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2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games Athlete Selection Criteria for each District Team

1. **Tour Dates:** July 28 - 30, 2016
2. **Location:** Estevan Sask
3. **Participant Team size:**
 - a. Number of Swimmers per District: 8 Male and 8 Female
 - b. Coaches and Managers: 2 coaches and 1 manager
(must have a minimum of 1 coach/manager of different gender)
 - c. The Saskatchewan Games Fill Policy will be in effect for this competition – refer to Appendix A

4. **All Athletes wishing to be considered for selection must complete and submit the “Intent to Participate form (see Appendix B) no later than Wednesday June 1, 2016.**

District teams are only selected from athletes that submit the form. No form submitted means swimmer will not be selected.

Swimmers will be notified by the District coaches by the middle of June if they have been selected or not.

5. **Cost:** \$75 Sask Games Council fee per athlete (no fee for coaches and managers). This Fee will be collected by the District coaches/manager after selection is confirmed. Do not send this fee in with Intent to Participate Form.
6. **Selection Period:** Summer Club Swimmers - Short course meter times from Sanctioned Summer Club competitions from 2014 and 2015.

Winter Club swimmers - Short Course meter times from Sanctioned Winter Club meets from Sept 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

Swimmers best times from the above period in the Swim Saskatchewan Hytek Team Manager database will be used for selection.

7. **Classification**
 - a. Age as of first day of competition- July 28th, 2016
 - i. Female - 11 to 14 years of age
 - ii. Male - 12 to 15 years of age





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8. Eligibility

- a. All athletes must meet both the Sask Games Council Saskatchewan Summer Games Eligibility criteria on page 2 of the Technical Package and the Swim Saskatchewan eligibility criteria.
- b. Athletes are selected to their district team based on their domicile residence, ***not*** the district for the club that they are a member of.
I.e. a swimmer living in White City might be a member of a Regina Swim Club but is not eligible for the Regina District for the Games, he/she would be eligible for the South East District;
OR a swimmer living in Martensville might be a member of a Saskatoon Swim Club but is not eligible for the Saskatoon District for the games, he/she would be eligible for Prairie Central District.
- c. All swimmers must be a member in good standing of Swim Saskatchewan Inc. registered as either a Winter Competitive swimmer or a Summer-SNC swimmer in order to be eligible to compete.
NOTE: this Summer-SNC category is an extra \$12 fee. Those Summer swimmers that complete the Intent to Participate Form must also attach payment for the extra \$12

Swimmer De-qualification:

The Swimming Canada qualifying times for Western Canadian Open for 15 & under Female and 16 & under male are the de-qualifying times.
Any swimmer that has achieved one of these times in either SC or LC is deemed not eligible for the games.

Excluded from the Games are:

Any swimmer that has competed at any of the following competitions:
Western Canada Summer Games, Canada Summer Games,
Swimming Canada Western/Eastern Canadian Open,
Canadian Swimming Championships/Trials or Canadian Age Group Championships.

9. Swimmer Selection:

The following selection will be used for both male and female selection

- a. Short Course FINA Points within Hytek Team Manager version 7 will be used for ranking purposes for those completing the intent to participate. You can see an estimation of your FINA Points for each of your swims by going to:
http://www.swimdb.ca/time_stds/ You would use the 2012 Fina Points.

NOTE: the Fina points from this website could be slightly different from the Fina Points within Hytek Team Manager. Using this website will give you an idea of your point scores.





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- b. Swimmers will be ranked by the FINA point scores in each event and within the following event categories for each gender:
 - i. Sprint Freestyle (50 and 100)
 - ii. Middle Distance Freestyle (200 and 400)
 - iii. Backstroke (50,100 and 200)
 - iv. Breaststroke (50, 100 and 200)
 - v. Butterfly (50 and 100)
 - vi. IM (200)
- c. Swimmers will be ranked by FINA points from their single highest scoring swim and ranked highest to lowest.
- d. The swimmer with the highest scoring swim from an event within an event category will be selected for that event category. This will select a total of 6 swimmers of each gender.
- e. Should the same swimmer have the highest scoring swim in multiple event categories, then the district coach has the discretion to select the swimmer to the event category he/she feels is the best fit for the overall team selection.
- f. Should the highest scoring swimmer in an event category be previously selected, then the next highest scoring swimmer in that event category will be selected. This will continue until a swimmer is selected in all 6 event categories.
- g. Should there be a tie in the highest point score for any event category, then the swimmer with the next highest scoring swim in that same stroke category will be selected (i.e. Swimmer A scores 501 points in 50 Breast and 450 in 100 Breast. Swimmer B scores 501 points in 100 Breast and 448 points in 200 Breast. Swimmer A would be selected).
- h. The 7th and 8th spots will be filled with the next highest scoring swim in any event category at the discretion of the District Head Coach based on team needs.
- i. In the event that there is a tie in FINA Point scores for the 8th and final spot, then of these two swimmers, the 8th position will be selected at the discretion of the District based on team needs.
- j. Should the Fill Policy be put into effect as a result of one or more districts not filling their allotted team complement of 8 female and 8 male swimmers, then Swim Saskatchewan will institute the following selection process to fill the allowed complement of swimmers for the Games:





