



TEAM SELECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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Team Selection Policy

All Teams

1. All athletes must be members in good standing which means that accounts must be paid in full prior to participating.
2. Team placements and/or selections are the responsibility of the Coaching staff in their sole discretion.

National Stream Teams

3. Athletes registering for the National Stream will be entered into a National Stream Trials.
4. Selection to a National Stream team is not guaranteed for any athlete entering the Trials.
5. If registration levels are not sufficient to warrant a Trials process, the process for the Provincial Stream will be followed.
6. The National Stream Trials Fee will be a flat fee payable in two installments and will include the annual CASSA fee. The first installment is due prior to the start of Trials; the second payment is due prior to the first training day in September.
7. Athletes who have not paid the full Trials fee before the first training day in September, will be withdrawn from the Trials.
8. Athletes will be selected to National Stream teams by the coaching staff. The BC Aquasonics Executive will not be involved in athlete selection.
9. At the discretion of the Head Coach and coaching staff, vacancies during the season at the National Stream level may be filled by additional try-outs or coach selection.

Team Selection Procedure

Provincial Stream Teams

1. Athletes interested in provincial stream will register initially into one of two age groups:
 - a. 12 and Under
 - b. 13 and Over
2. An optional training camp will be provided for any athlete interested in competitive synchronized swimming. Camp will take place at the end of August for a separate, one-time fee.
3. September will be team placement month. During September, athletes will train in their age groups and a separate, one-time fee will be charged for the month. Once training has begun, this fee is non-refundable.
4. Teams will be configured by the coaching staff by mid-September based on registration levels



at that time.

5. Where possible, teams will be formed based on the residency of the athlete (CCAC area or SSLC area). Where enough registration exists, teams may be divided by age, skill level or experience, at the discretion of the coaching staff.
6. Once the teams have been configured, an agreement will be provided to the parent or guardian of each athlete offering a particular team placement. The parent will be given a period of time to agree to the placement and provide the program fees for the year.

National Stream Teams

1. Athletes registering for National Stream will automatically be registered for National Stream trials.
2. National Stream Trials will begin the Sunday prior to the Labour Day weekend and end on September 30.
3. Team Selection Criteria:
 - a. coach recommendations
 - b. the skill level or experience of the athlete
 - c. athlete commitment and parental consent to train and commit to the schedule of a specific team
 - d. athlete attitude
 - e. Club coaching allocation for the season
 - f. Registration levels in each age category
4. Athletes will be offered a position on a team by mid-September. At that time an agreement will be provided to the parent or guardian of each athlete offering a particular team placement. The parent will have a period of time to agree to the placement and provide the program fees for the year.
5. The regular season will begin October 1.
6. Teams can include up to 8 athlete plus two alternates; combo can include up to 10 athletes plus 2 alternates.
7. If a team has an alternate(s), the coach will use the following criteria to determine which athlete swims the alternate position(s) in a particular meet:
 - a. overall routine skills and the ability to perform the routine
 - b. overall figure scores at competitions
 - c. ongoing attitude and commitment towards the team
 - d. attendance and punctuality at practices
 - e. member must be in good standing
8. An athlete who is injured or sick would assume an alternate position. If an athlete were deemed by the coach unable to swim for any reason, this athlete would generally assume the alternate position, with the exception of an athlete that holds a unique role in the routine and



that cannot adequately be replaced.

Extra Routines Selection Procedure

The team coaches, in consultation with the Head Coach, will assign solo and duet routines based on the following criteria:

1. athletes' desire for competition
2. athletes' skill level
3. figure results from the previous season
4. routine skills to perform in the solo/duet events
5. total number of solo/duet routines available
6. parental consent and agreement to incur additional costs and time commitment

The coach will take into consideration the athletes preferences when assigning duet partners.



2015-2016 Team Selection Schedule

Provincial Stream Team Placement

Date	Action
June 30, 2015	Early Registration Deadline (\$75 – PayPal)
July 1, 2015	Membership dues increases (\$150 – PayPal)
Aug 1, 2015	Invoices sent for September Synchro
Aug 18, 2015	Camp Registration Deadline – online registration (\$300 – PayPal)
Aug 30, 2015	<i>Withdrawal prior to this date Camp fee refundable; reg fee not refundable; withdrawal on this date or later, camp fee not refundable</i>
Aug 30, 2015	First Day of Camp <i>No participation if Payment not received</i>
Sept 9, 2015	September Synchro Payment Due <i>No participation if Payment not received</i>
Sept 9, 2015	<i>Withdrawal prior to this Sept Synchro Fee is refundable Withdrawal this date or later, no refund</i>
Sept 19, 2015	Team Offers Made/Agreements sent to families w/ fee schedule, withdrawal terms, etc
Sept 22, 2015	Deadline to accept offer/provide direct debit authorization/FCP Dep
Oct 1, 2015	Installment payments begin Oct 1 to March 1
Oct 3, 2015	<i>Withdrawal prior to this date, Oct fee is refundable. Withdrawal from this date and on, notice of 30 days is required starting first day of month following withdrawal - same as now</i>

National Stream Trials Schedule

Date	Action
June 30, 2015	Early Registration Deadline (\$75 – PayPal)
July 1, 2015	Membership dues increases (\$150 – PayPal)
Aug 1, 2015	Invoices sent for Trials Fee (includes CASSA) automatically sent to all registered for NS – Pay in 2 installments (PayPal or e-transfer)
Aug 12, 2015	Payment #1 Due
Aug 30, 2015	<i>Withdrawal prior to this date Trials fee refundable; reg fee not refundable; withdrawal after this date, Payment #1 not refundable</i>
Aug 30, 2015	First Day of Trials <i>No participation if Payment #1 not received</i>
Sept 9, 2015	Payment #2 Due <i>No participation if Payment #2 not received</i>
Sept 9, 2015	<i>Withdrawal prior to this date CASSA is refundable (\$122) Withdrawal prior to this date, payment #2 not required (or will be refunded)</i>



	<i>if total fee was paid in full) Withdrawal this date or later, no refund</i>
Sept 14, 2015	Team Offers Made/Agreements sent to families w/ fee schedule, withdrawal terms, etc
Sept 19, 2015	Deadline to accept offer/provide direct debit authorization/FCP Dep
Oct 1, 2015	First Day of Regular Season Monthly payments begin Oct 1 to June 1
Oct 1, 2015	<i>Withdrawal from this date and on, notice of 30 days is required starting first day of month following withdrawal</i>