

16th FINA World Championships (Pool Events) Athlete Selection Criteria

Competition	16 th FINA World Championships, Kazan, Russia July 24 – August 9, 2015				
Release Date	November 2014				
Qualifying Period	Qualifying times must have been achieved between May 15, 2014 to June 14, 2015. All athletes wishing to be considered for selection shall submit to GSF copies of their qualifying times on the official meet results printout, or provide GSF with the official website link where results are posted. Qualifying results shall be submitted to GSF no later than June 14, 2015 at 5 p.m.				
Selection Events	Swimming competitions recognized by GSF or other member of FINA. All times shall be in long course meters and no converted times will be accepted. A list of all scheduled GSF swim meets is available online at http://www.guamswimming.org.				
Eligibility	 To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all of the following eligibility criteria: Be a United States citizen AND be able to demonstrate Guam "residency" as defined in Appendix 1 Must be currently registered with a GSF swim team member and in good standing Must have signed a GSF Competitor Registration Form Must have signed the GSF Athlete Code of Conduct for International Competitions Be available to fulfill all team commitments as outlined below 				
Team Commitments	 All athletes selected must: Make themselves available for all team activities designated by GSF. Comply with all applicable GSF Rules, GSF Code of Conduct for International Competitions, FINA rules, ORADO and World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) Anti-Doping Policies. Submit himself/herself without reservation to all ORADO and WADA anti-doping policies. Prohibited list can be found at http://list.wada-ama.org. Display a positive attitude toward the sport and toward the team at all times and maintain good discipline in personal behavior and in commitment to training. 				

- 5. Maintain a coach-mandated training program from the time of nomination until the end of the Championships.
- 6. Attend all mandated training camps and practices, unless other arrangements are approved by GSF in writing.
- 7. Off-island athletes must provide proof that they are actively competing and training in the sport while abroad in the form of a coach's certification, event placement, meet results, etc.
- 8. Shall perform/participate in all fundraising activities of GSF for the Competition.
- 9. Obtain a medical clearance.
- 10. Have no criminal convictions.

Performance Requirement

To be considered for selection and subject to meeting the Eligibility requirements above, athletes will be required to meet one of the following criteria.

- Achieve the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Times in Appendix 2
- With one (1) or two (2) swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time, additional swimmers selected:
 - Must have achieved an average of at least 450 FINA points for females and 500 FINA points for males from three (3) events.
 - Swimmers will be ranked by average FINA point score and depending upon gender, the top ranked men and/or women will be nominated. GSF may enter up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women).
- With three (3) swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time:
 - One (1) additional top ranked swimmer may be selected from swimmers who have achieved at least 450 FINA points for females and 500 FINA points for males from three (3) events, provided that both genders are represented.
- With no swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time:
 - Swimmers selected must have achieved an average of at least 450 FINA points for females and 500 FINA points for males from three (3) events.
 - The top two (2) ranked men and the top two (2) ranked women will be nominated.
- Relay and other splits will not be considered for selection for an individual event.
- FINA points will be calculated according to FINA's current Long Course (50m) point score table.

Team Size & Announcement	Team size for individual events will be in accordance with the specific rules of the Competition. If the number of swimmers meeting the performance criteria above exceeds the limit established by the rules, the highest ranked swimmers who satisfy the eligibility and selection criteria will be nominated. Final selections and rankings per event will be determined by the swimmers' best competitive times achieved in that event within the 12 months prior to the final named entry deadline of the Competition. Swimmers entered without "A" or "B" standard qualifying times must have participated in the Guam Championships or in a FINA approved qualifying meet. These swimmers will be allowed to enter in two (2) different events each, but they cannot swim in the same event. The final selection of athletes that have met all of the Eligibility and Performance Requirements will be announced on June 14, 2015.
Critical Dates	 March 2, 2015: Preliminary Entry June 15, 2015: Final Named Entry July 15, 2015: Final Sport Entry
Notes	This trip may not be fully funded and athletes may have financial commitments for travel. Participants must have a U.S. passport with an expiry date of not less than six (6) months after the expiry date of the visa/accreditation certificate. Should an athlete withdraw from the Competition following the team announcement but prior to the Final Named Entry Deadline, GSF may consider a replacement, provided the replacement athlete has met the Eligibility and Performance Requirements. If an athlete being considered for nomination has a conflict of interest with an individual(s) in the GSF nominating committee, the individual(s) in the nominating committee shall recuse himself/herself from any discussion and decision regarding the athlete's nomination. Any athlete who is displeased with his/her ranking, placement, or non-selection will first meet, under the guidance of the GSF Athlete's Commission Representatives, with the team coach and GSF Board. If the athlete is still displeased, he/she has the right to send a written grievance to the Guam National Athletes Commission (GNAC). The athlete may contact GNOC at 647-4662 or gnoc@teleguam.net for assistance in contacting the proper GNAC members.
	GSF may amend these selection criteria at any time, at its discretion with the approval of the GSF Board. These criteria and any amendments will be posted at http://www.guamswimming.org.
Approved/ Designation Date	GSF Board November 2014

Appendix 1 - Guam National Olympic Committee Residency Guidelines

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Residency Guidelines

Determining Residency

Gaining Residency Eligibility:

In order to be considered an athlete representing Guam under the umbrella of the Guam National Olympic Committee, the following requirements must be met by all athletes.

