

USA Swimming
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2021 FINA Short Course World Championships

The 2021 FINA Short Course World Championships (the “Championships”) will be conducted in Abu Dhabi from December 16-21, 2021

DEFINITIONS

Available Swimmer. “Available Swimmer” means a swimmer who (i) meets the requirements to be Selected to the Team in an Event according to these Selection Procedures and has complied with all eligibility requirements set forth in Sections 1.1-1.2 of these Selection Procedures; (ii) satisfies the applicable A or B Time Standard requirement for the Event in which he/she is an Available Swimmer; (iii) certifies to USA Swimming that he/she remains available to swim through the completion of the Championships; (iv) is a member of the 2021-2022 USA Swimming National Team and (v) indicates in writing that he or she will accept the invitation to be Selected to the Team when that invitation is offered by USA Swimming and to swim in the Event for which he/she qualifies in the Championships (except as otherwise provided herein). If a swimmer does not satisfy these requirements, then he/she is not considered an Available Swimmer.

“A” Time Standard. An “A” Time Standard is a time standard developed by FINA for those wishing to compete in individual Events at the Championships. Time Standards must be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. There are two sets of “A” Time Standards. For “A” Time Standards achieved in Short Course Meters (SCM), times must be achieved from 1st March 2019 – 28th November 2021. For “A” Time Standards achieved in Long Course Meters (LCM), times must be achieved from 1st March 2019 – 28th November 2021. FINA Qualification Time Standards are included in Attachment A.

“B” Time Standard. A “B” Time Standard is a time standard developed by FINA for the Championships. “B” Time Standards must be achieved in competitions approved for that purpose by FINA. There are two sets of “B” Time Standards. For “B” Time Standards achieved in Short Course Meters (SCM), times must be achieved from 1st March 2019 – 28th November 2021. For “B” Time Standards achieved in Long Course Meters (LCM), times must be achieved from 1st March 2019 – 28th November 2021. FINA Qualification Time Standards are included in Attachment A.

Event. “Event” refers to those individual pool competition events contested at the Championships including Individual Olympic Events and Individual Non-Olympic Events.

Individual Olympic Event. “Individual Olympic Event” shall refer to those competition events (i) for individuals (as opposed to relays), (ii) held in long course meters only, (iii) which are held in the Olympic Games, and (iv) which are also held at the Championships. (The women’s 1500-meter Freestyle and the men’s 800-meter freestyle will not be held at this competition).

Individual Non-Olympic Event. “Individual Non-Olympic Event” shall refer to those competition events (i) for individuals (as opposed to relays), (ii) held in long course meters only, (iii) which are not held in the Olympic Games, but (iv) which are held at the Championships.

Head Coach. Unless otherwise indicated, “Head Coach” refers to the Head Coach of the Team.

Managing Director, National Team. “Managing Director, National Team” refers to the USA Swimming Managing Director, National Team, or his/her designee.

National Team Roster. “National Team Roster” shall mean athletes who are selected to the 2021-2022 USA Swimming National Team via section 1.2.2. using long course meters times.

Select/Selected/Selection to the Team. “Select/Selected/Selection to the Team” refers to the Team Selected by USA Swimming on or before October 22, 2021.

Team. “Team” means the 2021 FINA Short Course World Championships Team announced on or before October 22, 2021, plus any changes or replacements made pursuant to these Selection Procedures.

World Ranking. “World Ranking” means the World Ranking list downloaded from the usaswimming.org website at approximately 8:00 a.m. MT on September 1, 2021 and covering the period of January 1, 2021 through and including August 31, 2021.

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. *Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for Selection to the Team:*

1.1.1 In order to be considered for Selection to the Team, an athlete must at the time of Selection to the Team:

- (a) be a registered athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing;
- (b) be a citizen of the United States; and
- (c) be eligible to represent the United States in the Championships.

In order to be considered for Selection to the Team, an athlete must, at the time of Selection to the Team, be an Available Swimmer.

1.1.2 Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Championships.

