

2019/20 SNSW PERFORMANCE SQUAD SELECTION CRITERIA

The 2019/20 Swimming NSW (SNSW) Performance Squad consists of 4 tiers: Gold, Silver, Bronze and Open Water.

To be eligible for selection for the 2019/20 SNSW Performance Squad, swimmers must:

- be an Australian Citizen
- permanently residing and training in NSW or ACT
- be a current financial member of Swimming NSW

Eligibility does not guarantee selection into the squad.

Competition/Camps

Athletes in the SNSW Performance Squads are required to attend the below SNSW and SAL major meets and activities*:

- SNSW Meets (long and short course):
 - SNSW Open or Age Championships (dependent on athlete's age)
 - SNSW Open Water Championships (for open water athletes)
 - SNSW Metropolitan or Country Championships (dependent on athlete's location)
- SAL Meets (long and short course):
 - Australian Open Water Championships (for open water athletes)
 - Australian Open or Age Swimming Championships (dependent on athlete's age)
 - Australian Swimming Trials (if applicable)
- SAL State Teams Short Course Championships (where eligible and selected)
- Camps and other activities planned by the NSW State Coach and/or SNSW Coaching Director as per the IAPP.

** Athletes may be exempt from the above meets upon discussion with the NSW State Head Coach and/or SNSW Coaching Director.*

Selection Timeframe

Support for the SNSW Gold and Silver Performance Squad members will be for two (2) years (until the conclusion of 2021 Australian Swimming Championships). SNSW Bronze Performance Squad and SNSW Open Water Performance Squad members will remain on the Squad for one (1) year (until the conclusion of 2020 Australian Championships). The NSW State Head Coach and/or SNSW Coaching Director may review the position of a squad member at any time during this period if it is deemed the athlete is not meeting his/her performance and attendance requirements.

Accepting and Maintaining a position on the SNSW Performance Squad

All SNSW Performance Squad members must complete the following documentation prior to being confirmed on the squad:

- 2019 Swimming NSW Team Agreement and Informed Consent
- Online ASADA Level 1 & current Level 2 education (Level 2 must be renewed annually)
- Match Fixing e-learning
- Any other required content (advised upon squad selection)

Athletes may only accept a position on one (1) Swimming NSW Squad each year, with the default being set to the highest level of achievement.

Athletes selected for the SNSW Performance Squads are required to attend all allocated squad activities. Should the athlete be unable to attend any activity due to medical, school, other commitments or should it not align with objectives outlined in their IAPP, SNSW must be notified at least five (5) days prior to the activity date. Written document/s must be provided outlining the reason the swimmer is unable to attend. SNSW Performance Squad athletes must attend all activities to receive full squad apparel and equipment.

It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure all conditions of the Team Agreement are met. The squad may be amended at any time by the NSW State Head Coach and/or SNSW Coaching Director where by a swimmer's squad status is withdrawn based on a failure to comply with the appropriate agreements or a swimmer meets another selection criterion during the course of the year.

Athlete Withdrawal from SNSW Performance Squad

An athlete wishing to withdraw from a SNSW Performance Squad may do so by informing the SNSW Coaching Director in writing at any time. Any equipment loaned to an athlete through the Program must be returned upon withdrawal. Athletes who do not return equipment will be liable for the cost of all outstanding equipment. The athlete will also be responsible for all associated camp costs if withdrawal is less than seven (7) days from departure date.

Athlete Levy

There may be an athlete levy associated with the Silver, Bronze and Open Water Performance Squads. This will be advised at the time of selection.

SNSW BRONZE PERFORMANCE SQUAD

Selection Criteria

Females aged 16 years and over and males aged 17 years and over as at the first day of the selection meet.

Only the following performances will be considered for squad selection:

- Finalists at the 2019 Australian Open and Age Championships (must swim in the Final)
 - For Timed Final events, top 8 placing
- B Finalists in Olympic Events at the 2019 Australian Trials (must swim in the B Final)
 - For A Final only events or Timed Finals, top 16 placing

The maximum number for the SNSW Bronze Performance Squad 40 athletes. Should there be more than 40 athletes eligible for this squad, athletes may be ranked by percentage closest to the Australian Age record for the event. The NSW State Head Coach and/or SNSW Coaching Director may recommend swimmer selection to the squad at their discretion for talent identification purposes, irrespective of meeting the selection criteria.

Activities

The activities for this squad will involve testing days and targeted training sessions. Please note that activities and dates are subject to change.

Squad Selection Announcement

This squad may have 2 athlete intakes following the:

- 2019 Australian Open and Age Championships (after April)
- 2019 Australian Trials (after June)

The squad will be announced following the 2019 Australian Age Swimming Championships and then again after the Australian Trials, if necessary.
