

2008 North American Indigenous Games

Swimmer Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used to select the swimmers who will represent Team Saskatchewan for the 2008 North American Indigenous Games. The team will consist of a maximum of 32 swimmers, four male and four female in each of the following age categories: Bantam (born 1994-95), Midget (born 1992-93), Juvenile (born 1989-91), and Senior (born 1988 & earlier). One female and one male swimmer may also be named as alternates in each of the age categories in the event that a replacement swimmer is needed at the Games. An athlete is allowed to compete in a maximum of six (6) events plus three (3) relays.

All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements as specified in the NAIG Governing rules (available online at www.teamsask.fsin.com).

The selection period for the Saskatchewan NAIG Swim Team will run from September 29th, 2007 until March 17th, 2008. Athletes times from any sanctioned swim meets in the province of Saskatchewan or elsewhere in Canada during this time frame will be considered. In addition, there will be a number of ID camps for potential NAIG swimmers to participate in for the purpose of qualification.

Swimmers will be selected based on four nomination pools:

“A” Nomination Pool

- Any swimmers who achieve an ‘A’ short course and/or long course qualifying time as set by Swim Saskatchewan at the initial ID camp in Saskatoon on September 29th, 2007

“B” Nomination Pool

- Any swimmers who achieve an ‘A’ short course and/or long course qualifying time at a sanctioned swim meet in Saskatchewan, elsewhere in Canada, or at a designated NAIG ID camp between September 29th, 2007 and March 17th, 2008

“C” Nomination Pool

- Any swimmers who achieve a ‘B’ short course and/or long course qualifying time at a sanctioned swim meet in Saskatchewan, elsewhere in Canada, or at a designated NAIG ID camp between September 29th, 2007 and March 17th, 2008

“D” Nomination Pool

- Any swimmers who have not achieved a Saskatchewan ‘A’ or ‘B’ short and/or long course qualifying time at a sanctioned swim meet in Saskatchewan, elsewhere in Canada, or at a designated NAIG ID camp between September 29th, 2007 and March 17th, 2008

The team complement will be made up of athletes selected from the “A” pool results. In the event that this does not yield a full team, athletes will then be selected out of the “B” pool. In the event that there are still spots remaining then athletes will be selected out of

pool “C” and then pool “D” until the team size of 4 swimmers per age group and gender is filled.

The ‘A’ and ‘B’ short course and/or long course qualifying time standards as set by Swim Saskatchewan are available online at www.swimsask.ca.

Swimmers are also asked to provide the name of any winter clubs that they may be affiliated with along with the name of their coach. This is in order to keep lines of communication open among winter clubs who have athletes participating in the Games with the named NAIG coaches.

TEAM SELECTION MEDICAL REPLACEMENT POLICY

RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR PROVINCIAL SPORT GOVERNING BODIES

1. In the case of an injury to a player while trying out for the final selection to a NAIG or Provincial Team, the decision to keep or release the player will be left up to the discretion of the Head Coach, after consultation with the parents and family physician.
2. In the case where a player is on a NAIG or Provincial Team, is injured during a pre-championship and/or Games event, tournament, practice, camp, etc. and is questionable whether they could play in the championship and/or Games, the decision to keep or release the player will be left up to the discretion of the Head Coach, after consultation with the parents and family physician.
3. In the case where a player is on the NAIG or Provincial Team, is injured during a pre-championship or Games event, tournament, practice, camp, etc. and is unable to play in the Games and or championship, the Head Coach will select an alternate player.
4. In the case of an athlete who doesn't have a family physician, or when a second opinion is required by the parent, athlete or coach, the Sport Medicine and Science Council of Saskatchewan would provide a list of medical professionals throughout the province who have interest in sport medicine to the parent, athlete or coach for their use. These professionals can provide expert advice on an athlete's injury.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to a great year.

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