1.1.3 Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:

- (a) Per FINA rules, USA Swimming will be allowed to enter two athletes in an Event at the Championships only if both athletes have equaled or bettered the “A” Time Standard in that Event in a competition approved for that purpose by FINA. To ensure Selection to the Team, all athletes qualifying to swim in an individual Event at the Championships must equal or better the “A” Time Standard set by FINA for that Event during the applicable time period established by FINA in a competition approved for that purpose by FINA (competitions can be found at fina.org).
- (b) An athlete may also qualify to be Selected to the Team by equaling or bettering the B Time Standard. If the athlete who has the fastest time in an Event only has a B Time Standard within the applicable time period established by FINA, then USA Swimming will only be eligible to enter one athlete in that Event. All Relay-Only Swimmers must also have at least a B Time Standard in order to qualify for the Team. See Section 1.3.4 for the requirements relating to A and B Time Standards. See Attachment A for A and B Time Standards for each Event.
- (c) The minimum age for swimmers competing in the Championships shall be the same as the minimum age for the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships: Women, 14 years of age, and Men, 15 years of age, determined by the swimmer’s age as of 31st December, 2021.,

1.1.4 Other requirements (if any):

- (a) Each swimmer that has been Selected to the Team must sign, return and abide by the applicable competition forms for the Team (forms will be made available prior to selection).
- (b) Each swimmer that has been Selected to the Team must comply with all applicable rules and requirements of FINA, WADA, USADA, U.S. Center for SafeSport and USA Swimming, including without limitation USA Swimming policies and protocols regarding Team preparation and participation, through the Championships.

1.2 Tryout Events:

1.2.1 *Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process:*

Team Members must be a member of the 2021-2022 USA Swimming National Team, announced September 10, 2021.

1.2.2 *Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1 (if any):*

In order to be selected to the 2021- 2022 USA Swimming National Team athletes must meet the following criteria:

- (a) The top six athletes in Individual Olympic Events from times achieved from January 1, 2021- August 31, 2021.
- (b) Only times from Prelims and Finals (A, B, C and D) will be used.
- (c) Relay lead offs, time trials, swim-offs and intermediate splits will not be included.

1.3 Comprehensive Selection Process:

This Section 1.3 sets forth the steps by which Available Swimmers will be Selected to the Team. The process of determining who is eligible to be Selected to the Team will take place on or before October 1, 2021, after completion of the naming of the National Team Roster. The results from the application of these Selection Procedures will be announced on or before October 22, 2021. The specific steps for determining the athletes to be Selected to the Team are as follows:

1.3.1 Team Size. The maximum allowable Team size is fourteen (14) men and fourteen (14) women. The actual Team size will be determined once these Selection Procedures have been implemented. For purposes of these Selection Procedures, the men's and women's components of the Team will be considered separately. USA Swimming is under no obligation to Select to the Team a full team of fourteen (14) athletes in each, or either, gender.

1.3.2 2021-2022 USA Swimming National Team. Performances from athletes on the National Team Roster will be used to determine the Team. Performances will be prioritized using the priority system described below. The highest-ranking Available Swimmers will be subject to the A and B Time Standard requirements, all as described below, to determine those to be Selected to the Team.

1.3.3 Application of Priorities for Team Selection. Subject to Section 1.3.4 below, performances by athletes on the National Team Roster in the individual Events at will be prioritized for each gender as described in this Section 1.3.3. These Priorities will be applied on or before October 1, 2021, after the naming of the National Team Roster. Swimmers not qualifying via one of these priorities will not be eligible to be Selected to the Team. If, after applying the priorities set forth below, as well as the procedures set forth in Sections 1.3.4, there are fewer than fourteen (14) men or fourteen (14) women, or both, on the Team, then USA Swimming will not field a full Team.

- (a) Priority #1. The first priority will be comprised of the Available Swimmers who have the first and second fastest times on the National Team roster in the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyle Events.
- (b) Priority #2. The second priority will be comprised of the Available Swimmers who have the fastest times on the National Team roster in each of the Individual Olympic Events other than the 50 and 100 freestyle and the women's 1500-meter freestyle and the men's 800-meter freestyle. The women's 1500-meter freestyle and the men's 800-meter freestyle will not be competed at the Championships.

- (c) Priority #3. The third priority will be comprised of the Available Swimmers who have the second fastest times on the National Team roster in each of the Individual Olympic Events other than the 50 and 100 freestyle and the women's 1500-meter freestyle and the men's 800-meter freestyle. The women's 1500-meter freestyle and the men's 800-meter freestyle will not be competed at the Championships.

