection in order of the fastest to slowest ranked swimmers, provided they competed in the final of that event at the SA National Championships.
- (h) Swimmers wishing to avail themselves for the 10km Open Water Event selection must compete at the SA National Open Water Championships in Port Elizabeth in April 2013 (Venue TBC). Selection will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee based on performance relative to International Standards.
- (i) Relay teams will be chosen from the swimmers that meet the qualifying standards and criteria. A swimmer who falls short of the qualifying times may be considered for overall selection and/or for relay selection should the selection panel feel that their addition completes a worthwhile relay quartet that cannot be formed from the automatic qualifiers.
- (j) A minimum quota of 50% SA based students will be included in this team.
- (k) The SSA transformation policy will be taken into account when the Final Team is selected.
- (l) Selected swimmers are required to make themselves available for a training camp (Dates to be confirmed) should one take place.
- (m) The Team Manager/s will be appointed at the discretion of the USSA NEC, through written application (including CV). The Team Manager/s will where possible, be announced after the USSA Championships in 2012 and will commence with the necessary planning and preparation in the build up to the Nationals and then throughout the period until the teams departure.
- (n) Coaching staff will be appointed at the recommendation of SSA not later than April 2012.
- (o) University swimming coaches/administrators can apply to the USSA NEC to travel as an observer to the Universiade. In order to process accreditation application/s, USSA must

be notified not later than 1 May 2013. Please contact Brett Wood at swim2@sun.ac.za for more information.

4. **Events for Kazan, Russia (6th-17th July 2013)**

The following events are to be held for men and women in Kazan, Russia:

Freestyle:	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1 500m
Breaststroke:	50m, 100m, 200m
Backstroke:	50m, 100m, 200m
Butterfly:	50m, 100m, 200m
Medley:	200m, 400m
Freestyle relays:	4 x 100m and 4 x 200m
Medley relay:	4 x 100m
Open Water:	10km

5. **SSA Qualifying Standards for Universiade 2013**

Over and above the Policy and General Selection Criteria, USSA, USSA Aquatics and Swimming South Africa (SSA) agree on the following process for the selection of athletes for the 2013 Summer Universiade in Kazan, Russia.

USSA will consider selection of athletes, if the following minimum qualification scores (Table 1) are attained at designated domestic and international qualification competitions in preparation for participation at the 2013 Summer Universiade. **Table 1:**

Men's Qualifying Times	EVENTS	Women's Qualifying Times
23.11	50 Freestyle	26.29
50.64	100 Freestyle	56.78
1:52.21	200 Freestyle	2:02.90
3:57.58	400 Freestyle	4:18.55
8:15.83	800 Freestyle	8:52.33
15:46.38	1500 Freestyle	17:00.88
26.32	50 Backstroke	29.85
56.34	100	1:03.54
2:02.63	200	2:15.68
28.98	50 Breaststroke	33.12
1:02.99	100	1:11.03
2:17.43	200	2:33.06
24.80	50 Butterfly	27.77
54.41	100 Butterfly	1:00.95
2:01.13	200 Butterfly	2:13.91

2:04.19	200 IM	2:19.69
4:28.05	400 IM	4:54.49
See 3 (g) above	10KM Open	See 3 (g) above

The deadline for qualification will be April 30th 2013.

NO TRIPARTITE INVITATION PLACES, REALLOCATED PLACES AND WILD CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION OR SELECTION INTO THE FINAL TEAM AS THESE PROCESSES ARE THERE TO HELP THE SMALLER NATIONS TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE WORLD STUDENT GAMES TO HELP THE FISU POLICY OF UNIVERSALITY.

This document was compiled and signed by the Chairperson of USSA Swimming through consultation with both the Chef de Mission and Swimming South Africa.



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