



**2019 Western Canada Summer Games Team Manitoba Swimming**

**Athlete Selection**

*Document current as of November 8, 2018*

Team:	Team Manitoba 2019 Western Canada Summer Games
Competition:	2019 Western Canada Summer Games, Swift Current, SK
Competition Dates:	August 10 to 12 pool events    Aug 13 open water event
Tour Dates:	August 8 to August 13, 2019

Team Manitoba will attend a staging camp in North Dakota, from August 2 to August 5, 2019. Athletes will join the TOBA Team and travel by bus to Swift Current on August 8. Once athletes move into the village, **no athletes or staff will be permitted to leave the team until the end of the competition, including the open water events.**

Team Size:	Able Bodied: Maximum of 14 Females and 14 Males Para Swimming: Maximum of 2 Females and 2 Males Special Olympic: Maximum of 2 Females and 2 Males
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Team Total Size: 36 athletes

Athlete Age:	Able Bodied: Female swimmers must be born in 2004 to 2007 Able Bodied: Male swimmers must be born in 2003 to 2006 Para Swimming: Female and Male swimmers born between 1994 and 2006 Special Olympic: Female and Male swimmers born between 1994 and 2006
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Staff:	Able-Body and Para-Swimming (Classes S1 to S13) - 4 coaches and 1 manager (At least one of the coaches must be female) Special Olympics and Para-Swimming (Class S14) - 1 coach and 1 manager
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Team Confirmation:

- Swimmers and coaches nominated to the team will be notified by email of their nomination for selection by Thursday April 18, 2019
- There will be a 5 days RSVP window to confirm participation on the team. Confirmation for all nominations must be made by Tuesday April 23, 2019
- Appeals must be filed by April 30, 2019 (see 9. Appeals)
- The official WCSG Team will be announced on the SNM website on or before Tuesday May 7, 2019



Selection Period: All LCM Competition Results from March 1, 2019 to April 15, 2019 will be considered towards Able Bodied and Para Swimming athlete selection

Special Olympics competition will take place on Nov 24.

Eligible results from Selection Competitions:

- ✓ Only swimmer's individual results from the Selection Period may be used for athlete selection
- ✓ Time Trial results will not be allowed for athlete selection
- ✓ Relay Lead-off splits will not stand as an individual result for athlete selection
- ✓ Official splits during individual events will not stand as an individual result for athlete selection (i.e. 400 Freestyle split time from an 800 Freestyle)

To be eligible for selection to 2019 Western Canada Games Team Manitoba, **swimmers** must meet all of the following:

- ✓ Have a birth year that falls within the Athlete Age specifications
- ✓ Meet the eligibility criteria in the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games Swimming Technical Package (available through the Western Canada Games website - <http://2019wcsg.ca/sports/swimming/> )
- ✓ Deemed a Manitoba resident as per the 2017 Canada Summer Games Swimming Technical Package (Item #4.2.2 and Appendix 1)
- ✓ Must be members in good standing with their home club, Provincial Section, and Swimming Canada
- ✓ Must have competed and recorded results within the Selection Period stated above

To be eligible for selection to 2019 Western Canada Games Team Manitoba, **coaches** must meet all of the following:

**The Head Coach** must be either Level 2: Age Group Coach certified or Level 3: Senior Coach In Training, having completed Swim 301. **Assistant coaches** must be Level 2 Age Group Coach In Training having completed Swim 201 and the Making Ethical Decisions online evaluation.

**Special Olympics Coaches** must be Level 1: Fundamentals Coach Trained and have completed the Special Olympics Canada Competition Introduction course, and the Making Ethical Decisions online evaluation. Coaching certification must be completed no later than ninety (90) days before the opening of the Games.

All coaches must be a member of the CSCTA, Swimming Canada and their Provincial Swimming Coaches Association. Special Olympics coaches must also be registered with their Provincial Special Olympics organization.