1.3.4 Application of A and B Time Standards.

- (a) Subject to the application of the priorities described in Section 1.3.3 above and the other rules set forth in this Section 1.3.4, it is generally anticipated that the fastest times among Available Swimmers from the National Team Roster in each Individual Olympic Event will qualify for the Team and the athletes who qualify via Section 1.3.3 will qualify for the Team will be given the opportunity to swim the corresponding individual Event at the Championships (for example, the top two fastest times among Available Swimmers in the 200-meter butterfly from the National Team Roster will swim the 200-meter butterfly at the Championships). However, FINA has a requirement that in order for two athletes to compete in an individual Event at the Championships, both athletes must have swum an A Time Standard in a competition approved for that purpose by FINA. Note: the A Time Standard can be achieved at any FINA approved competition within the applicable timeframes and athletes may have times in either Long Course Meters or Short Course Meters. The applicable FINA qualifying procedures are set forth in Attachment A.

1.3.5 Procedure if Selection to the Team Stands to Exceed 14 Per Gender. If the application of the procedures set forth in Sections 1.3.3 results in a list of either more than fourteen (14) male or more than fourteen (14) female swimmers (or both) to be Selected to the Team, then the swimmers of the gender with more than fourteen (14) swimmers to be Selected to the Team shall be ranked and Selected to the Team according to the following procedure:

- (a) All swimmers from Priority #1 shall be Selected to the Team.
- (b) All swimmers from Priority #2 will be Selected to the Team; provided, however, that if adding all swimmers from Priority #2 would result in more than fourteen (14) swimmers for a gender to be Selected to the Team, then the swimmers within Priority #2 shall be Selected to the Team in order of the best World Ranking for the Event for which they qualify until a maximum of fourteen (14) swimmers for that gender are Selected to the Team.
- (c) If all Priority #2 swimmers are Selected to the Team and the maximum Team size of fourteen (14) swimmers per gender has not been attained, then the same procedure of using the best World Rankings will be used to rank the swimmers from Priority #3, and Priority #3 swimmers will be Selected to the Team in order of their World Rankings until the team is full. If, after adding Priority #3 swimmers

to the list of those to be Selected to the Team the Team is not full, then USA Swimming is under no obligation to fill a full Team of fourteen (14) men and fourteen (14) women.

1.3.6 Breaking a Tie.

- (a) Tie in Same Event. In the instance where there is a tie between two swimmers in the same Individual Olympic Event, both swimmers will be classified under Priority #1.
- (b) In the instance where a tie between Available Swimmers occurs in an Individual Olympic Event from the National Team Roster for Priority #2, or #3 the Available Swimmers highest World Ranking in another Individual Olympic Event will be used to determine the tie. The Available Swimmer with the higher World Ranking in a second Individual Olympic Event will be Selected to the Team.
- (c) Tie in Determining Selections to Team Involving Swimmers from Different Events. In the instance where the World Rankings is used to rank swimmers to be Selected to the Team (e.g., Sections 1.3.5(b)-(c)), and where the World Rankings results in a tie between two or more swimmers in different Events for the final position(s) on the Team, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - (i) The swimmer with the highest World Ranking in an Individual Olympic Event other than his/her Individual Olympic Event involved in the tie shall be Selected to the Team (e.g., if a swimmer's results in the 100-meter freestyle are involved in the tie, then that swimmer's highest World Ranking in an Individual Olympic Event other than the 100-meter freestyle shall be considered). If only one swimmer involved in the tie has more than one Individual Olympic Event World Ranking, then that swimmer will be Selected to the Team.

Announcement. Those officially Selected to the Team will be announced on or before October 22, 2021.

1.3.7 Selection of Swimmers for Individual Olympic Events.

- (a) Athletes who are Selected to the Team in all Individual Olympic Events will be given the opportunity to swim the corresponding Individual Olympic Event at the Championships (for example, the top two fastest times in the 200-meter butterfly will swim the 200-meter butterfly at the Championships), provided that they meet the requirements in Section 1.3.4.
- (b) If the highest Available Swimmer does not achieve the A Time Standard in an Individual Olympic Event, but achieves a B Time Standard, he/she will be considered an Available Swimmer, and there will not be a second U.S. swimmer in that Individual Olympic Event.

- (c) If the Available Swimmer with the fastest time from the National Team Roster has achieved the A Time Standard in an Individual Olympic Event but the Available Swimmer with the second fastest time from the National Team Roster has not achieved the A Time Standard in that Individual Olympic Event at any competition approved for that purpose by FINA during the applicable time frame, then the Available Swimmer with the second fastest time from the National Team Roster will not swim in that Individual Olympic Event (and may not be Selected to the Team – see Section 1.3.4).
- (d) If a Priority 2 swimmer fails to make the Team because the Team is full, then the swimmer already on the Team who has recorded the fastest time in that vacant Individual Olympic Event during the applicable time period will serve as the replacement in that Event, provided that he/she has achieved the A Time Standard in that Individual Olympic Event.
- (e) If there is a vacancy in an Event that arises on or after 11:59 a.m. MT on November 2, 2021, the replacement process set forth in Section 4 will be used to fill the vacancy in that Individual Olympic Event.