The Athlete petitioning to be a part of Team Guam must:

- have a United States of America, Department of State issued passport (must provide the GNOC with a copy of such passport),
- II. reside in Guam for five (5) years prior to the Opening of the Olympic Games or in continental or regional games or in the world or area championships
 - if <u>born</u> in Guam, must have five (5) cumulative years of residing in Guam prior to the Opening of the Games/Event.
 - if <u>NOT born</u> in Guam, the athlete must have resided in Guam five (5)
 consecutive years <u>prior</u> to the Opening of the Games/Event (proof must be provided)
- III. proof of residency must be provided in the form(s) of (one or more of the following may be required in order to determine residency status):
 - a copy of five (5) consecutive years Guam Income Tax Filings
 - a certified letter or statement from the department of Government of Guam Department
 Revenue and Taxation certifying the athlete (if under age, the athletes parent) has filed five (5) years consecutive years prior to the Opening of the Games/Event
 - owning real property in Guam (a copy of the property taxes paid to the Government of Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation or a statement from the Department stating the athlete has paid five (5) consecutive years of property tax)

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- Operating a business in Guam (must provided certification of ownership of a business or business license and copies of the business' tax income filing or gross receipts tax or a statement from the Government of Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation certifying the business and business owner had filed five (5) consecutive years of GRT or Income taxes
- if an athlete leaves Guam for education purposes, the athlete is then required to provide a copy of school transcripts proving full-time enrollment or a letter from the school certifying they were enrolled in classes at a full-time status for the number of years the athlete needs to meet the five (5) year requirement.

NOTE: If an athlete has represented another Country at the Olympic Games or at an international, continental or regional games or at a world, continental or regional championship recognized by the International Federation, then the athlete is NOT eligible to represent Guam, unless the athlete has been released by the country in which they previously represented (an official letter from the President/Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee of the Country or the Governing body of sport must be provided by the athlete.

Losing Residency-Eligible Status:

Once an athlete is recognized by the GNOC as a resident-eligible athlete, based on the residency requirements, does not mean they are eligible for life. Other factors may affect their eligibility, such as an athletes behavior at previous games, criminal record, insubordination, or has been in violation of Team Guam Athlete/Official Handbook or has been banned by the NF or IF for previous actions, etc.

Also, If an athlete leaves Guam, for purposes other than: Military duty, education or illness, for ninety (90) days or more, the athlete loses their recognized residency status and must reestablish their residency based on the guidelines listed above (which is different for athletes Born and NOT Born on Guam). NOTE: An athlete must first establish their five (5) year residency-eligible status before leaving Guam for Military duty.

Appendix 2 – 16th FINA World Championships Qualifying Time Standards

MEN'S STANDARD			WOMEN'S STANDARD	
A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry		A – 2 Entries	B – 1 Entry
0.22.25	0.23.03	50 m Freestyle	0.25.23	0.26.11
0.49.39	0.51.12	100 m Freestyle	0.55.05	0.56.98
1.48.37	1.52.16	200 m Freestyle	1.58.93	2.03.09
3.50.87	3.58.95	400 m Freestyle	4.12.47	4.21.31
7.57.69	8.14.41	800 m Freestyle	8.35.99	8.54.05
15.13.98	15.45.97	1500 m Freestyle	16.33.61	17.08.39
0.25.52	0.26.41	50 m Backstroke	0.28.60	0.29.60
0.54.72	0.56.64	100 m Backstroke	1.01.25	1.03.39
1.59.19	2.03.36	200 m Backstroke	2.12.14	2.16.76
0.27.58	0.28.55	50 m Breaststroke	0.31.50	0.32.60
1.00.44	1.02.56	100 m Breaststroke	1.08.36	1.10.75
2.11.71	2.16.32	200 m Breaststroke	2.28.12	2.33.30
0.23.53	0.24.35	50 m Butterfly	0.26.54	0.27.47
0.52.52	0.54.36	100 m Butterfly	0.59.18	1.01.25
1.57.37	2.01.48	200 m Butterfly	2.11.14	2.15.73
1.59.99	2.04.19	200 m Ind. Medley	2.13.98	2.18.67
4.19.21	4.28.28	400 m Ind. Medley	4.44.50	4.54.46