## 1.0 Able Bodied Athlete Selection

To be eligible for selection the swimmers time for the selected scoring swim must be equal to or faster than the ManSask “AA” time standard for that event

Note: *Only Long Course FINA Point Charts as per the Swimming Canada website will be used*

(a) Swimmers will be ranked by the FINA point scores in the following event categories:

i. Sprint Free:	50, 100
ii. Mid Free:	200, 400
iii. Distance Free:	800, 1500
iv. Backstroke:	100, 200
v. Breaststroke:	100, 200
vi. Butterfly:	100, 200
vii. IM:	200, 400

(b) 2 swimmers per gender will be selected in each event categories (i to vii)

(c) A swimmer can be selected in more than one event category.

### Section 1.02 Final Selection Procedure

(a) The final calculation and selection will be performed by the SNM selection committee consisting of the SNM Technical Director, the WCSG Head Coach and MSCA designate. The final selection procedure will be followed as outlined below.

(b) This process will be used to select both male and female swimmers and is subject to all items contained within the selection document

(c) The two (2) swimmers with the highest LC FINA point score in any event category, from each gender, will be automatically selected. A swimmer can be selected in more than one event category.

(d) Should the above selection process not fill the team complement then the next highest LC FINA point in the remaining swimmers of the 100m or 200m free will be selected (relay depth);

(e) Should the above selection process not fill the team complement then the remain spots will be selected based on the highest FINA point scores by the 3<sup>rd</sup> swimmers of each category who’s not already selected.



- (a) Should the above selection process not fill the team complement then the remain spots will be selected in an open manner, based on the two highest FINA point scores remaining in any event category;
- (b) Should the highest scoring swimmer in an event category be previously selected, then the next highest scoring swim for that event category will be considered for selection
- (c) Should the above selection process not fill the team complement then the highest scoring swimmer in any event category that has not been selected will be considered for selection.
- (d) Should the point scores be a tie in the same event category then the swimmer with the next highest scoring swim will be selected (i.e. swimmer A and swimmer B tie point scores in the IM category and swimmer A has the next highest scoring swim in another WCSG event then swimmer A would be selected to the team and swimmer B would not be selected, but may qualify for selection)
- (e) Should there be a tie in the point score for the 14<sup>th</sup> place swimmer, the swimmer with the next highest scoring swim will be selected.
- (f) If the selection criteria above fails to select a full team, SNM reserves the right to use the 14<sup>th</sup> place selection to select the highest scoring swimmer who fills the needs of the team by adding either relay or open water specialists not previously selected
- (g) SNM will identify two (2) alternate in each gender based on FINA point scores
- (h) Once the team has been named to Sport Manitoba, should an athlete turn down selection, become medically unable to perform, or otherwise deemed not in good standing, the alternate for that gender will be selected to the team.
  - i. Should more than 2 swimmers for any reason become de-selected from the team, SNM will fill positions with the two alternates and leave additional spots unfilled
- (o) In order for able bodied athletes to remain eligible for the Western Canada Games Team, athletes must remain in a full time training program through May 1st 2019 to July 31st 2019. Full time training is defined as a minimum of 11 hours of Pool and 2 hours of Dryland Training sessions per week and includes competing at ManSask July 4-7 and ManSask Open Water July 8<sup>th</sup> along with Team activity.



## **2.0 Para Swimming Athlete Selection**

2.1 Swimmers long course eligible results completed within the Selection Period will be collected and listed.

2.2 Swimmer's results from events being offered in their sport class at the 2019 Western Canada Games will be scored using World Para Swimming Performance Charts

2.3 The point scores from the top 3 of each swimmer's highest scoring swims will be added for one total combined score. Swimmers will then be ranked from highest to lowest based on the combined score.

2.4 To be eligible for selection the swimmers time for the selected scoring swim must be equal to or faster than the ManSask Para time standard for that event

2.5 The top 2 female and top 2 male swimmers with the highest combined scores will be selected to Team Manitoba

2.6 In the event of a tie for a position on the team, a 4th event or 5th event if necessary will be scored according to 2.2.

