

Competition	<p><b>2024 World Aquatics Championships Doha, Qatar</b></p> <p><b>3-8 February 2024</b></p> <p><b>Open Water Swimming 10km</b></p>
Qualifying Period	October 1, 2023 – 15 December 2023
Initial Release Date	July 4 2023

Selection Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 Asian Games Marathon Swimming 10km</li> <li>• 2023 SAQ Open Water Swimming Qualifier – 1500m Time Trials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overseas based swimmers can select a sanctioned LCM meet that is organised under World Aquatic rules between November 1 2023 – Dec 15 2023 for time consideration.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all the following eligibility criteria and maintain through the Championships:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BL 9.3.6 Swimming The minimum age for swimmers competing in the Olympic Games, and World Aquatics Championships shall be the same as the minimum age for the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships: 14 years of age, on 31st December in the year of competition, except younger competitors may participate in these competitions if they have achieved at least the “B” Standard Entry Time in the respective event.</li> <li>2. Be a Singapore citizen, eligible to represent Singapore.</li> <li>3. Be a registered member of SAQ in good standing.</li> <li>4. Have a signed current SAQ Athlete Agreement,</li> <li>5. Met performance standards as designated by WA, the governing body of this championship.</li> <li>6. Have competed and qualified in at least one of the selection events stated in the previous section or a designated accredited meet if based overseas, unless granted an exemption under the provisions of the criteria by the SSA Selectors. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Have competed in a sanctioned Open Water Event in the past 2 years.</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>7. This exemption may be granted only for extenuating circumstances. On request of SSA, evidence shall be provided of the extenuating circumstances, prior to the exemption being considered. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Extenuating circumstances can include but is not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Injury or Illness</li> <li>ii. Equipment Failure</li> <li>iii. Travel Delays / Restrictions</li> <li>iv. Bereavement</li> <li>v. Such other circumstances as the selectors may consider to be relevant.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>8. Continues to train for, behave and act towards peak swimming performance.</li> <li>9. Be available to fulfil the Team Commitments as listed below and any additional commitments following selection.</li> <li>10. Not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete’s body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in ADS’s, WADA or WA’s Anti-Doping By-law.</li> </ol>

Team Commitments	<p>All swimmers and officials must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sign and always comply with the provisions of the SSA Athletes and Officials Agreements.</li> <li>2. Conform to SSA requirements regarding team participation. This includes, but may not be limited to, providing an acceptable training plan, attendance at a pre-event camp and wearing team uniform as required.</li> <li>3. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by SSA.</li> <li>4. Not act in such a manner as to bring the SSA, athlete or affiliate club into public disrepute.</li> <li>5. Swimmers and Officials are required to appear at events and platforms whereby their images and presence are needed to achieve SSA's objectives of giving back to the Sport and the wider community. These obligations will be further outlined in the SSA Athletes and Officials Agreement as per Point 1.</li> </ol>
Performance Requirements	<p><b>Selection Priority:</b> Swimmers will be selected for invitation by the following priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Top 6 Finish at 2023 Asian Games Marathon Swimming</li> <li>2. Available spots filled by ranking at 2023 SAQ Open Water Swimming Qualifier</li> </ol> <p>The top 2 by Gender will be named to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Individual 10km</li> </ol> <p>The 2023 SAQ Open Water Swimming Qualifier will be a 1500LCM Time Trial in an aquatic centre 50m pool coinciding with SNSC in November. Choosing an aquatic venue over an open water venue is due to potential inclement weather during that time and high probability of the Open Water event being postponed or cancelled.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. All eligible registered SAQ swimmers can participate.</li> <li>5. Achieved times will be ranked by gender for selection purposes.</li> <li>6. <b>To be eligible for selection to the OW DOHA Team, swimmers MUST have competed in a sanctioned open water event the past 2 years.</b></li> </ol>
Team Size	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A maximum of 2 male and 2 female swimmers can be selected for the 2024 World Aquatics Championships Open Water team.</li> <li>2. SAQ intends to send 2 representatives per gender.</li> <li>3. Selected swimmers will be available for the Mixed 4 x 1500 Relay and 5km events should they be contested in Doha.</li> </ol>
Coaches Selection	<p>SAQ will nominate a Head Open Water Swimming Coach for the 2024 World Aquatics Open Water Championships, Doha.</p> <p>Given the athlete needs during open water swimming an assistant coach will also be selected.</p> <p>The Assistant Coach will be selected in accordance to the following priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coach of record with the highest ranked swimmer regardless of gender. If this coach is nominated as Head Coach, then</li> <li>2. Coach of record with next highest ranked swimmer regardless of gender.</li> </ol> <p>The nominated coach of an athlete must be the coach of record for at least 3 months prior to the athlete's selection to the 2024 World Aquatics OW Swimming Championships and remain the coach of record through the championship.</p>
Notes	<p>World Aquatics is the international governing body which sets federation eligibility to compete (BL 9.3.7.1). SSA has set standards for selection to the championships to date. Should the World Aquatics (WA) Summons due to be published in August 2023, set standards that differ from SAQ, WA standards will supersede.</p> <p>The selection committee will consist of the following</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice President (Swimming)</li> <li>• Assistant Secretary General (Swimming)</li> <li>• National Head Coach</li> <li>• Technical Director</li> <li>• National Training Centre Head Coach</li> </ul> <p>The appeals committee will consist of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSA President</li> <li>• SSA Secretary General</li> <li>• Ho Mun Wai</li> </ul> <p>All athletes have the right to appeal.</p> <p>(HPM - High Performance Manager: Tracie Tan, <a href="mailto:tracie.tan@swimming.org.sg">tracie.tan@swimming.org.sg</a>)</p> <p>The HPC may amend these selection criteria at any time at its discretion with the approval of the SAQ Selection Committee.</p>
Appeals Process	<p>1. Appeals with regards to the selection process by SAQ Selection Committee.</p> <p>The process of appeal is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The swimmer's club will submit in writing to SAQ HPM within 48 hours following the announcement of nominations by selection committee, along with supporting evidence to be reviewed by the appeals committee.</li> <li>b. The appeals committee will deliberate on the merits of the appeal independently of the selection committee. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. With consideration of fairness and consistency in selection based on the posted selection criteria (as per Performance Requirements in this document) and,</li> <li>ii. With consideration of any special circumstances as described in section 7 - Eligibility in this document.</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. The appeals committee may request additional information from the athlete's club through SAQ HPM if necessary, to further deliberate on the merits of the appeal.</li> <li>d. The committee will provide the HPM with outcome of the appeal to correspond to the said swimmer through their club.</li> <li>e. The decision of the appeals committee is final.</li> </ol>
Approved Date	18 July 2023