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- i. To be considered for selection, swimmers must have completed the Intent to Participate form below. (Appendix B)
 - ii. Swimmers NOT selected to a District team that meet the qualifying eligibility criteria will be ranked by FINA points highest to lowest.
 - iii. The highest scoring swimmer will be selected and allowed to represent their District as per the Sport Fill Policy. (Appendix A)
 - iv. The next highest scoring swimmer will then be selected and allowed to represent their District as per the Sport Fill Policy.
 - v. This process will continue until the total allowed complement of 64 male and 64 female swimmers is reached.
 - vi. As per the Saskatchewan Games Fill policy and item 7.3.7 in the Technical package, any swimmers selected to a District under the Fill Policy are eligible for medals but do not count points for the District in their individual event. And for relays, if a swimmer selected under the Fill Policy participates on a team relay then that relay becomes Exhibition and no points or medals are awarded for that team and district.
10. Once the team has been named, should an athlete turn down selection, the next highest ranked swimmer in any event category will be selected.

11. Swimmer Responsibilities:

- a. Swimmers selected will be required to pay a Saskatchewan Games Council Athlete Participation fee of \$75 to their District to attend the Games. This will be collected by the District Coaches/Manager.
- b. Swimmers selected to this team will be expected to continue with their training up to the commencement of the Games. For Winter swimmers this means that even if your club is no longer swimming, you will have to continue to swim. You may need to join a Summer Club to train with them (will not be eligible to compete in any Summer club meets though) or have your winter club coach or the Summer Games District Coach, provide you with workouts and you go to lane swimming on your own. Each athlete will be held responsible for reporting to the District Head Coach of their training as requested by the District Head Coach. Failure to do so may result in the swimmers removal from the team at the Head Coaches discretion.
- c. Swimmers selected to this team are required to report all illnesses or injuries after being selected until time of departure. District coaching staff reserves the right to refuse athlete participation if they are unable to participate or perform fully.
- d. Swimmers selected will be required to complete the online Games Registration by the deadline date given by their District Coaches/Manager.





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Appendix A **Sport Fill Policy**

The Fill Policy allows PSGB's the opportunity to add additional competitors to districts teams if at the conclusion of the district team selection process not all district teams are able to field a full team.

The number of athletes competing at the provincial level would not exceed the maximum number of projected athletes from all Districts (ex: Swimming has a District team size of 16 athletes per district (8male/8 female) x 8 districts = a total of 128 swimmers (64 male/64 female). This would be the maximum allowed at the provincial event. The number of districts eligible to participate will be based on Team Norths ability to field teams in each sport. As all financial expenditures costs are based on maximum participation at the Games, additional costs for the fill participants is not an issue.

Criteria

- a) The sports inclusion on the sport calendar is based on participation from each District, therefore, every effort must be made by the sport to ensure a full complement of developmental-stage appropriate athletes (ie. 'Train to Train') from each District. A clear message will be communicated to the provincial sport governing bodies that this policy does not abdicate their responsibility for developing sport in all Districts within the province.
- b) The replacement athlete **MUST** be fully eligible and have participated in a District play down or selection camp. The selected fill participants will become part of the District team (as determined by the athlete eligibility criteria) and will be included in all components of the teams logistical support. (Transportation, uniforms, online registration etc.)
- c) Fill athletes must adhere to the athlete eligibility policy in the Sask Games Handbook.
- d) The fill selection procedures will differ from sport to sport; therefore the Council must approve these procedures well in advance of the games. Individual sports will be requested to submit their intent to participate in the fill policy within the designated timelines for the technical package submission.
- e) The Saskatchewan Games Council will encourage the use of the fill policy for all individual sports in the Sask Games program. The council will work with each sport to determine their policies and procedures.
- f) Joe Griffith and Flag points will only be awarded to individual who have initially made the district team. Fill athletes will be eligible to compete for medals, but their results will not be included in Flag points or Joe Griffith award calculations.
- g) Fill athletes who compete in individual sports which have a team component within the competition schedule, shall be eligible to receive medals, however the points accumulated for that individual shall not be counted.
- h) Should a district sport team exceed the designated team size by more than 50% due to addition of fill athletes, a request for additional coaches/managers will be considered. The Sask Games Council must approve the addition of coaches/managers.
- i) Team sports will not be included in the Fill Policy, however, future discussion and consideration of 'Team Sport Fill Policy' provisions may occur should circumstances dictate so.
- j) PSGB's must ensure, through a logical and transparent process, that athletes designated as replacements are within the appropriate stage of athlete development (Train to Train or higher), to ensure the integrity and caliber of the competition.
- k) Fill athletes must pay the appropriate athlete registration fee.





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Appendix B

Intent to Participate in 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games.

This form must be submitted in order to be selected to your District Team
Form must be returned **no later than Wed, June 1, 2016**

I, _____ Gender: _____
(Name of swimmer, please print legibly)

Would like to be considered for selection to the 2016 Saskatchewan Summer Games.

Date of Birth: _____ Phone Number: _____
Day/month/year

Address: _____

If a Box number, then please also provide Rural Municipality #: _____

Email Address: _____

Club I am registered with: _____

Please return this form to the Swim Saskatchewan office
no later than Wed, June 1, 2016

Late applications will not be accepted.

Swimmers registered with a Summer Club must also include a cheque or money order payable to Swim Saskatchewan for \$12 for the extra registration fee.

This will only be cashed if selected to the team.

Cheques will be destroyed should you not be selected to your district team.

