



NOMINATION CRITERIA 2022 Commonwealth Games

Tour Dates:	July 11 – August 4, 2022 TBC
Competition Dates:	July 29 – Aug 3, 2022
Location:	Staging: dates and location TBC Competition: Birmingham, ENG
Team Size:	Swimming Canada has been allocated 23 athlete quota spots Maximum of three swimmers per individual event
Team Leader:	Swimming Canada High Performance Director will be the Team Leader
Team Head Coach:	Swimming Canada Senior Coach, Olympic Program will be appointed as the Team Head Coach TBC
Team Coaches:	Up to four Team Coaches will be appointed, dependent on the final Team size and allocated accreditations
Nomination Events:	Canadian Swimming Trials, April 5-10, 2022 Victoria, BC 19 th FINA World Championships, May 22-29, 2022 Fukuoka, JPN
Team Announcement:	The Team Nomination results will be posted and communicated on or before June 15, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by Swimming Canada to nominate Swimmers to Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC) for selection to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team while meeting the qualification procedures outlined by CSC. In addition, this document sets out the criteria to identify eligible Coaches to be appointed to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team.

II. SWIMMER ELIGIBILITY

1. Only Swimmers identified by these criteria will be considered for nomination. The following conditions must be satisfied to be eligible for nomination to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team:
 - a. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out by FINA ([GR 1](#)) and Swimming Canada ([CGR 1.2.1](#))
 - b. Where a Swimmer is a Canadian citizen permanently residing outside of Canada, they must be registered directly with Swimming Canada or with a Swimming Canada registered swim club in accordance with Swimming Canada eligibility rules ([CGR 1.2.1.9 or .10](#))
 - c. A swimmer must hold a Canadian passport as of March 15, 2022 which expires no earlier than February 4, 2023.
 - d. A Swimmer must declare them self available for nomination prior to March 15, 2022 using the Swimmer Declaration of Availability [form](#). Any Swimmer who does not declare themselves eligible by this deadline may not be considered for nomination to this Team.



- e. Nominated Swimmers must sign the current Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement by June 1, 2022. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian will be required to co-sign the Agreement. The Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement will be provided to the Swimmer upon nomination.
- f. Nominated Swimmers must sign and submit the Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC) Athlete Agreement by the declared deadline.
- g. Nomination does not guarantee selection. Selection is subject to Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC) approval.

III. NOMINATION PROCESS RULES

1. The following statements outline the rules used in the nomination process.
 - a. Only performances in Olympic events, that are to be contested at the 2022 Commonwealth Games are eligible for the nomination purposes.
 - b. Results achieved in a Time Trial or as intermediate distance in an individual or relay event, will not be considered eligible for nomination purposes.
 - c. Selection does not guarantee specific event entry. Individual entries and relay team composition will be determined by the Team Leader in consultation with the Team Coaches.
 - d. All Swimmers whose nomination is accepted, are eligible to be considered in relay team composition.
 - e. If nomination is declined, the performances of the declining Swimmer at the Nomination Events will be disregarded for the purpose of these Criteria and in the ranking process.
 - f. The Swimmer Team size may increase should additional athlete quota spots (accreditations) become available from Commonwealth Sport Canada. Increases in Team size will be communicated as soon as possible.
 - g. Where referenced in this document, FINA World Rankings as of December 31, 2021 obtained from the FINA website will be used.
 - h. The Swimming Canada Commonwealth Games Time Standards ([Appendix A](#)) have been generated based on Commonwealth rankings for the period of January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Only performances in the FINA World Rankings obtained from the FINA website as of September 30, 2021 were included in Commonwealth rankings. The Swimming Canada Commonwealth Games 'A' time standard is equal to the 5th ranked time from the Commonwealth rankings, and the Swimming Canada Commonwealth Games 'B' time standard is equal to the 8th ranked time in the Commonwealth rankings.

