

INVITATION

To: II-1 (S14), II-2 (S18) and II-3 (S19) Swimmers
From: Global Games Australian Team Coordinator
CC: Robyn Smith – Sport Inclusion Australia
Melissa Wilson – Swimming Australia (SA)
Date: December 2022
Subject: **Virtus Global Games, France 2023 - Expression of Interest**

Event Outline

The Virtus Global Games are being held in Vichy, France **4-10 June 2023**. Sport Inclusion Australia is working in partnership with Swimming Australia to coordinate the Australian Team. This event will feature 14 different sports of which swimming is one. The event organisers have applied for World Para Swimming (WPS) sanction and will provide international classification opportunities for selected swimmers. Events are being offered for athletes in the II-1, II-2 and II-3 groups. There is no Youth competition at the Global Games.

1 June	Team departs for Vichy, France
2 June	Team arrives in Vichy, France
4 June	Opening Ceremony
5-9 June	Swimming competition
10 June	Closing Ceremony
11 June	Team departs

Expression of Interest Criteria

This invitation is extended to you by Sport Inclusion Australia and Swimming Australia based on you meeting the following criteria;

- You are a registered, financial member in good standing of a Swimming Australia affiliated swim club; and
- You expect to meet the performance standards outlined in the attached Selection Policy; and
- Hold current Virtus II-1 (S14), II-2 (S18), II-3 (S19) eligibility.

In order to be selected you must be willing to cover costs of your participation as outlined below.

Eligibility

It is important that if you don't have an Virtus Eligibility number, that you start the process as soon as possible. The forms can be downloaded <https://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/eligibility/> (II-1, II-2 and II-3).

WPS International Classification

Classification will be offered at this competition for S14 swimmers. Selected swimmers will be chosen by SA to complete international classification. Swimmers will be notified by SA after the team is selected. For any enquiries relating to WPS international S14 classification email shannon.matheson@swimming.org.au.

Costs

The cost for athletes will be \$6,900 – 7,900 (depending on final details), this includes:

- Uniform
- Flights from capital cities
- All Meals
- Virtus Levy
- Ground transport in Vichy
- Accommodation
- Insurance
- Entry Fees
- Staff and Administration contribution

Competition uniforms are in addition to the above. Flights will be arranged from Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide, Perth and Darwin. Any additional flights/travel will need to be organised by the athlete. Athletes will need some spending money for snacks, merchandise and some sightseeing. All other costs whilst in France are covered by the Games organisers. SIA will be working hard to access external funding to reduce this amount.

If you would like to be considered for selection, please complete the attached Expression of Interest and Results form and email to ggcoordinator@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au by 1st February 2023 at the latest.

Please submit as early as possible to assist us with our planning. Additional qualifying swims can be submitted as they are achieved up to the 28th February 2023.

If you require further information please contact the Global Games Coordinator on ggcoordinator@sportinclusionaustralia.org.au.

Thank you
Tracy Lawrence

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST and RESULTS - SWIMMING

**Virtus Global Games – Vichy, France
4 – 10 June 2023**

I am interested in being part of the Australian team for Virtus Global Games in Vichy, France from 4-10 June 2023. I can confirm I have read, understand and meet the General and Sport Specific Selection Criteria.

Signed Date

Name Classification

Address

Suburb..... State and Post Code

Date of Birth Phone no.

Email address

Home Coach Name Phone no.

Results for Selection Consideration

Please submit results in order of preference. This order will not impact team selection and does not guarantee that if you are selected it will be in your favoured events. This preference will be used by the coaches/selectors to assist in putting together the event list for selected athletes. Results submitted must be long course and able to be verified on Results Central Database.

Pref	Stroke	Distance	Event	Event Date	Time (long course)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

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Selection Policy

1) Background

- a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
 - i) the Team is the **Australian Global Games Swim Team** for the 2023 Virtus Global Games;
 - ii) the Competition is the **Virtus Global Games 2023**;
 - iii) the Competition will take place on **4-10 June 2023** in **Vichy, France**;
 - iv) The **Selection Period** is **1 February 2022 to 28th February 2023**.
- b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SIA will select athletes to the Team to compete at the Competition.

2) Team composition and size

- a) When selecting the Team, SIA will select the Team in accordance with this Selection Policy.
- b) The final composition of the Team is to be determined by SIA with advice from SA.
- c) SIA under advice from SA reserve the right to add additional athletes to the Team for the express purpose of attending WPS classification, to support SA High Performance objectives or in other extenuating circumstance not covered by these selection criteria.
- d) SIA is not required to select the maximum number of athletes.

3) Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

Eligibility for selection

- a) To be eligible for selection swimmers must meet the following criteria;
 - i) You are an Australian citizen; and
 - ii) You are a registered, financial member in good standing of SIA and Virtus; and
 - iii) You are a registered, financial member in good standing of a SA affiliated swim club; and
 - iv) Hold a current Virtus International II-1 (S14), II-2 (S18) or II-3 (S19) eligibility.
- b) In addition, to be selected you must be willing to meet the costs of your participation as outlined in the attached EOI.

Individual Events

- c) Athletes must achieve a performance (swimming time) that is:
 - i) achieved during the Selection Period;
 - ii) achieved in any long course event at a SA approved competition; and
 - iii) equals or betters the Qualifying Time for that event listed in Appendix 1;
- d) A maximum of three (3) swimmers are able to be selected for any one individual event.
- e) Athletes must meet selection criteria for a minimum of 3 events to be considered for selection;
- f) If no athlete equals or betters the Qualifying Time for a specific individual event, then no athlete will be selected to the Team based purely on that specific Individual event. However, athletes selected to the Team for other Individual swimming events may be selected to compete in specific individual swimming event, subject to that athlete having met any applicable Global Games minimum entry requirements.

Criteria – Relay Events

- g) No relay only swimmers will be selected for this Team.

Appendix 1 - Qualifying Times

Minimum Qualifying Standards

MEN		EVENTS	WOMEN	
II2	II1, II3	Freestyle	II1, II3	II2
00:38,00	00:29,00	50m	00:32,10	00:47,00
01:19,00	01:08,00	100m	01:20,00	01:34,00
02:58,00	02:20,00	200m	02:52,00	03:38,00
06:39,00	05:33,00	400m	06:20,00	07:20,00
13:45,00	10:00,00	800m	13:35,00	16:00,00
26:00,00	21:00,00	1500m	27:00,00	31:00,00
		Breaststroke		
00:52,00	00:42,00	50m	00:49,00	00:56,00
01:40,00	01:30,00	100m	01:53,00	02:00,00
03:30,00	03:17,00	200m	03:55,00	04:30,00
		Backstroke		
00:44,00	00:34,00	50m	00:45,00	00:58,00
01:40,00	01:12,00	100m	01:33,00	01:52,00
03:37,00	03:01,00	200m	03:16,00	04:15,00
		Butterfly		
00:38,00	00:33,00	50m	00:45,00	00:59,80
01:30,00	01:10,00	100m	01:30,00	01:48,00
03:40,00	02:43,00	200m	03:35,00	04:10,00
		Individual Medley		
03:30,00	02:45,00	200m	03:30,00	03:55,00
07:00,00	06:01,00	400m	07:00,00	08:15,00