1.3.8 Selection of Swimmers for Individual Non-Olympic Events.

- (a) For Individual Non-Olympic Events other than the men's or women's 100-meter IM at the Championships (e.g., men's or women's 50-meter butterfly, men's or women's 50-meter backstroke, men's or women's 50-meter breaststroke), athletes will qualify to swim their respective Individual Non-Olympic Event via the following selection method, subject to meeting the A and B Time Standards as provided in Section 1.3.4: (USA Swimming, via FINA rules, is allowed up to two swimmers per event):
 - (i) USA Entry Opportunity #1 – The first opportunity will be given to the Available Swimmer selected to the Team based on Priority #1 in Section 1.3.3.
 - (ii) USA Entry Opportunity #2 - The second opportunity will be given to the Available Swimmer who has qualified for the Team under Priority #3 (as part of Section 1.3.3) in the corresponding Individual Olympic Events listed below, provided USA Entry Opportunity #1 and USA Entry Opportunity #2 have met the A Time Standard. If opportunity #1 via Section 1.3.8(a)(i) and opportunity #2 via Section 1.3.8(a)(ii) are the same Available Swimmer then USA Entry will be given to the Available Swimmer who is Selected to the Team via Priority #3 in the Individual Olympic Event.

<u>First Offer to Those on Team In:</u>		<u>Non-Olympic Event</u>
Men's/Women's 100 Butterfly	for	Men's/Women's 50 Butterfly
Men's/Women's 100 Backstroke	for	Men's/Women's 50 Backstroke
Men's/Women's 100 Breaststroke	for	Men's/Women's 50 Breaststroke

Example: For the men's 50-meter butterfly, the first entry will be offered to the Available Swimmer Selected to the Team in the 100-meter butterfly The second entry will be offered to the Available Swimmer with the second

fastest time in the 100-meter butterfly who is already on the Team, , provided the first entry and the second entry have met the A Time Standard.

- (b) In the Men's and Women's 100-meter IM, FINA rules state athletes must have a FINA A or B Time Standard in short course meters only at a FINA approved Event. Therefore, the Available Swimmers with the fastest times in the 100 IM short course meters from January 1, 2021 through and including October 1, 2021 from among those already selected to the Team via Section 1.3.3 will be selected to compete in the Event (assuming they meet the applicable time standards).
- (c) If there is a vacancy in an Individual Non-Olympic Event that arises on or after 11:59 a.m. MT on November 2, 2021, the replacement process set forth in Section 4 will be used to fill the vacancy in that Individual Non-Olympic Event.

1.3.9. Selection of Swimmers for Relay Events.

- (a) All swimmers who are Selected to the Team shall be eligible for selection to any and all relays to be held at the Championships. The Managing Director, National Team, in consultation with the Head Coach and the assistant coaches, shall select the swimmers for each relay conducted at the Championships. In selecting the relay teams, the Managing Director, National Team, Head Coach, and assistant coaches shall consider all available relevant information, including but not limited to each Team member's National Team Roster performances (including preliminary times, time trials, swim-offs and relay lead-off times), past relay performances, past relay reaction times, relay exchange experience, Championship performances, personal best performances, Championship event schedules, individual workload, other recent results and performances, consistency of performances, fatigue, health, fitness levels, training preparation, participation in relay training camps, scientific evaluation, attitude and team chemistry.

2 DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

2.1 *Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):*

Discretionary criteria will be used to select the swimmers, who have already been selected to the Team, for each relay at the Championships. See Section 1.3.9. for details.

2.2 *List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):*

No discretionary criteria will be used to select the Team.

Discretionary criteria will be used to select the swimmers, who have already been selected to the Team, for each relay at the Championships. See Section 1.3.9. for details.

- 2.3 *Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members' titles currently serving on the committee:*

Managing Director, National Team, the Head Coach, and the assistant coaches

- 2.4 *Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:*

In regard to discretionary selection and relay selection, if the Managing Director, National Team, the Head Coach, or assistant coaches has a possible conflict of interest, he/she must disclose it. However, if such individual has relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, he/she may provide such information, so long as it is provided in a fair manner.

