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Swimming Newfoundland Labrador (SNL) Team NL Selection Criteria

Team NL will travel May 15-18, 2025, to the Dr Ralph Hicken Invitational in Etobicoke Ontario. All team members will participate in team travel and the cost will be approximately \$1200. Details will be announced later.

Age categories to qualify for 2025 Team NL Team, Olympic program junior swimmers are as follows: Female swimmers born 2009 or later and Males 2008 or later.

For the Senior Team: Female swimmers 2008 or earlier, and Male's 2007 or earlier but must still be in high school. Paralympic swimmers must be born between 2000-2012.

All athletes must be residents of Newfoundland and Labrador and be registered members in good standing with Swimming Newfoundland and Labrador. Swimmers will be required to submit *Contenders Declaration to Compete* and *Letter of Commitment* form to SNL in December 2025. Contenders Declaration to Compete and the Letter of Commitment form will be available on the SNL website in November.

The Junior Team will be selected based on short course results from October 1, 2024, to December 16, 2024. This team will include Paralympic and Olympic program eligible swimmers and will serve as the pool from which the Canada Games team is selected. The Senior Team will be selected based on results from October 1, 2024, and March 31, 2024.

Junior Team Olympic Program Positions

A maximum of 16 males and 16 females will be selected to the team. All swimmers must have a minimum of 395 [World Aquatics Scoring Points](#) in an event for that event to be considered in any part of the selection process.

The highest ranked swimmers in all events excluding 100 IM, will be considered for selection.

In all scenarios noted below, swimmers must achieve this minimum points standard:

- In the event that there are greater than 16 swimmers ranked first, the swimmer(s) with the lowest points will not qualify for the team.
- In the event that there are less than 16 different swimmers ranked first, all of the second-place finishers will be considered according to the World Aquatics Scoring Points, in order of highest points achieved at the selection period.
- Once all first and second place swimmers are on the team, all swimmers ranked in the top 16 in any event and not on the team will be considered for selection. Selection will be made considering which swimmers have the highest rankings, until 16 places are filled.



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Additional Notes:

a) Tie Breaking:

Where there is a tie in the swimmer selection process, all other performances by the tied swimmers (excluding the tied performances) in the selection window shall be ranked according to the point chart. The tie shall be broken by the selection of the swimmer with the highest ranked other performance that meets the minimum points.

b) Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances:

In the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, as determined by the Swimming Newfoundland Labrador Selection Committee, the committee shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant. All such requests must be submitted in writing to the selection committee prior to the end of the selection period.

c) Should a swimmer who is SNC Canadian Swimming Championship or Canadian Swimming Trials qualified for the 2025 season, be unable to compete due to unforeseen or unusual circumstances as determined by the Swimming Newfoundland Labrador Selection Committee, they will retain a position on Team NL.

d) The Head Coach has the discretion to alter selection due to unforeseen circumstances.

Para Positions

A maximum of two Para swimmers will be selected. The Para swimmers must be eligible for the Canada Games as per the [2025 Canada Games Swimming Technical Package](#) and must be qualified for and eligible to compete at the [Ken Demchuck International Invitational](#). An S-14 athlete may choose to participate as a Para athlete but is then ineligible to be selected in the Special Olympic category for Canada Games. Classification must be completed 90 days prior to the games.

Swimmers will be selected based on the highest ranking [SNC Para Points](#) in individual events, based on personal best times from October 1, 2024 to January 31 2025.

Senior Travel Team Positions

A maximum of 4 males and 4 females will be selected to the team. The swimmers will be selected based on best times from October 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 and will be named to the team April 1st, 2025.

1. Swimmers will be selected off combined World Aquatics Scoring Points in three events. Swimmers can use short course or long course events but cannot use the same event twice.
2. In the event of a tie the swimmer with the highest points in a fourth event will be selected.