

2008 Western Zone Selection Process

Summary: Western Zone selection is based on swimmers' seasonal best times rather than swimmers' ranking. Swimmers who have achieved the Sierra Nevada Priority Times (SNPT) will receive first priority when selecting the team. Second priority will go to the swimmers who have achieved the Western Zone Qualifying Time (WZQT) as published on the web page and on this informational sheet. Finally to insure a minimum of five swimmers in an age group, swimmers with AAA times or AA times will be considered. A maximum of 80 swimmers will be selected.

I. Eligibility

- a. To be eligible for selection to the SNS Western Zone Team, a swimmer must be a registered SNS swimmer in good standing. This means that the swimmer must not owe money to SNS, and must not have been restricted from representing SNS because of past disciplinary problems. Swimmers, who owe money to SNS, may clear the debt and be considered for the Western Zone Team by paying the money that is owed before the end of the qualifying period.
- b. Swimmers must have achieved a minimum of one (1) long-course USAS AA time to submit a letter of intent.

II. Qualifying

- a. Selection will be based on verified long-course performances achieved during the qualifying period in individual events swum at the Western Zone Championships. Swims performed outside the LSC must be posted on the Swim Connection website prior to 5:00 pm on the Tuesday following the conclusion of the Sierra Nevada Long Course Junior Olympics in order to be considered. The qualifying period is from January 1 through the conclusion of the Sierra Nevada Long-Course Junior Olympics.
- b. Participation on the SNS Zone team is based on the swimmer's age on the first day to the Zone meet. If the swimmer will be in an older age group at the Zone meet than when they swam the qualifying event, they will be considered for the Zone team in the older age group.

III. Selection Process

- a. Swimmers with Sierra Nevada Priority Times (SNPT) will be the first selected.
- b. If no SNPT's then swimmers with 5 WZQT will be considered.
- c. If not 5 WZQT's than swimmers with 4 WZQT will be considered.
- d. If not 4 WZQT's than swimmers with 3 WZQT will be considered.
- e. If not 3 WZQT's than swimmers with 2 WZQT will be considered.
- f. If not 2 WZQT's than swimmers with 1 WZQT will be considered.
- g. If a minimum of five (5) swimmers has not been selected in a particular age group, swimmers with AAA times will be selected as described above until 5 swimmers are selected.
- h. If a minimum of 5 swimmers has not been selected using AAA times, all AA applicants will be considered as described above until 5 swimmers are selected.
- i. At the point where a tie exists to fill the eighth or fifth position, a tie breaking system will be used.
- j. To break a tie, the swimmers will be scored using 9 – 7 – 6 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 with the highest point scorers selected for the team. Only the top six individual events will be scored.

Letters of Intent:

To submit the letter of intent, the swimmers must have a minimum of one USAS long course AA time. Letters will be due at noon on the Saturday of the Sierra Nevada Long Course Junior Olympics. Coaches will be required to sign the letter and fill in a section related to the swimmers best events to assist the Zone team coaches during event selection.