

FLORIDA SWIMMING ZONE TEAM

2019 15-18 Application Information

Florida Swimming shall select eight (8) female and eight (8) male 15-18 athletes to represent Florida at the 2019 Southern Zone Age Group Championships. This year's meet will be held in Cary, North Carolina, July 30-August 3.

General Information:

All transportation, lodging, meals, entry fees, and team gear are arranged for and provided by Florida Swimming. All athletes selected for the team must be able to commit to meeting the team bus at one of two locations (likely southern location: Tampa/Orlando; likely northern location: Baldwin/Lake City) on **Sunday, July 28**, and must be able to be picked up from the same location on **Sunday, August 4**.

Swimmers in the 15-18 age group are selected well in advance of the meet in order to guarantee that they can be fully prepared for the 2019 Southern Zone Age Group Championship meet. **When a swimmer accepts their selection and is named to the team, Florida Swimming expects that they are committing to preparing for the Zone meet as their primary rest/shave/taper meet of the 2019 long course season.**

Swimmers in the **15-18 age group** will be selected based on **applications submitted no later than 5:00pm March 31, 2019**, and will be notified of their selection on or before May 1, 2019. Payment of the **\$500 Zone Team fee** is due to Florida Swimming (via cash, check or PayPal) no later than **July 1, 2019**.

Each group of eight athletes will be selected from the pool of applicants based upon the following eligibility requirements and priority system:

Eligibility:

- Athletes must be registered 2019 Florida Swimming athletes in good standing 120 days prior or as of the first day of the meet, Tuesday, July 30, 2019.
- Athletes who apply via the 15-18 process must be no younger than fifteen (15) and no older than eighteen (18) years of age as of the first day of the meet, Tuesday, July 30, 2019.
- Athletes must have competed in two long course competitions during the months of April through July 2019, prior to competing at the Zone Championships. This will

ensure that proper training and competition leading up to the Zone Championships has occurred.

- Any athlete who has qualified for the 2019 USA Swimming Summer Junior National Championships prior to the entry deadline for the 2019 Zone Championships will be ineligible for selection to the team.

Selection Criteria:

- Selections will be made according to the following criteria, in order:
 1. The fastest swimmer in the 100 breaststroke;
 2. The fastest swimmer in the 200 I.M.;
 3. The fastest swimmer in the 100 backstroke;
 4. The fastest swimmer in the 100 butterfly;
 5. The fastest swimmer in the 1000 freestyle (girls)/1650 freestyle (boys);
 6. The fastest swimmer in the 50 freestyle;
 7. The fastest swimmer in the 100 freestyle
 8. Wild Card. (The swimmer chosen as the "Wild Card" will be decided at the discretion of the Florida Zone Team Head Coach, Age Group Chairman, and specific coach for that age group at the Zone Championships.
 9. In the event that the fastest swimmer is not eligible for Zone Team selection, the next fastest swimmer that is eligible for the Zone Team selection in that event may earn the automatic position. In the event that a full roster is not selected from applications submitted by March 31, 2019, applications will remain open until April 15, 2019, with the full team chosen no later than May 1, 2019 (or until the team is full).

The 15-18 age group application for the 2019 Florida Swimming Zone Team can be found at the link below. No paper or email applications shall be accepted. Applications must be completed by 5:00pm, March 31, 2019.

https://www.cognitofrms.com/FloridaSwimming1/_2019FloridaZoneTeam1518Application