

# SWIMMING OTAGO

## Regional Relay Selection Policy



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**Eligibility Criteria:** Athletes must have entered, at least, one (1) individual event.

Clubs are to supply the designated Otago Selector a listing of their available swimmers two (2) days prior to entries closing as advised on the published meet information.

**Selection Criteria:** The selector must thoroughly read the relay entry criteria for the competition and make sure the relay teams comply with the required criteria.

Consideration of selection will be based on recent top times, relay experience and past relay performance.

Normally only one Relay team per relay event will be entered. This is so athletes constantly vie for the right to swim in Otago relays. Further teams may be selected where the time differential from the top team is within an appropriate time difference which would make the team competitive at the competition.

Consideration can be given to swimming athletes up an age group if there is a lack of athletes in an age group or if a younger swimmer will make the relay team faster than a team in that age group.

**Entry Process:** The designated Otago selector will select relay teams and process relay entries, including athletes' names, for all National and Regional competitions through the Swimming NZ Database by the close off date advised on the meet information.

**Announcement:** Relay Team/s will be announced at the commencement of each morning session of the competition by the designated Otago Regional Manager.

**At the Competition:** Otago Regional Manager (ORM) will liaise with Club Coaches to confirm availability of athletes selected or to change the athletes selected, based on the selection criteria.

ORM may change the team members and/or alter the swimming order after considering competition performances. These changes may be made in consultation with an Otago Selector, if one is available.

Club Managers or Coaches may discuss the makeup of the team and the swimming order and may request any changes considered to improve the performance of a team.

It is the responsibility of Club Managers or Coaches to notify their athletes of selection and any changes.

Otago Swim Caps will be issued upon announcement of the relay team. Remember there is one (1) swim cap issued per season, otherwise there is an incurred cost of \$10.00 per cap.

The final decision as to who participates in the Otago Regional Relay Teams rests with the ORM.