2.7 Swim Manitoba will select a total of 1 swimmer per gender as an alternates. After filling the team with 2 swimmers per gender, the next swimmer with the highest 3 event cumulative score will be named as an alternate, provided these athletes meet the minimum requirement in 2.4.

2019 Western Canada Games Para Events for both Female and Male are:

50 Free classes S1 – S14

100 Free classes S1 - S14

50 Breast classes SB1-SB3 / 100 Breast classes SB4-SB99, SB11-SB14

50 Back classes S1-5 / 100 Back classes S6-14

50 Fly classes S1-7 / 100 Fly classes S8-14

150 IM classes SM1-4 / 200 IM classes SM5-14

2.8 In order for Para athletes to remain eligible for the Western Canada Games Team, athletes must remain in a full time training program through May 1st 2019 to July 31st 2019. Full time training is defined as a minimum of 11 hours of Pool and 2 hours of Dryland Training sessions per week and includes competing at ManSask July 4-7 and be with the Team during ManSask Open Water July 8th along with Team activity.



### **3.0 Special Olympic Athlete Selection**

3.1 Special Olympics Manitoba will select 2 female and 2 male athletes to be members of Team Manitoba. Swim Manitoba will provide the Olympic and Para Swimming selection strategies for the 2019 Western Canada Games Team as guidelines.

3.2 One alternate for each gender will be selected in the event that another Special Olympics athlete is no longer able to train/compete between selection and the Games.

3.3 Athletes that have demonstrated the capacity to race all five Special Olympic events at the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games (50 and 100 Freestyle, 50 and 100 Backstroke, 50 Breaststroke) will have an advantage during the selection process.

3.4 Selected athletes must be registered with Special Olympics Manitoba and be active in a Special Olympics swimming program and Swim Manitoba and Swim Canada for camps and Games

3.5 Proof of commitment will be formalized with a written contract agreement after the team has been selected.

3.6 Those athletes not fulfilling their contractual commitments may be replaced by an alternate.

3.7 Due to the demands that are put on the athletes at high levels of competition, and the fact that the experience should be enjoyable for all involved, athletes should have demonstrated the ability to cope with the pressures involved while traveling, competing, and being removed from their usual environment for up to a one-week period. With this in mind, athletes who have demonstrated problems with social adaptation or behavior, in the past, may not be selected. These athletes may deprive other team members of a pleasant and rewarding experience and place undue stress and responsibility upon coaches assigned to their supervision.

3.8 A final decision on selection necessitates a consultation between the athlete, his/her Head Coach, Community Coach, and/or Training Coach, the Special Olympics Canada Games Coach, and the athlete's parent/guardian. It will be up to the above named individuals to decide if the athlete meets all of the following criteria:



#### **4.0 All Alternate Athletes**

4.1 In the event that an athlete is unable to compete at the 2019 Western Canada Summer Games, an alternate may be appointed to the team at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

4.2 Alternates must be named no later than Monday, July 31st, 2019. Any vacancies after that date shall not be filled.

4.3 Alternates must participate in all team activities and training up to August 5, 2019

4.4 In order for alternate athletes to remain eligible for the Canada Games Team, they must remain in a full time training program through May 1st 2019 to July 31st 2019. Full time training is defined as a minimum of 11 hours of Pool and 2 hours of Dryland Training sessions per week and includes competing at ManSask July 4-7 and ManSask Open Water July 8<sup>th</sup> along with Team activity. The Selection Committee shall have sole discretion to remove a selected swimmer, or not to move up an alternate if the swimmer is deemed to be unfit or unhealthy. For Special Olympics athletes, the Selection Committee will seek recommendations from Special Olympics Manitoba.

