



National Open Water Swimming Squads 2018

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1. BACKGROUND

In view of the principles inherent in the model for Long Term Participant Development (LTPD), as well as the stringent requirements for selection of athletes and teams to major events under the Jurisdiction of SASCO, we have aligned our strategies with the LTPD Model and SASCO's strategic thrusts in this regard. Critical to this alignment process is to focus on support and development of swimming talent for the 2022 Commonwealth Games and 2020 Olympics.

To achieve this, SSA has developed a squad system with the objective to increase our pool of talent for the future, with various levels of support, dependant on available resources.

Note that while some athletes may receive support largely based on their world ranking, others might not receive the same extent of support. This means that some of the squad activities might be fully funded, partially subsidized or self-funded.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. To identify athletes that will deliver medal winning performances at senior international competitions and at the 2020 Olympic Games;
- 2.2. To facilitate support services to identified South African based athletes;
- 2.3. To ensure exposure to international participation to increase the pool of elite level athletes, with a view to enhancing performances; and
- 2.4. To ensure the future makeup of our teams is representative of the demographics of the country.

3. KEY INDICATORS

- 3.1. The number of Top 10 finishes achieved at major international competitions (Olympic Games and World Championships);
- 3.2. The number of swimmers appearing in the World and Continental rankings.

4. SSA NATIONAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING SQUADS

- 4.1. Elite Senior Squad
- 4.2. Senior Squad
- 4.3. Elite Youth Squad
- 4.4. Youth Squad
- 4.5. Junior Youth Squad
- 4.6. Junior Squad

5. SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SQUADS:

5.1. Selection will be based on specific events only, and squads will be selected on the 2018 SSA National Open Water Swimming Championships results. .

6. ELITE SENIOR SQUAD

6.1. Selection criteria: 2018 SANAT OWS

6.1.1. The Squad Members are selected in order of place finish from the 2018 SA National Open water Swimming Championships 10km event.

6.1.2. Six men (6) and Six (6) women can be selected to the 2018 – 2019 SSA Open Water Swimming Squad

6.2. Focus Areas

6.2.1. Training Camps

6.2.2. 2018 Africa Swimming Championships

6.2.3. 2018 FINA 10km Marathon Swimming Cup

7. SENIOR SQUAD

7.1. Selection criteria: 2018 SANAT OWS

7.1.1. The Squad Members are selected in order of place finish from the 2018 SA National Open Water Swimming Championships 10km event.

7.1.2. Six men (6) and six (6) women can be selected to the 2018 – 2019 SSA Open Water Swimming Squad

7.2. Focus Areas

7.2.1. Training Camps

7.2.2. 2018 Africa Swimming Championships

7.2.3. 2018 FINA 10km Marathon Swimming Cup

8. Elite Youth Squad – Year of birth: 2000 - 2003

8.1. Selection criteria: 2018 SANAT OWS

8.1.1. Year of birth: 2000 - 2003

8.1.2. The Squad Members are selected in order of place finish from the 2018 SA National Open Water Swimming Championships 10km event.

- 8.1.3. Eight men (8) and Eight women (8) can be selected to the 2018 – 2019 SSA Open Water Swimming Squad
- 8.1.4. Discretionary inclusion by High Performance Department.

8.2. Focus Areas

- 8.2.1. Training Camps
- 8.2.2. 2018 FINA Junior World Open Water Swimming Championships
- 8.2.3. 2018 FINA 10km Marathon Swimming Cup

9. Youth Squad – Year of birth: 2002 – 2003 (15 & 16 years)

9.1. Selection criteria: 2018 SANAT OWS

- 9.1.1. Year of birth: 2002 - 2003
- 9.1.2. The Squad Members are selected in order of place finish from the 2018 SA National Open Water Swimming Championships 5km event.
- 9.1.3. Eight men (8) and Eight women (8) can be selected to the 2018 – 2019 SSA Open Water Swimming Squad
- 9.1.4. Discretionary inclusion by High Performance Department;

9.2. Focus Areas

- 9.2.1. Training Camps
- 9.2.2. 2019 CANA Zone IV Championships

10. Junior Youth Squad – Year of birth: 2002 – 2003 (15 & 16 years)

10.1. Selection criteria: 2018 SANAT OWS

- 10.1.1. Year of birth: 2002 - 2003
- 10.1.2. The Squad Members are selected in order of place finish from the 2018 SA National Open Water Swimming Championships 3km event.
- 10.1.3. Eight men (8) and Eight women (8) can be selected to the 2018 – 2019 SSA Open Water Swimming Squad
- 10.1.4. Discretionary inclusion by High Performance Department

10.2. Focus Areas

10.2.1. Training Camps

10.2.2. 2019 CANA Zone IV Championships

11. Junior Squad – Year of birth: 2004 – 2006 (12, 13 & 14 years)

11.1. Selection criteria: 2018 SANAT OWS

11.1.1. Year of birth: 2004 - 2006

11.1.2. The Squad Members are selected in order of place finish from the 2018 SA National Open Water Swimming Championships 3km event

11.1.3. Eight men (8) and Eight women (8) can be selected to the 2018 – 2019 SSA Open Water Swimming Squad

11.1.4. Discretionary inclusion by High Performance Department;

11.2. Focus Areas

11.2.1. Training Camps

11.2.2. 2019 CANA Zone IV Championships

12. Fast Track Squad

12.1. Selection criteria: 2018 SANAT OWS

12.1.1. The Squad Members are selected in order of place finish from the 2018 SA National Open Water Swimming Championships in the events they participated in.

12.1.2. Fifteen men (15) and Fifteen (15) women can be selected to the 2018 – 2019 SSA Open Water Swimming Squad

12.1.3. Discretionary inclusion by High Performance Department