

ASC COUNTRY PENNANTS POLICY AND TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

COUNTRY PENNANTS BACKGROUND

A team event that takes place in a different country town in an alternate SWA region each Foundation Day Long Weekend. A team gains points based on the placing of their swimmer in each event. Swims are 50m or 100m of each stroke and team relays. Each swimmer may only have 4 individual swims. The selection panel will consist of the ASC coaching staff, ASC Country Pennants Coordinator and the Coaches Coordinator.

1. Swimmers will be asked to submit an availability for selection on the Country Pennants team. This is a commitment to being available on the CP long weekend. A deposit is required at this time and will be invoiced by the club treasurer. Should a swimmer not be selected on the team, the deposit will be refunded. If the deposit is not paid, the swimmer will be deemed not available.
2. The selection panel will select the team based on times or circumstances that will best benefit the team. This may mean a swimmer may be required to race in a higher age group to maximise team points.
3. Official Swimming WA times will be used in the first instance. In circumstances where no other times are available, Club Race Night may be used.
4. When two or more swimmers of the same standard are seeking inclusion in the team, further consideration for selection will include:
 - Attendance, commitment and effort at training
 - Participation in Race Night events
 - Participation in Swimming WA events
 - Family involvement and commitment
 - Sportsmanship
5. The selection panel will submit their team nominations to the ASC committee 1 month prior to the event. The purpose of this is in case there is the need for committee involvement due to a selection complaint.
6. A swimmer who is deemed to breach the criteria of attendance, commitment, effort, participation and sportsmanship may be required to forgo their events. This decision will be made by the selection panel.
7. All swimmers who have nominated for Country Pennants will be informed of their selection outcome via email 1 month prior to the event. They will not be given notification of their swims, reserve placements and potential position in a relay team until the first day of the meet, however, they will be guaranteed at least one swim/relay swim. When Country Pennants is held at an extreme distance (over 300kms) from the Club, the selection panel will endeavour to inform families of the inclusion of a swimmer and their swims at the earliest possible time.
8. If the swimmer should choose not to participate, the events will be awarded to the designated reserve. Should the reserve already have four events the selection of a swimmer to fill the void will be reviewed by the panel.
9. An invitation may be extended to a swimmer external to the club only when an event cannot be filled by an existing Club member. This will be considered by the selection panel prior to the swimmer receiving an invitation. Consideration will be made for (part) financing of the Swimming WA membership.
10. Should the need arise. The selection panel may change a swimmer's individual event, inclusion or exclusion or position in a relay team at any time.
11. Should any member/parent/guardian act in a way that breaches the ASC Code of Conduct, the offending party/family will be withdrawn from all races and asked to leave the designated club area.