4.5 If a selected swimmer is unable to compete due to injury or illness prior to the Canada Games, an alternate may replace the athlete as per the Medical Replacement Policy (Appendix C). The alternate must be named on or prior to Monday, July 31st, 2019.

4.6 All alternates will be released no later than August 1, 2019

#### **5.0 Entries**

5.1 Athlete selection events do not guarantee specific event entry at the Games

5.2 Individual entries will be discussed by 2019 Western Canada Games Team Manitoba Head Coach, Team Leader, as well as athlete home coaches. The final decision for individual and relay entries at the Games will be at the sole discretion of the Head Coach and in the best interests of Team Manitoba

5.3 Relay participants may change from those used during the entry process at the discretion of the Head Coach after each coach assigned to a relay defends his/her team selection request.

5.4 Able bodied and Para swimmers may enter a maximum of 6 individual designated events, plus the relays, as well as one (1) open water event. Special Olympics swimmers may enter all 5 Special Olympics events.

5.5 There is no limit to the number of swimmers entered in an individual event



## **6.0 Coaches Selection**

### 6.1 Female Coach Selection

6.1.1 By Western Canada Summer Games rule, at least one coach, on staff, MUST be female.

### 6.2 Head Coach Selection

6.2.1 The coach (Level 2: Age Group Coach certified or Level 3: Senior Coach In Training, having completed Swim 301) of the highest scoring swimmer, Para or Able –body, (FINA pts) will be named Head Coach for this team.

6.2.2 If the selection procedure above does not fill the head coach position or if all potential coaches decline the selection, the SNM Technical Director will fill the position.

### 6.3 Assistant Coaches Selection

6.3.1 The coaches of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> highest scoring swimmer (FINA pts) Para or able body, will be named the Assistant Coaches to the team.

6.3.2 The coach of the highest scoring Para Swimmer will be named as a coach to the team – (if not already selected by 6.2.1 or 6.3.1 above).

6.3.3 If the selection procedure above does not fill the coaching staff of four (4), then a 4<sup>th</sup> coach will be selected based on the next highest score FINA points score and be named to the team.

### 6.4 Special Olympic Coach Selection

6.4.1 Special Olympics Manitoba will appoint a qualified coach based on their own selection criteria.

6.4.2 Their decision / appointment regarding that coaching position will be considered final by SNM provided that coach meets the eligibility criteria of the Western Canada Games Technical Package.

### 6.5 Coach Declining Selection

6.5.1 Should any coach decline selection to the team then the coach of the next highest scoring swimmer (FINA pts) will be named to the team. This process will continue until a full staff compliment of 5 coaches is selected.

### 6.5 Appointing a Full Coaching Staff

6.5.1 If a full complement of coaches cannot be selected using the above criteria, SNM reserves to right to appoint or select coaches, via an application process, as needed to fill the team compliment.





## **7.0 Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances**

7.1 In the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, as determined by the Swim Manitoba Selection Committee (see 9.1) and/or Board of Directors, the committee shall have full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.

## **8.0 Changes to this Document**

8.1 Swim Manitoba and/or the 2019 Western Canada Games Selection committee, reserves the right to make changes to this document at its discretion up to and including April 15, 2019. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all Coaches and clubs and published on the Swim Manitoba website.

## **9.0 Appeals**

9.1 Appeals from any decision of the Selection Committee shall be as permitted as in the Swim Manitoba Dispute Resolution Policy. Appeals will be handled as per the Swim Natation Manitoba appeals policy dated July 2010, a copy is available from SNM web site: [http://www.swimmanitoba.mb.ca/admin/images/Seasons/2013-2014/Policies/Appeal\\_policy2013.pdf](http://www.swimmanitoba.mb.ca/admin/images/Seasons/2013-2014/Policies/Appeal_policy2013.pdf) with the following exceptions:

9.2 Appeals will only be considered if there was deemed to be a procedural or technical error in selection.

9.3 Appeals will not be considered on decisions made by an outside agency or governing body.

9.4 Swimmers, or coaches, will have seven (7) days to file an appeal, in writing, to the President of Swim Manitoba.

## **10.0 Selection Committee**

10.1 There will be 3 persons appointed to the selection committee for 2019 Team Manitoba Western Canada Games. One of which will be the Swim Manitoba Technical Director, one will be the SMB WCSG Head Coach, and then one other from the MSCA designate.



