



# **NUNAWADING SWIMMING CLUB**

## **STATE & NATIONAL LEVEL RELAY SELECTION POLICY**

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# **1 Introduction**

## **1.1 Objective**

The objective of the Relay Selection Process is to ensure the best possible teams are selected to represent the Nunawading Swimming Club (NSC) at State and National level swimming championships. It is expected that selected relay team members will represent NSC with respect, integrity and sportsmanship. When selected on an NSC relay team the team is representing the entire Nunawading Swimming Club.

In the interests of all Nunawading Swimming Club members, this policy also serves to provide clarity and transparency to the selection process.

## **1.2 Policy Principles**

This document has been developed using the following principles and guidelines:

- The NSC recognises that the professionals coaching our swimmers are in the best position to select relay teams relating to swimmers and their likely performance at a meet, and evaluations of performances within a meet.
- A sense of fairness, responsibility and accountability
- NSC By-Laws
- Common practice at State, National and International Level and the corresponding representative teams

## **2 Nunawading Relay Team Selection**

### **2.1 Victorian Championship Relay Selection Process**

#### **2.1.1 Eligibility**

All swimmers wishing to be considered for selection in a Club relay must:

- Be a financial competitor member of the NSC, and
- Have competed in an individual event at the Victorian Championships

#### **2.1.2 Selection Process Steps**

1. The Nunawading Coaching panel will determine the initial swimmers being selected for relay teams.
2. A majority decision is required by the Nunawading Coaching panel
3. Using an up-to-date set of Meet Manager results, swimmers will be ranked in order of approved times by Nunawading Coaches to form an initial list. This is to be conducted prior to the Team Meeting before the state championships.
4. The relay teams will be initially formed by the 4 fastest swimmer/combinations on the initial list and then changes made with justifications noted. These include but are not limited to:
  - a) Splits not recorded in Team Manager
  - b) Training Performance
  - c) Injury or any other reason for poor performance during the year
  - d) Any reason for extra ordinary performances during the year
5. The best swimmers will be selected for the "A" & "B" relay teams.
6. At a meeting of key Nunawading Coaches, Team Managers and the Swim Committee Chair (or delegate) to take place prior to the first day of the meet. Coaches will present the teams and state any reasons for changes from the swimmer ranking lists, for the benefit of the Team Managers and the Swim Committee Chair (or delegate).
7. Close attention will be paid to ensuring no swimmer has been overlooked.
8. Consideration for reserves and pre-planned alternate swims will also take place.
9. Once swimmers have been notified of their selection if a swimmer is unable to attend the meet the Nunawading Head Coach or the swimmers squad coach should be notified as soon as possible. Once the coaches have been notified an additional swimmer will be selected and notified.
10. A group of swimmers (5 or more) may be selected for relays prior to the start of the meet to allow coaches to select the best team on the day

11. Changes are not able to occur between A and B relays once nominated to Swimming Victoria (SV) – the nomination to SV will generally in the afternoon of the relay, prior to the start of the finals session each day.

### **2.1.3 Selection Feedback Process**

1. Nunawading swimmers who wish to comment (positive or negative) on the selections for the Nunawading State Relay Teams may do so after the Team Meeting prior to the Victorian Long Course Championships. This meeting should be with their Coach and the Nunawading Head Coach and/or a Nunawading Team Manager.
2. Nunawading parents who wish to comment (positive or negative) on the selections for the Nunawading State Relay Teams may do so after the Team Meeting prior to the Victorian Long Course Championships. This meeting should be with their swimmer/s Coach and the Nunawading Head Coach and/or a Nunawading Team Manager.
3. During competition Nunawading Team Managers are a port of call for Nunawading swimmers that wish to provide feedback on selections of relay teams.
4. During competition Nunawading Team Managers are a port of call for parents of Nunawading swimmers that wish to provide feedback on selections of relay teams.

## **2.2 National Relay Selection Process**

### **2.2.1 Selection Process Steps**

1. The Nunawading Coaching panel will consider the fastest combinations/possibilities to gain the best results for the Club.
2. The Nunawading Head Coach, assigned Nunawading Head Coach or the Nunawading High Performance Coach will determine the final selection.
3. The best swimmers will be selected for the “A” & “B” relay teams.
4. Changes are not able to occur between A and B relays once nominated to Swimming Australia Limited (SAL) on the day of the relay

### **2.2.2 Selection Feedback Process**

1. Nunawading swimmers who wish to comment on National Relay Team selections may do so at an appropriate time for the Coaches and person/s involved after the team has returned home from the Championships.
2. Nunawading parents who wish to comment on National Relay Team selections may do so at an appropriate time for the Coaches and person/s involved after the team has returned home from the Championships.

## **2.3 Relay Selection for District or other events**

Selection for district and other competition relays are solely the Coaches or the Team Managers responsibility that are attending the competition.

## **2.4 General Information**

1. Information surrounding prospective or final relays and/or deliberations of relay teams must be considered completely confidential until an official announcement is conducted
2. The NSC relay selection policy will be reviewed at the start of each swimming season or as required by the Nunawading Coaching Group.

## 3. Document Control

### 3.3 Document Revision History

The table details the revision history for this process.

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### 3.4 Document Distribution

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Nunawading Swim Committee	Swim Committee for Nunawading Swimming Club