

POLICY

To: Fraser Valley Regional Board, British Columbia Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA)

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Policy Issue: Fraser Valley Region Relay Selection Process for the 2009 Provincial Swimming Championships

OVERVIEW

The objective of the Relay Selection Process is to ensure the best possible teams are selected to represent the Fraser Valley Region at the 2009 Provincial Swimming Championships. In the interests of all BCSSA members, this policy also serves to provide clarity and transparency to the selection process.

ELIGIBILITY

All swimmers wishing to be considered for selection must meet the following conditions:

- Must have competed in an individual event at the 2009 Regional Championship Meet.
- Must meet the registration criteria of the BCSSA.
- Swimmers, or their parent or legal guardian as required, must have signed up at the Provincial Signup Desk, confirming that they are planning to attend the Provincial Championship Meet

TEAM COMPOSITION

- The relay team shall consist of four swimmers and may include two alternates. The composition of the team may change between Regional and Provincial Championships.
- At least one swimmer selected to the relay team must have competed in an individual event in the corresponding competition category during the 2009 BCSSA competitive season.
- All swimmers may not necessarily be from the same division or category for which the event is being staged, swimmers from lower divisions, may be included to form the best possible relay team.
- Swimmers registered as "S" swimmers are only eligible to participate on an "S" Relay.
- Swimmers registered as "O" swimmers are only eligible to participate on an "O" Relay.

SELECTION

Selection Panel

The Selection Panel will comprise of the current Fraser Valley Regional Coach and the Head Coach from each of the competing clubs at the 2009 Regional Championships.

Selection Process

- The panel of selectors shall meet at the Provincial Qualifier Practice to make the initial selection.

- Selectors shall select swimmers in accordance with the final team composition requirements of the competition.
- The Selectors shall have total discretion in selection and may have regard for any or all of the criteria.
- A majority decision is required by the Selectors.
- Subject to this policy, the decision of the Selection Panel will be final. No reason needs to be given for any selection or other decisions of the selectors. This shall not prevent or restrict the Selectors changing the selection of any competitors at any time in their sole discretion, after the 2009 Regional Championship Meet and up to the 2009 Provincial Championship Meet.
- Selectors reserve the right to make adjustments to the team composition.

Selection Criteria

Selection of teams will be based largely on the swimmer's performances at the 2009 Fraser Valley Regional Championships

Further Selection Criteria

In the final selection of team's consideration may also be given to, but is not limited to, the following factors:

- Results and performances during the 2009 competitive season.
- Previous results and performances prior to the 2009 competitive season.
- Current level of skill and physical fitness
- Current or potential injury or conditions, which may impair, inhibit or prevent performance to the requisite level.
- The athletes personal training workload prior to the 2009 Fraser Valley Regional Championships
- Demonstrated and potential ability to work with fellow competitors, coaches, managers and officials.
- Ability to operate in a team environment.
- Exhibition of a sound moral code of conduct.
- The potential to successfully achieve the objectives of the team.
- Other factors considered relevant in the circumstances.

SELECTION NOTIFICATION

- The Regional Coach or their nominee is the sole person able to comment to other parties on any matters relating to the selection of an athlete or team.
- Individuals selected shall be notified of their selection at the Provincial Qualifier Practice following the Fraser Valley Regional Championships and prior to the Provincial Championships.

REMOVAL FROM THE TEAM

Any Swimmer who is deemed by the Selectors or Regional Board of Directors, to have breached or failed to observe this policy or any relevant policy, procedure, regulation of the BCSSA Code of Conduct may be ineligible for selection to or continued membership of the relay team in which they have been selected.

APPEAL

An aggrieved person may appeal against a perceived failure of Selectors or the Board of Regional Directors to comply with the procedures set down in this policy. That is, an appeal may only be made on procedural grounds not on the merits of a particular selection decision. Any appeal under this clause will proceed in accordance with the BCSSA Constitution and Regulations.