



Cayman Islands Swimming
CARIFTA Team
2021 Selection Process

- 1) Athletes must have achieved two of the 2020 - 2021 Junior Team time standards, with the exception that swimmers who qualify for Open Water in accordance with Clause 5(1)-(4), are required to achieve one of the 2020 - 2021 Junior Team time standards in the pool. Those times must have been achieved between May 1st, 2019 and the Monday following CIASA National Swimming Championships.

Each athlete must also be in good standing as member of the 2020 - 2021 Junior Team at the time of the CARIFTA Team selection meeting.

- 2) Swimmers must have signed the 2020-21 Representative Team Agreement (“RTA”) and remain in good standing. Team members not in good standing may be dismissed at any time at the discretion of the CIASA Board and/or the CIASA Technical Director.
- 3) In the event that more swimmers meet the qualifications in item 1 than there are slots available the Cayman Islands Power Point System will be used to fill all CARIFTA Team slots. Selection will be made without regard to age group or sex of the swimmers. However, no more than 8 swimmers will be selected per age group per sex (CARIFTA allows for only 8 athletes per age group and sex).

Slots will be filled by adding one swimmer to the team at a time based on the highest power point scores using the criteria below.

- 4) The following are the Cayman Islands Power Point Selection criteria for the 2021 CARIFTA team:
 - A. Swimmers residing in the Cayman Islands may only use times swam in the 2021 CIASA National Swimming Championships, the 2021 Pete Ribbins Invitational or the 2020 Coconut Classic providing that the CIASA National Swimming Championships are held at the CIS pool.

Swimmers attending school outside the Cayman Islands may use times swam in the 2021 CIASA National Swimming Championships, the 2021 Pete Ribbins Invitational, or the 2020 Coconut Classic providing that the CIASA National Swimming Championships are held at the CIS pool, or alternatively a meet off island with automated timing and FINA or USA Swimming certified officials between Dec. 1st 2020 and the Monday following CIASA National Swimming Championships, providing that the CIASA National Swimming Championships are held at the CIS pool.

Note – if the Power Point Selection criteria is required, the use of SCY converted times will be at the sole discretion of the Technical Director.

- B. Swimmers #1 to #12 will be selected using the combined score of their two highest power points scores.
- C. Swimmers added after the 12th place spot will be selected using the combined score of the individual’s three highest power point scores.

- 5) In 2021 Open Water swimmers may qualify based on personal performances in either the 5K at the 2020 Pirates Week 5K and/or the CIASA 5K Invitational expected to be held in January 2021¹.

The open water qualifying process is designed to qualify a maximum of two swimmers in each age-group in each sex. The Qualifying procedures are as follows:

- A. The two first place swimmers in the Pirates week and CIASA 5Ks will have qualified resulting in two different swimmers to fill the two available slots. The fastest time in either race will receive the higher power point below.
 - B. If the same swimmers win both races, then if the second-place swimmer in both races is the same swimmer that individual will have qualified as the second swimmer. The second-place swimmer will receive the lower power point score listed below.
 - C. If the same swimmer is not second in both races then neither swimmer will have qualified, leaving one spot open for their age group and sex.
 - D. In addition to the above, Open Water swimmers must achieve a minimum of one of the 2020 - 2021 Junior Team Pool time standards.
 - E. Open Water Power Points Method – Step by Step
 - i. Each Power Point Score will be Age Group and Sex Specific
 - ii. Use the best single 2020 time, SCM, taking into account all CARIFTA eligible athletes from the specific age and sex
 - iii. Drop any of those times which DO NOT make a 2020 – 2021 Cayman Islands Junior Team Standard
 - iv. Determine the power point scores for each of those best times
 - v. Determine the mean and standard deviation of each of those scores
 - vi. The first-place qualifier from the age group will receive a power point score equal to one standard deviation above the mean
 - vii. The second-place qualifier from the age group will receive a power point score of the mean for their age group and sex
 - viii. Only two power point scores will be given in each age group and sex
 - ix. Awarded power points will then be used in conjunction with pool events for final team selection
 - x. Final Note: Athletes not receiving power points in open water events may still compete at CARIFTA in the open water competition
- 6) The number of final selection slots for swimmers and staff for the 2021 CARIFTA team will be based on funding available for the CARIFTA Championships.
- 7) Final team selection will occur on or before the Wednesday following the CIASA Nationals.

¹ Subject to both Open Water events being held prior to the final qualifying meet, as per Clause 4(a)