IV. NOMINATION CRITERIA – Swimmers

Priority 1 – Individual Event Nomination 1:

At the conclusion of the Nomination Events, all individual event results from the two Nomination Events which are faster than or equal to the Swimming Canada Commonwealth Games 'A' Time Standard ([Appendix A](#)) will be combined and listed in rank order based on their placement in the FINA World Rankings at December 31, 2021. Swimmers will then be nominated in rank order to a maximum of one Swimmer per event, to a maximum of 12 Swimmers in total, and to a maximum of 8 Swimmers per gender.

Priority 2 – Relay Events Discretionary Nomination:

Swimmers will be nominated to the nominated relays at the sole discretion of the Swimming Canada High Performance Director, up to the maximum time size of 23 Swimmers, inclusive of those nominated in Priority 1.



Priority 3 – Individual Event Nomination 2:

Where space remains in individual events after Priorities 1 and 2 have been completed, all remaining individual event results from the two Nomination Events that are under the Swimming Canada Commonwealth Games ‘B’ Time Standard ([Appendix A](#)) will be combined and listed in rank order based on their placement in the FINA World Rankings as of December 31, 2021. Swimmers will then be nominated in rank order to a maximum of three Swimmers per event and a maximum Team size of 23 Swimmers, inclusive of Priorities 1 and 2.

Priority 4 – Relay Events Discretionary Nomination 2:

If athlete quota spots (accreditations) remain open the Swimming Canada High Performance Director may at his sole discretion nominate additional Swimmers to the Team to enhance the relay events, up to the maximum Team size of 23 Swimmers, inclusive of those nominated in Priorities 1, 2 and 3.

V. TIE BREAKING – Swimmers

1. Where there is a tie in the Swimmer nomination process from performances at the Nomination Events, the tied Swimmers’ second fastest times in that event, from the Nomination Events will be utilized to break the tie.
2. Where there is a tie in the ranking process as outlined in Priority 1 and Priority 3, the Swimmers’ times will be ranked as a percentage away from the third place time in the Commonwealth rankings in the respective events with the higher ranking taking priority. Percentages will be calculated to two decimal points.
3. Should a tie still exist in either Tie Breaking point 1 or point 2, Swimming Canada High Performance Director in consultation with the Swimming Canada Selection Committee shall determine a tie breaking method, which shall be applied.

VI. COMPETITIVE READINESS – Swimmers

1. “Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the Swimmer to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled Event, as compared to the performance(s) the Swimmer achieved in qualifying.
2. Swimmers who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team. Swimmers 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 2022 Commonwealth Games to the Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Team Head Coach in writing via email.
3. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director and the Team Head Coach will make the final decision on competitive readiness in concert once the nomination process is completed. These two individuals will have absolute discretion about which factors they will consider in making the final decision.
4. In the case of injury or illness, the High Performance Director and the Team Head Coach will consider recommendations made by the National Team Physician in making the final decision.



5. Injured or ill Swimmers may be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the High Performance Director and the Team Head Coach in consultation with the Swimmer's Personal Coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. These Swimmers will not travel with the team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that the Swimmer is not competitively ready once onsite at the event, they may be asked to return home immediately.

VII. REMOVAL OF A SWIMMER FROM TEAM

1. Swimming Canada may, at any time, disqualify a Swimmer from being considered for nomination to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team, or remove a Swimmer after nomination to Commonwealth Sport Canada based on current or past behavior of the Swimmer that is inconsistent with Swimming Canada's General Code of Conduct or the Team Athlete Code of Conduct (Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement, Schedule A). These documents are available upon request.
2. A Swimmer will be removed from being considered for nomination to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team or be removed after selection they are 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).

VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION – Coaches

1. To be eligible for appointment a Coach must:
 - a. have been resident in Canada and duly employed as a swimming coach by a Swimming Canada affiliated organization for 90 days prior to the first day of the 2022 Canadian Swimming Trials;
 - b. be a fully registered Coach and member in good standing with the Canadian Swim Coaches Association (CSCA) and Swimming Canada;
 - c. be a minimum NCCP Senior Coach Level 3 In-training or be a Chartered Professional Coach with the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada;
 - d. if a valid Police Record Check (PRC), or a valid Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), is not on file with Swimming Canada, provide a valid Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) in accordance with Swimming Canada's Safe Sport Screening Policy effective September 2021;
 - e. have completed all of the following required training programs prior to April 1, 2022:
 - Respect in Sport Activity Leader training or CAC Safe Sport Training module
 - 2022 True Sport Clean online training
 - 2022 Role of the Athlete Support Personnel online course
 - have signed the CCES Contract to expressly acknowledge they are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP);
 - f. declare them self available for appointment prior to March 15, 2022 using the Coach Declaration of Availability [form](#). Any Coach who does not declare them self eligible and available for appointment by this deadline may not be considered to be appointed for this event;
 - g. hold a passport that can be used for travel to England and for Visa processing within Canada, and which expires no earlier than February 4, 2023;
 - h. abide by the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Agreement and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code and have never had a violation of either the CADP or WADA Code;



2. All Coaches identified by these criteria must be a registered member of the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada on or before June 15, 2022 either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach.
3. All Coaches identified by these criteria must agree to and sign the Swimming Canada Team Staff Agreement upon receipt of the Agreement. Failure to do so will render the Coach as having officially declined appointment. A copy of the Team Staff Agreement will be provided to each appointed Coach upon their respective appointment to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team.

IX. APPOINTMENT – Coaches

1. Up to four Team Coaches will be appointed, dependent on the final Team size and accreditations allocated to Swimming Canada. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint up to four Team Coaches to the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team.

X. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND AMENDMENTS

Unforeseen Circumstances

1. Should the Swimming Canada Selection Committee determine that unforeseen 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.

Amendments to this Document

2. 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 first Nomination Event unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unforeseen Circumstances” provisions above.
3. Swimming Canada reserves the right to review and modify these Criteria or decisions related to the nomination process in the case of rule or policy changes from CSC that affect the Criteria set out in this document.
4. Any changes to these Criteria shall be communicated directly to all Swimming Canada Carded Swimmers and Coaches, and Swimmers and Coaches who declared themselves eligible for nomination, and will be published to the Swimming Canada website forthwith.

XI. APPEALS

1. The Swimming Canada “Complaints, Disciplinary Action and Dispute Resolution 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/en/resources/board-governance/board-policies/>

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.



Contact: For questions or clarification on the contents of this document, please contact Swimming Canada at hp-programs@swimming.ca

Appendix A follows:



Appendix A

Swimming Canada Commonwealth Games 'A' and 'B' Selection Time Standards

WOMEN		INDIVIDUAL EVENTS	MEN	
'A' time standard	'B' time standard		'A' time standard	'B' time standard
24.64	25.13	50 freestyle	22.08	22.15
52.76	53.89	100 freestyle	48.11	48.23
1:55.74	1:57.43	200 freestyle	1:45.55	1:46.47
4:04.78	4:10.92	400 freestyle	3:47.48	3:47.74
8:32.51	8:42.28	800 freestyle	NA	NA
NA	NA	1500 freestyle	15:02.19	15:19.69
58.86	59.51	100 backstroke	53.54	53.77
2:08.14	2:09.90	200 backstroke	1:57.48	1:57.96
1:06.37	1:07.31	100 breaststroke	59.99	1:00.11
2:23.12	2:24.40	200 breaststroke	2:09.62	2:12.97
57.79	58.61	100 butterfly	51.67	51.93
2:08.74	2:10.01	200 butterfly	1:55.88	1:56.42
2:09.99	2:12.04	200 individual medley	1:57.74	1:58.56
4:38.66	4:42.59	400 individual medley	4:14.16	4:18.65

Note: The 1500m Freestyle event is not offered for Women, and the 800m Freestyle event is not offered for Men at the 2022 Commonwealth Games