



SWIMMER AND COACH NOMINATION CRITERIA RIO 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES – MARATHON SWIMMING

Tour Dates:	August, 2016 (TBC)
Competition Dates:	August 6 & 7, 2016 (TBC)
Location:	<i>Staging:</i> Toronto, ON <i>Competition:</i> Rio, Brazil
Team Size:	Maximum of 4 Swimmers (2 female + 2 male)
Number of Coaches:	Up to 2 appointed coaches (dependent of final athlete team size)

I. INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by Swimming Canada to nominate athletes and coaches to the Canadian Olympic Committee for inclusion in Canada's 2016 Olympic Team.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION – Open Water Swimmers

Only Swimmers identified by these criteria will be considered for nomination. The following conditions must be satisfied to be eligible for nomination to the 2016 Olympic Games team:

1. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by FINA and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and must hold a Canadian passport as of January 1, 2016 which expires no earlier than March 1, 2017. The eligibility requirements of FINA can be reviewed at www.fina.org
2. Where a Swimmer is a Canadian citizen permanently residing outside of Canada, he / she must be registered directly with Swimming Canada or with a Swimming Canada registered swim club. A Swimmer's registration must be up to date prior to participating in any phase of the nomination process.
3. A Swimmer must declare him/herself available for nomination prior to each phase (see section III Nomination Criteria) of the nomination process.
4. Nominated swimmers must sign and submit the COC Athlete Agreement and Rio 2016 Eligibility Conditions Form no later than July 1st, 2016.
5. Nominated Swimmers must acknowledge in a prescribed form that he or she is aware of and agrees to be bound by Rules of Conduct for members of National Teams put in place by Swimming Canada. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 19 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian must provide this acknowledgement. Copies of the Rules of Conduct are available upon request to Swimming Canada (Email Brian Edey at bedey@swimming.ca). Swimmers must sign a prescribed form by July 1st, 2016.



III. NOMINATION CRITERIA – Open Water Swimmers

The following qualification system has been outlined by FINA for the Rio 2016 Marathon Swimming events. The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification. Where there is a discrepancy between what is listed here or on the [FINA website](#), the FINA website version will be used.

	MEN / WOMEN Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events
Phase 1	20 Marathon Swimmers (10 Men & 10 Women)	2015 FINA World Championships The ten (10) best ranked athletes from the 10km event will directly qualify for nomination.
Phase 2	18 Marathon Swimmers (9 Men & 9 Women)	FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016 (tentatively scheduled for May, 2016. Exact date & location TBA) The nine (9) best ranked athletes will directly qualify for nomination. Only NOCs/NFs that have no swimmer qualified through the 2015 FINA World Championships may elect to send a maximum of two (2) athletes per event to the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016. Each NOC/NF can qualify a maximum of one (1) athlete per gender at this event.
Phase 3	10 Marathon Swimmers (5 Men & 5 Women)	Continental Representation The best ranked athlete in the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016, not yet qualified for nomination, from each of five (5) Continents will directly qualify. Should an NOC/NF have previously qualified one (1) or two (2) swimmers, the next best ranked athlete from the same continent, not yet qualified for nomination, in the ranking of the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016 event will qualify to ensure that each of these competitions yields a competitor.

Phase 1: In order to be eligible to compete in the 10k Marathon event at the 2015 FINA World Championships Canadian Swimmers must qualify based on the selection criteria [listed here](#).

Should any Canadian Swimmers(s) qualify for nomination under Phase 1 then no additional Canadians shall be eligible to qualify for nomination for that gender. Should no Canadian Swimmers qualify for nomination in phase 1, then phase 2 will be used.

Phase 2: The selection criteria for participation at the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016 is as follows:

Priority 1: The Swimming Canada High Performance Director in his sole discretion will select two male and two female Swimmer to compete at the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016. Results from the 2015 Swimming Canada Open Water Trials, FINA Marathon Swimming World Cups (2014 & 2015), the 2015 FINA World Championships (open water events only) and any other relevant competitions will be considered by the High Performance Director in determining the Swimmers who will attend this competition.

