

CASTLE HILL R.S.L. DOLPHINS  
SWIMMING CLUB INC.



# General Guidelines for Team Selection

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## **GENERAL GUIDELINES (AND EXPECTED CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR)**

Every swimmer that intends to represent Castle Hill RSL Dolphins at any level of competition (Interclub Carnivals, Development Meets, District, State or National Championships) is expected to follow the **general guidelines** listed below.

All swimmers are expected to:

- compete according to the rules of swimming
- be a reliable team player and be of good character
- be willing to represent the Dolphins in relay events (there is no "I" in TEAM)
- be active within the club
- have regular and consistent attendance on Friday nights and attend club Target meets
- have parents or guardians who are involved in the club and volunteer to help when required

## **TEAM SELECTION**

Selection to a Dolphins team will dependent upon the nature of the Event (some team selections will require that Championship qualifying times are achieved). However, for Events such as Interclub carnivals, the squad will be selected based on performance. Priority will be given to those swimmers who have demonstrated their commitment to the Dolphins and who meet the above general guidelines.

[Note: Any serious or repeated breach of the rules will be reported to the Committee and appropriate action will follow.]

## **RELAY TEAM SELECTION – GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- Relay teams will be *provisionally* selected by the Race Secretary according to the fastest times swum in the lead up to the meet, taken from the Dolphins' Team Manager data file. These times are not necessarily used for final selection.
- *Provisional* relay teams (including reserve swimmers) will be notified by the Race Secretary in writing in the lead up to the competition.
- Where 2 or more swimmers are close with their fastest time, the Coach will make the final decision to select the 'in form' swimmer.
- If a swimmer believes he/she has swum a faster time than the swimmer selected, he/she (or their parent) may submit details to the Race Secretary in writing.
- Relay selections will be at the discretion of the Coach and approved by the Committee.
- Relay teams will be *finalised* on the day of the competition taking into account times swum at the meet. Should a swimmer improve his/her time during the meet, the Coach may substitute the swimmer. The Coach or a nominated Team Manager will notify the swimmer/s of any changes.
- Swimmers selected to swim in relay events can only withdraw with the Coach/Team Manager's approval. Failure to swim in a selected relay may lead to withdrawal from future team selections, not just from relays.

- Once a final decision is made, all swimmers are to report together to the Coach/Team Manager prior to marshalling and will all marshal together.

### **SMNW RELAY SELECTIONS**

- Try to share relay swims around to as many swimmers as possible
- Age relays to be selected using the TM file using the fastest team available
- Preferably use LC for summer times and SC for winter times but not necessarily limited to these
- Swimmers who are competing on the day of the relay will only be considered for selection
- All Age Relay
  - the fastest available swimmer with one boy and one girl in the 8/u, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16
- Top Ten 10 x 50m Relay
  - the fastest 10 swimmers to swim regardless of sex/age
  - final combination will be made on the day by the Coach & will take into consideration the swimmers other events on the day
- Handicap Relay
  - swimmers are not to be in any other relay
  - priority will be given to swimmers who have demonstrated their commitment to the Dolphins and who meet the general guidelines, and who are not normally selected in relays
  - consistency is extremely important for handicap reasons. Therefore the most consistent swimmer will get priority

### **STATE RELAY SELECTIONS**

- Relay Team General Guidelines will be used
- Use the TM file to select the fastest teams (as for SMNW relay selection)
- Preferably use LC for summer times and SC for winter times but not essential
- Teams will only be considered if they make the qualifying time for the relay
- Up to 2 teams may be entered providing they both make the qualifying time
- Final decision will be made by the Coach and approved by the Committee

### **NATIONAL RELAY SELECTIONS**

- Relay Team General Guidelines will be used
- Use the TM file to select the fastest teams (times must be a LC time swum in the current season)
- Teams will only be considered if they make the qualifying time for the relay
- First priority is to select swimmers who have already qualified for individual events
- Under special circumstances the Coach may include a swimmer that has not made an individual event
- Consultation with the swimmer / Coach on their availability is required
- Final decision will be made by the Coach and approved by the Committee

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SWIMMERS**

As a principle, the Club will aim to provide appropriate levels of support to all swimmers at all levels of representation. The level of support will be determined by the amount of funds the club has available and the manner in which the criteria has been met by individual swimmers and their families, including the level to which the general guidelines have been met by the swimmer and their parent / guardian.

- **SMNW Development Squads**
  - as per SMNW & Dolphins Squad Selection Guidelines
  - if the swimmer meets the required guidelines, the Club will pay associated costs to send swimmers to the SMNW Development Squads/Camps
- **National Swimmers**
  - as per Dolphins Squad Selection Guidelines
  - the swimmer will be informed if they are eligible for financial support before the competition and advised of the amount
  - Re-imburement will be made upon returning from competition
  - A Club shirt or uniform and personalised cap will be purchased for the swimmer to wear
- **Australian / International Swimmers**
  - as per Dolphins Squad Selection Guidelines
  - Committee will take into consideration any request for support to represent the Dolphins on an Australian Team or International Team
  - any support or grant will be subject to the approval of the Committee
  - where possible, the swimmer shall wear the Dolphins uniform and cap
- **Sponsorship of Athlete**
  - swimmers must disclose any arrangements or sponsorship deals that is contracted to them in writing to the Committee
  - swimmers must seek approval of the Committee to display or endorse any sponsor on uniform or any material that carries the Dolphins logo or if it is proposed to display sponsorship material / logos on the Dolphins uniform