3 REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1 An athlete who is to be Selected to the Team by USA Swimming may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Swimming's Managing Director, National Team in conjunction with the National Team Steering Committee Chair and USA Swimming AAC Chair. An athlete who is to be removed from the Team or an Event or from eligibility to be Selected to the Team, pursuant to the following provisions, has the right to a hearing per the USA Swimming Bylaws (usaswimming.org), the USOC's Bylaws, Section 9, or the applicable anti-doping code/protocol before such removal or declaration of ineligibility.
- 3.1.1 An athlete may choose to voluntarily withdraw from an Event or the Team. The athlete must submit in writing any withdrawal to the Managing Director, National Team r. An athlete considering withdrawal is strongly encouraged to submit the written withdrawal by November 2, 2021.
- 3.1.2 USA Swimming may remove an athlete who has an injury or illness, as certified by the physician for the Championships, that is likely to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Championships. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by the approved Championships' physician (or his/her medical staff), his/her injury will be assumed to keep him or her from competing at peak levels in the Championships and he/she may be removed.
- 3.1.3 An athlete may be removed if the Managing Director, National Team, in consultation with Head Coach, the USA Swimming National Team Steering Committee Chair and the USA Swimming AAC Chair, determine that the swimmer is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for peak performance in the Championships. (See Participation and Commitment Agreement, which is included in Attachment B.)
- 3.1.4 Any swimmer may be dismissed from the Team at any time if the swimmer violates any of the applicable FINA, USA Swimming or other rules and regulations applicable to the Team or its members, including without limitation applicable Codes of Conduct or Team Rules.

- 3.1.5 If a swimmer is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that swimmer shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be Selected to the Team) until: (i) the swimmer is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by FINA; (ii) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or (iii) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be Selected to the Team.
- 3.1.6 If a swimmer is alleged to have committed a violation of the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement (the "SafeSport Code"), that swimmer shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be Selected to the Team) until: (i) the swimmer is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the Code; (ii) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or (iii) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be Selected to the Team.

4 REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1 *Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:*

The pool of potential replacement athletes includes those individuals who meet the criteria set forth in this Section 4.

The next Available Swimmer with from the National Team Roster and in the Non-Olympic Events, will be a considered replacement swimmer, however, he or she must satisfy the applicable A or B Time Standard, as described in Section 1.3.4 and the limitations set on the size of the male or female Teams, as provided in Section 1.3.1, before he/she can be Selected to the Team.

4.1.1 *Adjustments to the Team and Events from the time of Selection to the Team (on or before October 22, 2021) through November 2, 2021:*

- (a) If there is a vacancy in an Event that occurs between naming of the Team , and November 2, 2021, USA Swimming may replace an athlete on the Team for an Event based on the following procedure; however, **no swimmer who is already on the Team may be taken off the Team as a result of the application of this procedure.**
- (b) Filling Vacant Individual Olympic Event Positions with Team Vacancy.

If the Team is not full (fewer than fourteen (14) swimmers per gender) after a swimmer declines a position in an Event for any reason, or Event positions otherwise become vacant, then the vacancy in any such Event(s) shall be filled by the next fastest Available Swimmer in that Event. If the next fastest Available Swimmer is already on the Team, and he/she agrees after consulting with the Head Coach, and Managing Director, National Team to swim in the additional Event, then he/she shall serve as the replacement in that Event. If he/she declines to swim in the

additional Event, then he/she shall not be considered an Available Swimmer for that Event, and the next fastest Available Swimmer will be considered. If the next Available Swimmer is not already on the Team, then that swimmer will be selected according to Section 1.3.3. If adding the next Available Swimmer from each Event left vacant would cause the Team to exceed the maximum number (fourteen (14) per gender), then those who qualify as the next fastest Available Swimmer in the Events left vacant shall be ranked according to the procedure described in Section 1.3.7. Those ranked highest according to that procedure shall be added to the Team in order until the Team reaches fourteen (14) per gender, and any remaining Event vacancy will be filled from within the Team pursuant to Section 4.1.1(c) below.

(c) Filling Vacant Individual Olympic Event Position with No Team Vacancy.

If the Team is still full (fourteen (14) per gender) after the withdrawal from an Event, the vacancy in any Event(s) will be filled by an Available Swimmer already on the Team. First priority will be given to the next Available Swimmer with the fastest time from the National Team Roster who is already on the Team. If no swimmer already on the Team is on the National Team Roster in that Event, then the Available Swimmer on the Team with the highest Long Course World Ranking in the Event will be selected; provided, however, they have met the qualifying standards and the replacement swimmer must agree, after consulting with the Managing Director, National Team, and Head Coach, to compete in the additional Event. If the replacement swimmer does not agree to swim in the additional Event, then this process will repeat until the vacant Event is filled.

