

Barker Aquatic Swim Club (BAQU)

RELAY SELECTION POLICY

The aim of this policy is to make the selection process of relay teams as transparent as possible. Ultimate responsibility for team selection rests with the Head Coach and in conjunction with the Race Secretary.

1. Only swimmers that are current Barker Aquatic Swim Club financial members will be considered for the selection in BAQU relay teams.
2. A swimmer's time is the prime determinant of relay selection i.e. competitive swimmers with the fastest times will represent Barker Aquatic to give the team the greatest chance of winning. Some discretion may be given to local and area meets in order to allow for inclusiveness and team building.
3. Only swimmers' fastest official times achieved during the meet Qualifying Period or, where there is no qualifying period, during the previous 12 months will be used as the main criteria for the relay team selection. However, if the fastest swimmer is not training/competing regularly, swimmers with the fastest official times from the current season and within the meet Qualifying Period, will be given first preference in the selection of the relay team.
4. Where possible times must be relevant to the event being swum, for example LC 4 x 50m freestyle relay selection will take into account the best 50m freestyle LC times and selection for butterfly leg of SC 4 x 50m medley relay will take into account the best 50m butterfly SC times of the swimmers being considered for selection.
5. In case where 2 or more swimmers with the same times are being considered for one relay leg (4th swimmer in freestyle or any leg in medley relay) selection will be decided by the swim-off.
6. Swimming up, when allowed, will be used only in exceptional circumstances to benefit the most number of swimmers.
7. Head Coach may select any number of reserve swimmers up to the maximum allowed by the meet organizer.
8. Only official times recorded in the Swimming Australia Results database will be used.
9. In the case of local and area meets, those swimmers who have entered individual events prior to the Club's deadline will be given first preference. If however, additional swimmers are needed for relays, other swimmers may be invited to participate. Swimmers will be advised of the Club's deadline well in advance.
10. For State and National meets, all eligible swimmers will be considered.
11. For meets outside Sydney, relay teams will be finalised no later than 3 weeks before the meet or after a major meet preceding the meet for which relay teams are being selected. The cut-off meet will be decided by the Head Coach and swimmers will be advised before the entries for the cut-off meet close.

12. Once the relay team is selected, if requested, swimmers must confirm by e-mail to the Race Secretary by a specified date that they are able to swim in the relay. Failure to confirm availability by the specified date will automatically result in another swimmer being selected.
13. Once a relay team has been finalised there will be no changes after the cut-off date, even if another swimmer swims a faster time earlier in the meet, except if a swimmer withdraws after consultation with Coaching Staff (and Manager).
14. Failure to show for a relay or arriving less than 1 hour before a relay event's scheduled time without providing the Race Secretary reasonable prior notification of the withdrawal with good excuse may impact swimmer's selection for future meets.
15. Relay team swimmers are expected to arrive in club uniform i.e. must wear the club shirt and swim with the official club cap.

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