



KEY POINTS FOR MODIFIED 2021 OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC TRIALS

The purpose of the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials is to select athletes to be nominated to Team Canada for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo.

BASIC MEET STRUCTURE

- It will be a very controlled and physically distanced event that will require all COVID-19 safety protocols to be strictly observed.
- The trials will be a 5-day timed final only competition (April 7-11) with 3 days of pre-meet training (April 4-6).
- Attendance at the trials will be by invitation only to limit the overall number of competitors. Two distinct invitation processes have been established for the Olympic and Paralympic programs.
- The event will be closed to spectators.

OLYMPIC PROGRAM TRIALS INVITATION PROCESS

- In order to be eligible to receive an invitation to attend the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials, swimmers must be registered with a Swimming Canada affiliated club in a Competitive registration category. Swimmers registered with a U SPORTS affiliated University must be registered in a Varsity registration category (Varsity or Varsity Year-Round). Permanent Non-resident Canadian swimmers must be registered directly with Swimming Canada and will represent Unattached Canada. All swimmers must have completed all Swimming Canada and Provincial Section registration requirements by noon EST on Dec. 18, 2020.
- Only swimmers who meet the eligibility requirements to be selected to the 2021 Canadian Olympic Team as of Dec. 18, 2020 will be eligible to receive an invitation to the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials.
- A maximum of 20 swimmers per Olympic event will be invited to attend with the exception of the women's and men's 1500m freestyle which will have a maximum of 20 swimmers invited per event plus any swimmers who competed in an Open Water event at the 2019 FINA World Championships and are not already included in the 20 invited swimmers.
- Only swimmers who have achieved the Senior Qualifying Standard for the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials in each Olympic event will be eligible for an invitation.
- Swimming Canada will post to its website an initial ranked list of 30 swimmers per event who are eligible to receive an invitation to the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials by Dec. 22, 2020.
- There will be 3 rounds of invitations:
 - o Round #1 - Invitations to the Top 20 ranked eligible swimmers per event will be distributed on Jan. 6, 2021. The deadline to accept the invitations will be Jan. 15, 2021.
 - o Round #2 - Additional swimmers will be invited up to a maximum 20 swimmers per event based on the rankings of eligible swimmers. Round #2 invitations will be distributed on Jan. 20, 2021. The deadline to accept the invitations will be Jan. 29, 2021.
 - o Round #3 – Should any event have fewer than 20 swimmers accept invitations following the first two rounds of invitations, swimmers who have already accepted an invitation in another event for the trials will be offered spots in open events based on ranked order of eligible times.
- Only official results from Sept. 1, 2018 to Dec. 6, 2020 will be considered.
- A swimmer who accepts an invitation for an event but does not compete in the event at the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials for non-medical reasons will be subject to a fine.



PARALYMPIC PROGRAM TRIALS INVITATION PROCESS

- In order to be eligible to receive an invitation to attend the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials, swimmers must be registered with a Swimming Canada affiliated club in a Competitive registration category. Swimmers registered with a U SPORTS affiliated University must be registered in a Varsity registration category (Varsity or Varsity Year-Round). Permanent Non-resident Canadian swimmers must be registered directly with Swimming Canada and will represent Unattached Canada. All swimmers must have completed all Swimming Canada and Provincial Section registration requirements by noon EST on Dec. 18, 2020.
- Only swimmers who meet the eligibility requirements to be selected to the 2021 Canadian Paralympic Team as of Dec. 18, 2020 will be eligible to receive an invitation to the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials.
- Entries in each Paralympic event will be limited to the Top 15 qualifiers, based on Amended World Rankings (AWR) for the period from Oct. 1, 2018 to March 12, 2020, calculated through the following method:
 - o Only times (long-course metres) recorded in a sanctioned meet between Oct. 1, 2018 and Dec. 6, 2020 will be considered.
 - o All times must be equal to or faster than the published Para swimming National Meet Qualifying Standards (MQS).
- Additionally:
 - o For Internationally Classified Swimmers:
 - Times must be ranked Top 30 in the world (Amended World Rankings) for the qualifying period.
 - o For Domestically Classified Swimmers:
 - Times must be ranked Top 20 in the world (Amended World Rankings) for the qualifying period.

OPEN WATER TRIALS

- The Open Water Trials scheduled for April 17-18 in the Cayman Islands have been canceled.
- Due to pandemic restrictions, Swimming Canada is unable to host an open water trials event outside of the country and there is not a suitable location that meets all open water safety requirements to reliably host an event in Canada during the required timeframe.
- Based on these exceptional circumstances, the selection of the second male and female swimmer to compete at the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier will be based on the results of the 1500m freestyle event at the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials. Details of this process will be published in January 2021.
- The amended selection process for the 2021 FINA World Junior Open Water Swimming Championships will be published in January 2021.

2021 FINA WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION

- The 2021 FINA World Junior Championships team will not be based strictly on the results from the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials.
- The amended selection process will be published in January 2021.
- Currently no information is available from FINA on the World Junior Championships location or dates.



2021 FISU GAMES

- After considering current decisions within U SPORTS and recent announcements of cancellations of U SPORTS Championships, Swimming Canada has also considered its position on the FISU Games.
- With current restrictions to swimming competitions in the interests of health and safety it has been determined that a nomination process to the FISU Games cannot be conducted.
- After due consideration, Swimming Canada will not be selecting a team to compete at the 2021 FISU Games.
- The selection policy for this event will be rescinded.

OTHER KEY POINTS

- It is the intent of Swimming Canada to run the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials as outlined from April 7-11
- Based on the ever-evolving public health crisis, Swimming Canada does reserve the right to cancel the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials at any point should it be determined to be unsafe to proceed or at the request of Toronto Public Health, the Province of Ontario and/or any government agency that carries jurisdiction over matters of health and/or public safety.
- A review of the public health situation and how it relates to the ability to provide a safe environment for all trials participants will be undertaken on Feb. 15, 2021.
- Should the 2021 Olympic & Paralympic Trials not occur or not be fully completed, Swimming Canada reserves the right to nominate swimmers to Team Canada for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo by other means based on exceptional circumstances.