



2015 Pacific Games (Open Water 5K) Athlete Selection Criteria

Competition	2015 Pacific Games, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea July 4 - 18, 2015
Release Date	October 2014
Qualifying Period	<p>Qualifying period for the 5K Open Water event is between May 15, 2014 and December 28, 2014.</p> <p>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 December 29, 2014.</p>
Selection Events	<p>Open water competitions recognized by GSF or other member of FINA. All 1500m pool times shall be in long course meters (50m) and no converted times will be accepted. A list of all scheduled GSF swim meets is available online at http://www.guamswimming.org.</p>
Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be at least 14 years of age; As per the Pacific Games Charter and FINA Rule OWS 1.2, "The age limit for all FINA Open Water Swimming events must be at least 14 years of age." 2. Be a United States citizen AND be able to demonstrate Guam "residency" as defined in Appendix 1 3. Must be currently registered with a GSF swim team member and in good standing 4. Must have signed a GSF Competitor Registration Form 5. Must have signed the GSF Athlete Code of Conduct for International Competitions 6. Must have completed the GNOC Athlete Nomination Form, Eligibility Code/Waiver, Handbook and all other required GNOC Pacific Games forms. 7. Be available to fulfill all team commitments as outlined below
Team Commitments	<p>All athletes selected must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make themselves available for all team activities designated by GSF. 2. Comply with all applicable GSF Rules, GSF Code of Conduct for

	<p>International Competitions, GNOC Rules, FINA rules, ORADO and World Anti-Doping Association Anti-Doping Policies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Submit himself/herself without reservation to all ORADO and WADA anti-doping policies. Prohibited list can be found at http://list.wada-ama.org. 4. 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 Games. 6. Attend all mandated training camps and practices, unless other arrangements are pre-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 Games. 9. Obtain a medical clearance. 10. Have no criminal convictions.
Performance Requirement	<p>To be considered for nomination and subject to meeting the Eligibility requirements above, athletes will be required to meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must compete in an open water swimming competition within the qualifying period and finish in the top 6 male/female eligible Guam competitors. • Must achieve a minimum of 400 FINA points for females and 450 FINA points for males in the 1500m freestyle pool event within the qualifying period. • FINA points will be calculated according to FINA's current Long Course (50m) point score table.
Team Size & Announcement	<p>In accordance with the rules of the 2015 Pacific Games for the 5K open water swim, a maximum of 3 male and 3 female swimmers can be selected. If the number of swimmers meeting the performance criteria above exceeds the limit established by the rules, the highest 3 ranked male/female swimmers who satisfy the eligibility and selection criteria will be nominated.</p> <p>Final selections and rankings per event will be determined by the swimmers' best competitive times achieved in that event within the 6 months prior to the entry deadline of the Games.</p> <p>The nomination of athletes that have met all of the Eligibility and Performance Requirements will be submitted by GSF to GNOC by December 29, 2014. The final selection of the team will be made by the GNOC Review Committee.</p>

Notes	<p>All participation, travel and accommodation costs are the sole responsibility of the athlete.</p> <p>Should an athlete withdraw from the 2015 Pacific Games Team following the team announcement, GSF may consider a replacement, provided the replacement athlete has met the Eligibility and Performance Requirements.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>GSF may amend these selection criteria at any time, at its discretion with the approval of the GSF Board.</p> <p>These criteria and any amendments will be posted at http://www.guamswimming.org.</p>
Approved/ Designation Date	<p>GSF Board October 13, 2014</p>

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:

- I. 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 born in Guam**, must have five (5) cumulative years of residing in Guam prior to the Opening of the Games/Event.
 - **if NOT born in Guam**, the athlete must have resided in Guam **five (5) consecutive years prior** 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 provide 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 athlete's 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..**