

## St. Vincent and the Grenadines Swimming Federation

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### Policies for National Team Representation Selection

The following policies applies to the selection of swimmers who will be **eligible** for selection to any swim team to represent for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) at Regional and International meets.

**1. Citizenship/Residency** - The athlete must be a citizen of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) or in the case of events where citizenship is not required, the athlete must meet the residency or other requirements of the specific event. The athlete **MUST** have been resident in SVG for a minimum period of two continuous years during the ten years preceding the date of the relevant competition that they wish to be considered for.

In addition to above, the athlete must achieve the following minimum qualifying standards **as** stated below. Please note that making the qualifying standards makes the swimmer eligible for selection and does **NOT** guarantee selection. All competitive swimmers age 11 and above **MUST** have swam a minimum of 10 hours per week (80% of the time) in training for the 4 months preceding the event.

#### **2. Age group competitions/meets (OECS, CARIFTA, CCCAN. etc.) –**

**2A. OECS** - Swimmers (aged 9 and older) should meet the “A” motivation time standard (time) for at least two events in the first year of the applicable age group and should meet the “AA” motivation time for at least two events in the second year of the applicable age group to be eligible for National team selection. Selection for age 8 and under is at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

#### **2B. CARIFTA/CCCAN:**

- **Age 11-12** – The swimmer should meet the “AAA” motivation time for at least two events.
- **Age 13-14** – The swimmer should meet the “AAA” motivation time for at least two events.
- **Age 15-17 – First year** – A swimmer should meet the “AA” motivation time standard (time) for at least two events. **Second and Third year** – should meet the “AAA” motivation time for at least two events.

**2C. Junior Commonwealth Games, Junior Olympics, Junior Worlds, Junior Pan Am Games, etc.** - A swimmer should meet the AAA time for at least two events in the applicable age group.

#### **3. NON age group competitions/meets (World Championships, Olympics, Pan Am Games, Commonwealth Games, etc.):**

3A. Subject to 3B below, the basic policy is that the "best swimmers" are selected and funded subject to any other extenuating factors that the Council may consider to be

reasonable grounds for excluding a swimmer(s). The number of funded swimmers is dependent on the numbers outlined by the funding agency (e.g. If FINA indicates they will fund 3 swimmers, then the 3 “best swimmers” are identified and funded) and the resources of the SVGSF. In determining the “best swimmers” the Council will consider the times of the swimmers. The Council may also consider using the established FINA points system. This is especially helpful where swimmers are relatively superior in different events and there is a need to compare them. The Council reserves the right to determine what number of events it will use as the basis for selection. Other parameters within the competitions/meet rules may also influence selection; these may include minimum age requirements, gender requirements and the number of events in which swimmers may compete. The Council may also consider other factors it deems reasonable.

- 3B. Swimmers MUST have swam in at least one swim competition in SVG and MUST have represented SVG in at least two regional/international competitions within the last five years.

### **Qualification periods and deadlines for the selection of national teams:**

- Carifta - qualifying times should be achieved between April 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year before Carifta.
- OECS - qualifying times should be achieved between March 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> in the year of the OECS championships.
- All other national team events - qualifying times should be achieved within the previous 12 months of the selection dates.

The SVGSF reserves the right to consider adding athletes who have achieved qualifying times outside the above qualifying periods in exceptional circumstances and in those cases the parents of the athletes may be responsible for the full cost of the athletes participation in the competition including making logistical arrangements where applicable.

In the case of overseas based athletes, times must be verified by independent sources recognized by the SVGSF. The athletes or their parents/guardians are responsible for submitting verifiable results to the SVGSF within 30 days of the competition when the results were achieved.

For all meets, with the exception of the OECS, any person wishing to be on the national team should have swam at either the Barbados (Long Course or Short Course) National Championships; OECS; CARIFTA; CCCAN or ASATT championships in the preceding 12 months. The Council reserves the right to accept other events.

It is important to note the funding from the SVGSF may be allocated to those swimmers based on their time achievements and their likelihood of success at the event as well as available financial resources.

Further information on the FINA Points system can be found at the following website:

[http://www.fina.org/H2O/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1373&Itemid=1373](http://www.fina.org/H2O/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1373&Itemid=1373)