(d) Filling Individual Non-Olympic Events.

Should one or more swimmers decline the opportunity to swim the Individual Non-Olympic Events, the unfilled position(s) shall, after consultation between the swimmer, Managing Director, National Team, and Head Coach be filled by the existing Team member(s) who has swum the fastest time (and the second-fastest time if two positions in the individual non-Olympic event are to be filled) in such event from January 1, 2021 through and including November 1, 2021. Athletes who have A Time Standards in short course meters at a FINA approved competition, will be given priority. If vacant Individual Non-Olympic Event positions are still not filled, those positions shall be filled from among other swimmers already on the Team at the discretion of the Managing Director, National Team in consultation with the Head Coach and assistant coaches provided they have met the qualifying standards.

4.1.1. Adjustments to the Team and Events after submission of Entries by Name to the FINA:

- (a) After November 2, 2021 no swimmers will be added to the Team, and the Available Swimmer already on the Team who has recorded the fastest time in

a vacant Event during the period from January 1, 2021, through November 2, 2021, will serve as the replacement in that Event; provided, however, that the replacement must agree, after consulting with the Managing Director, National Team and Head Coach to compete in the vacant Event. If the replacement does not agree to swim in the vacant Event, then this process will repeat until the vacant Event is filled. Priority will be given to the athlete who has an A Time Standard in short course meters.

- (b) The FINA Technical Meeting for swimming at the Championships is scheduled to be held on the morning (local time) of December 15. Once that Technical Meeting has been completed, FINA historically has not allowed replacements in Events. Therefore, it is highly likely that no replacements will be allowed in any Event once the FINA Technical Meeting is completed.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Swimming will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the conclusion of the Championship.

6. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Swimming in the following locations:

USA Swimming website

7. DATE OF SELECTION

The Selection of Athletes form will be published on the USA Swimming website on or before October 22, 2021.

8. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Leave U.S.	December 11, 2021	TBD
International Training	December 12-15, 2021	Abu Dhabi
Competition	December 16-21, 2021	Abu Dhabi
Return home	December 22, 2021	

*subject to change

9. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all, WADA, FINA, USADA and USOC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the WADA, FINA, USADA and USOC Rules, as applicable.

10. USA SWIMMING BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Swimming Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at: usaswimming.org

11. DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on FINA rules and regulations, as applicable and as presently known and understood. Any change in the Selection Procedures caused by a change in FINA rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The Selection Procedures are based on the latest information available to USA Swimming. However, the Selection Procedures are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these Selection Procedures will be revised.

The terms and conditions of these written Selection Procedures shall take priority over any verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of the Selection Procedures, and an athlete relies on a verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures at his or her sole risk. Any request or question that would involve a formal clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures, or that would address an issue not otherwise covered in these Selection Procedures, should be submitted to the Managing Director, National Team at USA Swimming in writing by no later than September 17, 2021 and the response to such request by USA Swimming must be provided in writing and, where appropriate, must be published promptly on the USA Swimming website.

An athlete who is Selected to the Team by virtue of an error or oversight by USA Swimming may be removed from the Team at any time.

ATTACHMENT A

https://resources.fina.org/fina/document/2021/03/08/7fb1015b-512b-4afa-9bc9-0211a0f29118/qualifyingtimes_abu_dhabi_2021_.pdf

ATTACHMENT B

USA SWIMMING

2021 SHORT COURSE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION AND COMMITMENT

I agree to abide by the Olympic Team USA Swimming Athlete Selection Procedures, Short Course World Championship Team camps(s) and country rules, competition requirements, competition protocols, the Team Rules and the USA Swimming Code of Conduct.

I agree to fully commit to a comprehensive training program designed for a competitive performance at the 2021 Short Course World Championships. If for any reason I become unable to fulfill this commitment, I will immediately notify the Managing Director, National Team.

I understand that I may be removed from the 2021 Short Course World Championships if circumstances interfere with my preparation for peak performance.

I give USA Swimming National Team Division permission to give out my contact information for the 2021 Short Course World Championship Staff use:

_____ Yes _____ No

I give USA Swimming National Team Division permission to give out my contact information for internal USA Swimming Staff use: _____ Yes _____ No

_____ Signature _____ Printed
Name _____ Date

If under 18:

_____ Parent Signature _____ Parent Printed
Name _____ Date