



# 2021 Area Development Program Guide



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### Background

Swimming NSW (SNSW) is dedicated to recognising and rewarding dedicated young swimmers in all areas of the State. These swimmers may have started in the sport for recreational or social reasons and now aspire to being selected on State and National Squads in the future. It is important that SNSW provide a solid pathway for these swimmers to develop their swimming skills, as well as maintain motivation as they go through maturation. In regional areas, the program/s will be coordinated by the local SNSW Club Support Officer in conjunction with the Area Development Convenor.

### National Age Area Representative Squad (NAARS)

#### Objective

Targeting swimmers who have qualified for the Australian Open or Age Championships and providing them with opportunities to further develop their skills and participation in swimming. This should be achieved in an environment to promote pathway progression.

#### Selection Criteria

- Able-bodied swimmers aged females 13-18 years and males 14-19 years who competed at the 2021 Australian Swimming Championships and the Australian Age Championships in an individual event
- Swimmers who qualified for the 2021 Australian Swimming Championships and the Australian Age Championships but did not compete due to extenuating circumstances (at the Area's discretion).
- Open Water Swimmers aged 14-18 years of age that competed in an individual event at the 2021 Australian Open Water Championships and are not selected in a SNSW State Squad.

The Area may choose to include additional criteria.

#### Squad Activities

A skill-based development camp and other pertinent learning and educational opportunities. The coordination of this camp will be the responsibility of the SNSW Club Support Officers in conjunction with their Area Development Convenor. To provide improved accessibility, there will be a minimum of one NAARS camps in 2021. Location and date of the camp/s are to be confirmed.

#### Levy

To be determined by each Area.

#### Coach Overview

Coach selection process to be determined by Swimming NSW in conjunction with the SNSW Club Support Officer. Area to fund selected coaches.

*Notes: Areas are encouraged to include Area cap and a uniform for this squad.*

*Swimmers may only accept a position on one SNSW squad with a default set to the highest achievement.*

## Senior Age Area Representative Squad (SAARS)

### Objective

A focus on coach development to provide opportunities for coaches to share knowledge that can be applied in the daily training environment (DTE). In addition, encouraging swimmers of similar ages to come together in an environment that develops, motivates and provides motivation to continue participation in the sport of swimming.

### Selection Criteria

- Able-bodied Swimmers aged 13-18 years who competed in an individual event at the:
  - 2020/21 SNSW Senior State Age Championships (long course) or;
  - 2020/21 SNSW Senior Metropolitan Championships (long course) or;
  - 2020/21 SNSW Country Championships (long course)
- Para swimmers aged 13-18 years who competed in an event at the:
  - 2020/21 SNSW Senior Metropolitan Championships (long course) or;
  - 2020/21 SNSW Senior Country Championships (long course)
- Open water swimmers aged 13-18 years who competed in an individual event at the 2020 SNSW State Open Water Championships.
- Swimmers who qualified for the above listed Championships but did not compete due to extenuating circumstances (at the Area's discretion).

The Area may choose to include additional criteria.

### Squad Activities

- Coach Development – engage with activities that can be applied in the daily training environment
- Skill-based program that includes a focus on fun, social and life skills
- Program to be determined based on local needs and local area calendar. These activities can be delivered at any time (following April) that best suits the Area, the SNSW Club Support Officer and the SNSW Regional Coaching Director

### Competition Activities

- SNSW **Swim League Area Meet (SLAM)** – Date and Location TBC (August, Metropolitan Sydney)
  - 1 day meet format, 2 days only if required.SLAM Eligibility: Swimmers aged 10-20 years old who swam at state level in an individual event
- SNSW **Swim League Area Meet – Development (SLAM-D)** - Date and Location TBC (October, Metropolitan Sydney)
  - 1 day meet formatSLAM-D Eligibility: Swimmers aged 9-16 years old who swam at Country/Metro level in an individual event but not state level.
- **Additional eligibility/criteria for the SLAM and SLAM-D is at the discretion of the Area.**  
e.g. an area may decide that participation in area development activities/development days is a pre-requisite to be selected in these meets. Or an area may decide to open the meets to any area swimmers who meet the basic eligibility (age and competition level) regardless of their participation in area development activities.
- Swimmers may only compete at either the SLAM or SLAM-D

### Coach Overview

Coach attendance is highly recommended at Squad activities with their swimmer/s.

*Note: Swimmers may only accept a position on one SNSW squad with a default set to the highest achievement.*

## Junior Age Area Representative Squad (JAARS)

### Objective

Swimmers of similar ages are encouraged to improve their skills that can be repeated in the daily training environment (DTE). JAARS creates a development opportunity for coaches to learn new methods/skills to improve their swimmers in their DTE.

### Selection Criteria

- Able-bodied swimmers aged 10-12 years. Age as at that competed in an individual event at the:
  - 2020/21 NSW Junior State Age Championships (long Course) or;
  - 2020/21 NSW Junior Metropolitan Championships (long course) or;
  - 2020/21 NSW Country Championships (long course)
- Para swimmers aged 10-12 years that competed in an event at the:
  - 2020/21 NSW Junior Metropolitan Championships (long course) or;
  - 2020/21 NSW Country Championships (long course)
- Swimmers who qualified for the above listed Championships but did not compete due to extenuating circumstances (at the Area's discretion).

The Area may choose to include additional criteria.

### Squad Activities

- Coach Development – engage in activities that can be applied in the DTE
- Skill-based program with a focus on fun, social and life skills
- Days to be determined based on local needs and local area calendar. These activities can be delivered at any time (following April) that best suits the Area, the regional Club Support Officer and NSW Regional Coaching Director

### Competition Activities

- NSW **Swim League Area Meet (SLAM)** – Date and Location TBC (August, Metropolitan Sydney)
  - 1 day meet format, 2 days only if required.SLAM Eligibility: Swimmers aged 10-20 years old who swam at state level in an individual event
- NSW **Swim League Area Meet – Development (SLAM-D)** - Date and Location TBC (October, Metropolitan Sydney)
  - 1 day meet formatSLAM-D Eligibility: Swimmers aged 9-16 years old who swam at Country/Metro level in an individual event but not state level
- **Additional eligibility/criteria for the SLAM and SLAM-D is at the discretion of the Area.**  
e.g. an area may decide that participation in area development activities/development days is a pre-requisite to be selected in these meets. Or an area may decide to open the meets to any area swimmers who meet the basic eligibility (age and competition level) regardless of their participation in area development activities.
- Swimmers may only compete at either the SLAM or SLAM-D

### Coach Overview

Coach attendance is highly recommended at Squad activities with their swimmer/s.

*Note: Swimmers may only accept a position on one NSW squad with a default set to the highest achievement.*