## **11 Additional considerations**

### **Swimmer Responsibilities:**

11.1 Swimmers will be required to pay a Swim Manitoba participation fee of approximately \$350.00 for the Team Toba WCSG uniform.

11.2 Selected swimmers will be required to pay a travel subsidy fee to attend Team Building and Staging events. Selected swimmers will be invoiced. This fee is used to help cover the coaches and chaperones costs as well as help offset the overall costs of the trip so that SNM may continue to offer opportunities like this. Travel will require a current Canadian Passport that expires no sooner than October 2019

11.3 Swimmers selected to this team will be expected to have their coaches sign off on their attendance and training performance. Athletes who do not have their coach sign off on their agreement will be removed from the team and pay any monetary penalties that Swim Natation Manitoba incurs because of late removal (i.e. travel cancellation fees, hotel room cancellation fees, etc.).

11.4 Swimmers selected to this team are required to report all illnesses or injuries after being selected until time of departure. The Technical Director SNM, in consultation with the CSG Head Coach, reserves the right to refuse athlete participation and select a replacement, as per article 4.1, if they are unable to participate or perform fully.

11.5 Should a swimmer, after selection to the team, be deemed “not in good standing” then Swim Natation Manitoba reserves the right to remove that swimmer from the team and select a replacement as per Section 4.3.



## Appendix B – Swimming Points Chart

For Able Body FINA point calculations, Swim Manitoba will use

FINA points calculator

For Swimming Canada Para point calculator, Swim Manitoba will use calculators:

World Para Swimming Female & Male point calculator

Found on Swimming Canada site [swimming.ca](http://swimming.ca)



### **Appendix C – Able Bodied and Para Athlete Expectations**

Once named to the Canada Games Team, all selected swimmers must maintain “full time training” from time of selection until the games; even if you are the only one from your club that is selected to the team. The expectation is that swimmers have to maintain their training even if they have to get a workout from their home coach and/or the Canada Games coaching staff and go to public lane swimming. Continuing to train is at an athlete and/or club expense.

“Full time training” means that in July each team member will complete a minimum of 6 pool sessions and 2 dryland sessions per week at home club or a club with SMB CSG team members each week.

In addition to maintaining “full time training”, the selected athletes must participate in the following activities which will take place between Trials and the Canada Games:

Team Manitoba Testing Follow-up camp – May TBD, 2019 and meet our Manitoba Chief do Mission Mr. Patrick Kirby.

If qualified: athletes may attend Canadian Junior Championships, July 24 to 29, 2019, prior to joining Team Manitoba early morning Aug 2, 2019 in Manitoba for departure to the staging camp in North Dakota, Aug 2-5, 2019.

All Able Bodied athletes must compete at ManSask Championships, July 4-7, 2019, ManSask Open Water July 8, 2019 and participate in WCSG team activity. All Para athletes must compete at ManSask Championships July 4-7, 2017 and be with the Team during ManSask Open Water July 8th along with Team activity.

All athletes will continue training through July prior to joining Team Manitoba in Manitoba for staging camp. Note: WCSG Team will march on and be presented at ManSask.

IF: an athlete is qualified for Canadian Summer Championships, the coach & athlete must decide to attend either Canadian Summer Championships (Aug 8-11) or 2018 Western Canada Summer Games (Aug 9-13). Please confirm your decision by April 23, 2019 as the team will be announced May 7, 2019.

Failure to participate in the required events without written excuse submitted and accepted in advance of the Selection Committee, shall result in the removal of the athlete from the team and the substitution of an alternate.