

# **SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CANA ZONE 4 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP- LILONGWE, MALAWI**

**COMPETITION DATES: MARCH 21-24, 2018**

**TEAM SIZE: 40**

**ESTIMATED COST: USD\$1800**

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## **OBJECTIVE:**

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by KSF, Competition Management Committee (CMC) to select athletes and coaches for the 2018 CANA Zone IV Swimming Championships Team. The objective of the CMC is to select a team that will aim to position Kenya as powerhouse in the regional competition.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- i)** A Swimmer must be able to represent Kenya in accordance with the eligibility requirement rules set out by FINA (GR) and on the first day of the competition must hold a Kenyan passport as of March 1, 2018 and which expires no earlier than September 30, 2018;
- ii)** A Swimmer must declare him/herself eligible for selection prior to March 1, 2018
- iii)** Selected Swimmers must sign the KSF Code of Conduct (Appendix 1) by March 1, 2018. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian must also sign this agreement.
- iv)** Selection does not guarantee specific event entry. Individual entries and relay team composition will be determined by the CMC.

## **CRITERIA**

- (i)** All selected **MUST** meet the following minimum qualifying time standards (MQTs) (Appendix 2)
- (ii)** The top two ranked swimmers per event will be selected with 2 reserves.
- (iii)** Selected swimmers will be limited to 7 events.

- (iv) The times used for selections should have been achieved not earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017
- (v) After the Top 2 Swimmers, the CMC at his sole discretion may select additional Swimmers who have achieved the MQTs to the team to a maximum team size of 40.

## **COMPETITIVE READINESS**

1. “Competitive readiness” is defined as the ability of the athlete to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the athlete achieved in qualifying.
2. Athletes who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team. Athletes and their personal coaches are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the competition to the CMC in writing via email (cmc@gmail.com).
3. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made in concert with the swimmers coach, the CMC, designated team physician or such other coach who may have knowledge of the swimmers specific circumstances.
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## **REMOVAL OF SWIMMER**

1. The CMC may, at any time, disqualify an athlete from being considered for selection to the Kenya Team or remove an athlete after selection based on current or past behavior of the athlete that is inconsistent with KSF’s Team Rules, Regulations and Code of Conduct.
2. An athlete will be removed from being considered for selection to the Kenya Team or removed after selection if he/she is found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Anti Doping Agency of Kenya, FINA and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

## **UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. Should the CMC determine that unforeseen or unusual circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these Criteria, the CMC shall have the full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.
2. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the principles of fairness.

## **COACHES**

To be eligible for selection, a Coach must:

- (i) Be a fully registered coach and member in good standing;
- (ii) Have been resident in Kenya and duly employed as a swimming coach by a KSF affiliated organization/team/club for 90 days prior to the first day of the Selection.
- (iii) A Coach must declare him/herself eligible for selection prior to March 1, 2018
- (iv) Hold a passport as of March 1, 2018 and which expires no earlier than September 30, 2018.
- (v) The coach must at least have attained a minimum FINA level 3 qualification or equivalent.
- (vi) Must be engaged in coaching a school or swim club which actively participates in regular KSF recognized swimming competitions.
- (vii) Must at least have one swimmer in the selected team.
- (viii) S/he has no record prior disciplinary action taken against him/her on matters regarding management of athletes or such action.

The CMC shall have the full and absolute discretion for selection of the Team Coach or such other team official.

Attachments:

1. *Appendix 1 - KSF Code of Conduct*
2. *Appendix 2 - Minimum Qualifying Time Standards*

***These criteria were duly created and approved by the Competition Management Committee, which by its terms of reference have been properly delegated to perform this task by the KSF, Interim Management Committee under the supervision of the Sports Disputes Tribunal.***