

SWIMMING CRITERIA FOR 17TH FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017**BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 14 – 30 JULY 2017****1. Eligibility**

- 1.1. Only athletes registered with and in good standing with SSA will be considered for selection.
- 1.2. To be eligible for selection a swimmer must participate at the SSA National Swimming Championships (Official South African 17th FINA World Championships 2017 Swimming Trials) that will take place in Durban from 3 to 8 April 2017.
- 1.3. Athletes who have attained the FINA 'A' Qualification Time Standard in Olympic events, at the Official South African 17th FINA World Championships 2017 Swimming Trials, will be considered for selection.
- 1.4. All athletes must be available for relay selection.
- 1.5. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 17th FINA World Championships 2017 in Budapest, Hungary from 14 – 30 July 2017.
- 1.6. Selected athletes must be in possession of a valid South African passport and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.7. All athletes must be available for the full duration of the pre 17th FINA World Championships 2017 camp, which is tentatively scheduled for June/July 2017 (exact dates and venues to be confirmed once logistical arrangements have been finalized).
- 1.8. Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.

- 1.9. Members selected to the team must abide by the SSA Code of Conduct as appended to the SSA Constitution and agree to and sign the SSA Athlete / Official Agreement for 17th FINA World Championships 2017.
- 1.10. The SSA Executive Committee reserves the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.
- 1.11. The final team selection is subject to approval by the SSA Executive Committee.

2. Individual Events

- 2.1. The first and second placed athletes in the final of an Olympic individual event at the South African National Championships 2017 will be considered for selection, only if they achieve an “A” qualifying time in that event.
- 2.2. Should one or both of the first two placed finalists not achieve an “A” qualifying time, athletes with the fastest “A” times in either a heat or a semi-final of that event, will be considered for selection, provided that they swim in the final of that event.
- 2.3. Swimmers achieving qualifying times and showing performance progression improvements from Heats to Semis to Finals may be considered for selection.
- 2.4. If there are no “A” Qualifiers in an Olympic Event, the first swimmer achieving a “FINA B” Qualifying Time Standard, may be considered for selection, to satisfy transformation and gender objectives.

3. Relays

- 3.1. 4 x 100m Men Freestyle Relay
 - 3.1.1. Athletes achieving “A” qualifying times in the 100m freestyle final at the trials, will be considered for selection.
 - 3.1.2. Athletes achieving “FINA B qualifying times” in the final may also be considered for selection.

- 3.1.3. The final team will only be selected after intensive training with regard to take-over reaction times and matters relating to team-spirit build up
- 3.2. 4 x 100m Men Medley Relay
- 3.2.1. All athletes achieving “A” qualifying times in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly events, in the finals of these events at the trials, will be considered for selection.
- 3.2.2. Athletes achieving “FINA B Qualifying Time” Standards in the finals in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly events, may also be considered for selection.
- 3.2.3. Selection of a team for the Medley relay is conditional provided the cumulative time of the individual athletes is faster than 5th place in the final at the 2015 FINA World Championships
- 3.2.4. The final team will only be proposed after intensive training with regard to take-over reaction times and matters relating to team-spirit build up
- 3.3. The other relays, viz. the men’s 4 x 200m freestyle, the women’s 4 x 100m free, women’s 4 x 200m free and the women’s 4 x 100m medley, will only be considered if the best times from the relevant finals added together are faster than the 5th place time in the final at the 2015 FINA World Championships.

4. **Funding**

This will be a partially self funded tour. Team Members will be funded according to their level of performance.

QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS**FINA WORLD CHAMPS “A” Times**

	Men's Standard		Women's Standard	
B – 1 entry	A – 2 Entries		A – 2 Entries	B – 1 entry
23.26	22,47	50 m Freestyle	25,18	26.06
50.64	48,93	100 m Freestyle	54,90	56.82
1:51.50	1.47,73	200 m Freestyle	1.58,68	2:02.83
3:56.14	3.48,15	400 m Freestyle	4.10,57	4:19.34
8:10.91	7.54,31	800 m Freestyle	8.38,56	8:56.71
15:44.74	15.12,79	1500 m Freestyle	16.32,04	17:06.76
55.95	54,06	100 m Backstroke	1.00,61	1:02.73
2:02.70	1.58,55	200 m Backstroke	2.11,53	2:16.13
1:02.46	1.00,35	100 m Breaststroke	1.07,58	1:09.95
2:15.70	2.11,11	200 m Breaststroke	2.25,91	2:31.02
54.12	52,29	100 m Butterfly	58,48	1:00.53
2:01.38	1.57,28	200 m Butterfly	2.09,77	2:14.31
2:04.43	2.00,22	200 m Ind. Medley	2.13,41	2:18.08
4:26.93	4.17,90	400 m Ind. Medley	4.43,06	4:52.97