Should any Canadian Swimmers (maximum 1 per gender) qualify for nomination for through Phase 2 then no further Canadians shall be eligible to qualify for nomination. Should no Canadian Swimmer qualify for nomination in phase 2, Phase 3 will be used.



Phase 3: The results from the Canadian Swimmers in the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016 will stand for nomination consideration in phase 3.

IV. COMPETITIVE READINESS

“Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.

Athletes who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team. Athletes and their personal coaches are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the competition to the High Performance Director and the Olympic Games Head Coach in writing via email.

The final decision on competitive readiness will be made in concert by the High Performance Director and the Olympic Games Head Coach once selection is completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about what factors they will consider in making the final decision.

In the case of injuries or illnesses, the High Performance Director and the Olympic Games Head Coach will consider recommendations made by the National Team Physician in making a final decision.

Injured or ill athletes may be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the High Performance Director and the Olympic Games Head Coach in consultation with the athlete’s personal coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. These athletes will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that the athlete is not competitively ready once onsite at the event, he or she may be asked to return home immediately.

V. REMOVAL OF AN ATHLETE FROM TEAM

Swimming Canada may, at any time, disqualify an athlete from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team or remove an athlete after nomination based on current or past behavior of the athlete that is inconsistent with Swimming Canada’s Team Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct. A copy of this document is available upon request to Swimming Canada (Email Brian Edey at bedey@swimming.ca).

An athlete will be removed from being considered for nomination to the Canadian Team or removed after nomination if he/she is found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Swimming Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

VI. GENERAL INFORMATION – Open Water Coaches

1. To be eligible for nomination a Coach must:
 - i. Have been resident in Canada and duly employed as a swimming coach by a Swimming Canada affiliated organization since February 1, 2016.
 - ii. Be registered with the CSCTA and Swimming Canada as of February 1, 2016.
 - iii. Be a member in good standing of Coaches of Canada as of March 31, 2016.
 - iv. Be a minimum NCCP Level 3 In-training or equivalent as of March 31, 2016.
2. All Coaches identified by these criteria will be required to declare their availability by signing the Swimming Canada Staff Code of Conduct and providing a signed copy of the same to Swimming Canada on or before June 1, 2016. Failure to do so will render the Coach as having officially declined nomination.
3. All Coaches must demonstrate a complete commitment in support of the Swimming Canada National Team Protocols to be eligible for nomination. Coaches are required to provide a signed copy of the National Team Protocols on or before June 1, 2016. (National Team protocols are available for review [here](#).)
4. Nominated coaches must sign and submit the COC Support Staff Agreement and Eligibility Conditions Form no later than June 1st, 2016.



VII. NOMINATION – Open Water Coaches

The Swimming Canada National High Performance Director shall appoint up to two Open Water 10km event coaches for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

VIII. AMENDMENTS AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Unexpected Circumstances

1. Should the Swimming Canada Selection Committee determine that unexpected or unusual circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these Criteria, the Selection Committee shall have the full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.
2. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.

Changes to this Document

1. Swimming Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary. No such changes shall be made after the commencement of the nomination process (May 2nd, 2015) unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unexpected Circumstances” provisions above.
2. Swimming Canada reserves the right to review and modify this Nomination Criteria or decision related to the nomination process in the case of rule or policy changes from FINA or the International Olympic Committee that affect the criteria set out in this document.
3. Any changes to this Nomination Criteria shall be communicated directly to all Swimming Canada Carded Swimmers and Coaches, and published to the Swimming Canada website forthwith.

IX. APPEALS

The Swimming Canada “Dispute Policy” and the Swimming Canada “Appeals Policy” govern all decisions made by Swimming Canada, including issues pertaining to selection. For a copy of these policies please contact Swimming Canada or refer to the following link: <https://www.swimming.ca/BoardPoliciesen.aspx>

These criteria were duly created and approved by the Swimming Canada Selection Committee, which by its terms of reference have been properly delegated to perform this task by the Chief Executive Officer of Swimming Canada.

These criteria have been prepared in English and translated to French. Where there is a discrepancy between the two versions, the English version shall be applied.