

## Champions of the Channel Selection Policy

**Purpose of this Criteria:** This criterion outlines the eligibility and performance standards required to be selected for the Champions of the Channel Competition (**Competition**) as part of the South32 Rottneest Channel Swim (**Event**), organised by the Rottneest Channel Swim Association (**RCSA**).

### 1) Background

- a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
  - i) the Competition takes place as the first wave of the Event;
  - ii) the Competition will take place in the month of February and is a single-day event held in Perth, Australia.
- b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which RCSA Selection Committee will select **Athletes** to compete in the Competition. This includes determining the Competition Size, Competition Composition and Competition Eligibility Requirements.
- c) The RCSA Selection Committee will consist of at least one RCSA Committee member and individuals selected by the RCSA Committee at their absolute discretion.

### 2) Competition Size & Composition

- a) The Competition will, in accordance with the Competition Eligibility Requirements (refer to clause 3) for the Competition, consist of:
  - i) 20 Athletes (**Competition Size**);
  - ii) 10 male Athletes and 10 female Athletes including at least one male and one female West Australian resident Athlete (**Competition Composition**).
- b) The RCSA Selection Committee, at their absolute discretion, may choose to increase the Competition Size and Competition Composition if required to ensure the high quality and standard of the Competition.

### 3) Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

The requirements to be met by an Athlete in order to be considered for selection for the Competition (**Competition Eligibility Requirements**) are as follows:

- a) All Athletes must register to participate in the Event during the required registration period.
  - i) The RCSA Selection Committee may, at their absolute discretion, accept athletes into the Competition who register outside of the registration period, if required to ensure the high quality and standard of the Competition.
- b) Eligible Athletes will be ranked based on their placing/participation in the following events (the **Priority System**); noting that these events are ranked in the following order:
  - i) Athletes who place within the top 20 at a World Aquatics Open Water World Cup Event in the calendar year prior to the Event (eg. Soma Bay, Golfo Aranci, Setubal, Paris, Eilat or any other World Aquatics designated stop).
  - ii) Athletes who place within the top 10 in the 10km competition at the Australian Open Water Championships the same calendar year of the Event (placing based on overall finish time regardless of age).
  - iii) Athletes who place within the top 3 of the Champions of the Channel Competition the year prior to the Event.
  - iv) Athletes who place within the top 3 in the 10km competition at any Australian State Championship (WA, QLD, NSW, VIC, SA, TAS, & NT) within the qualifying swim period outlined in the Event Rules (placing based on overall finish time regardless of age).



- v) Athletes who have the fastest qualifying time within the qualifying swim period, outlined in the Event Rules, in the Official WA 10km Qualifying Swim Events determined by the RCSA Selection Committee and outlined on the Event website.
- c) For the avoidance of doubt, all the events listed in clause 3(b) must comply with the Event Qualifying Swim Rules and By-laws of the RCSA to be considered. This includes the restriction of the wearing of a swimsuit that contains neoprene, rubber or any other material that aids buoyancy (wetsuits cannot be worn by the Athlete in the qualifying swim event to meet the Competition Eligibility Requirements).
- d) In the instance a male and/or female Western Australian resident Athlete does not meet the Competition Eligibility Requirements, the RCSA Selection Committee reserves the right to select the highest-ranking Athlete, determined at the RCSA Selection Committee's absolute discretion.

#### **4) Rankings**

- a) Where more Athletes meet the Competition Eligibility Requirements for selection to the Competition than the Competition Size permits, Athletes will be ranked according to the Priority System.
  - i) This ranking is used for selection into the Competition only and does not relate to race number allocations.
- b) In the event of a tie for the final position in the Competition based on the Priority System, then the Athlete's second-best result (based on a 10km event result for the Athlete in the calendar year prior to the Event) will be taken into consideration.
  - i) If the tied Athletes remain tied after applying clause 4(b), then the RCSA Selection Committee will select the athlete(s) for inclusion in the Competition at its absolute discretion.