



2008 SELECTION POLICY AND CRITERIA

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DIVING AUSTRALIA SELECTION POLICY & CRITERIA

PREAMBLE

1. DA SELECTION POLICY & CRITERIA OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the DA Selection Policy and Criteria is to ensure that athletes chosen to represent Australia in major international diving competitions are of the highest possible standard to enable Australia to win medals in individual and synchronised diving events.

A secondary objective is to underpin the future success of Australia at major international diving competitions by providing *elite development athletes* with increased opportunities to compete at international diving competitions for the purpose of accelerating their development.

2. DEFINITIONS

“**ASC**” means Australian Sports Commission.

“**DA**” means Diving Australia Inc.

“**DA Board**” means Diving Australia Board.

“**CEO**” means the DA Chief Executive Officer.

“**HPM**” means the DA High Performance Manager.

“**DA National Head Coach (NHC)**” is the person responsible for the technical direction of the HPP and the leadership of teams on tour and as a member of all HPP Committees has input into the leadership and direction of the overall HP Program.

“**DA Selection Committee**” means the committee responsible for selection of National Squads and National Teams using the criteria set out in the DA Selection Policy and Criteria.

“**BAP Management Committee**” means the Beijing Athlete Program Management Committee. The role of the BAP Management Committee is to oversee and monitor the progress of the HPP with a view to maximizing performance in Beijing and beyond.

“**HPP**” means the DA High Performance Program. The HPP incorporates all aspects of elite development in Diving in Australia.

“**NTP**” means the DA National Training Program. The NTP is the program which outlines the plan and requirements for training and competition for all NTC athletes.

“**NHPTC**” means the DA National High Performance Training Centre. The NHPTC is located at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre at Chandler and incorporates the Australian Institute of Sport Diving Program, national camps program and visitation program.

“**NTC**” means the DA National Training Centre. The role of the NTC is to conduct an elite developmental program for DA following the guidelines set out in the NTP. NTC programs are supported by DA, the ASC, state bodies and SIS/SASs.

“NCP” means the DA National Camps Program. The NCP is a program where all members of DA Squads attend camps as directed by the National Head Coach.

“National Visitation Program” is the program under the direction of the National Head Coach where athletes are invited to spend a period of time at the NHPTC.

“National Squad” means a squad comprising Australia’s elite open divers with the potential to win medals at major international events.

“National Development Squad” means a squad comprising Australia’s development divers with the potential to win medals for Australia.

“National Junior Squad” means a squad comprising Australia’s elite B and C group divers with the potential to win medals at junior international events.

“National Team” means the teams selected by the DA Selection Committee to represent Australia at specified international competition/s.

“Performances” means all aspects of competition, training, behaviour, attitude and results relating to a particular competition.

“Results” means the placing and points scored in a competition.

“HPP Standards” means points averaged out over the top 3, top 6, top 12 and top 18 placings from recent major international events.

“HPP DD Standards” means an overall degree of difficulty score which indicates an internationally competitive list of dives for a particular event.

“Major International Competitions” means Olympic Games, FINA World Championships and FINA Diving World Cup.

“Non-Major International Competitions” means FINA GP’s, FINA Diving World Series, Commonwealth Games, World University Games and Junior International Competitions.

“Designated International Competitions” means an event which has been designated as the event at which performances will be evaluated as a means of selection for National Squads or National Teams.

SECTION 1 - PART A: NATIONAL SQUADS AND NATIONAL TEAMS

1. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DA SELECTION POLICY AND CRITERIA

The implementation and administration of the DA Selection Policy and Criteria is the responsibility of the:

- (a) DA Board;
- (b) CEO;
- (c) HPM;
- (d) DA National Head Coach; and
- (e) DA Selection Committee.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTION OF NATIONAL SQUADS & NATIONAL TEAMS

The DA Selection Committee is responsible for the selection of all DA National Squads and National Teams.

2.1 DA Selection Committee

- (a) The DA Board shall appoint three selectors (National Head Coach + 2 members) who, in the course of carrying out their duties as members of the DA Selection Committee, must apply the current DA Selection Policy and Criteria in considering the nomination of athletes for selection.
- (b) The DA Selection Committee will comprise:
 - (i) the HPM (Chairman, ex-officio);
 - (ii) the DA National Head Coach; and
 - (iii) two selectors appointed by the DA Board.
- (c) The HPM, or nominated delegate acting on their behalf, will advise the DA Selection Committee of:
 - (i) training effort;
 - (ii) fitness results;
 - (iii) national and international results;

for all members of the National Squad, National Development Squad and National Junior Squad.

3. NATIONAL SQUAD SELECTION

3.1 Eligibility for selection for National Squad

To be eligible for consideration for selection in the National Squad athletes must be:

- (a) Australian citizens; **OR**
- (b) Australian residents for a continuous period of at least two years who have applied for Australian Citizenship and not represented another country in Diving during the same two year period; and

- (c) registered members of DA; and
- (d) aged 14 years or older in the year of selection.

3.2 Process for Selection in the National Squad

- (a) To be considered for selection in the National Squad, athletes must contest the Australian Open Championships in the year of selection and achieve the criteria as set out in Part B, Section 1 of the DA 2008 Selection Policy and Criteria.
- (b) Athletes may also be added to the National Squad at the **discretion** of the DA Selection Committee. This **discretion** is absolute and need not be exercised by the DA Selection Committee. Factors that the DA Selection Committee may take into consideration when exercising their **discretion** are:
 - (i) Major International Competitions in the previous year;
 - (ii) Major International Competitions in the current year;
 - (iii) FINA Grand Prix meets in current year;
 - (iv) assessment by the DA Selection Committee of the athlete's ability to win medals for Australia; and
 - (v) level of adherence by the athlete to the obligations of National Squad athletes as outlined in **clause 3.3**.

3.3 Obligations of Athletes Selected in the National Squad

All athletes who have been selected in the National Squad using the criteria in this policy must:

- (a) adhere to the NTP as set by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (b) maintain a minimum monthly attendance rate at training of 95%; and
- (c) supply a training log to DA outlining full training schedule and record of injuries; and
- (d) undergo physiological fitness testing as set out in the NTP; and
- (e) attend National Squad camp/s as set by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (f) participate in the National Visitation Program as directed by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (g) compete in the competition program as outlined by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (h) sign the DA Squad Agreement covering responsibilities, behaviour and DA Policy.

4. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SELECTION

4.1 Eligibility for selection for the National Development Squad

To be eligible for consideration for selection in the National Development Squad, athletes must be:

- (a) Australian citizens;

OR

- (b) Australian residents for a continuous period of at least two years who have applied for Australian Citizenship and not represented another country in diving during the same two year period; and
- (c) registered members of DA; and
- (d) aged 12 years or older in the year of selection.

4.2 Process for selection in the National Development Squad

- (a) To be considered for selection in the National Development Squad athletes must contest the Australian Open Championships in the year of selection and achieve the criteria as set out in Part B, Section 1 of the 2008 DA Selection Policy and Criteria.
- (b) Athletes may also be added to the National Development Squad at the **discretion** of the DA Selection Committee. This **discretion** is absolute and need not be exercised by the DA Selection Committee. Factors that the DA Selection Committee may take into consideration when exercising their **discretion** are:
 - (i) Major International Competitions in the previous year;
 - (ii) Major International Competitions in the current year;
 - (iii) FINA Grand Prix meets in current year;
 - (iv) assessment by the DA Selection Committee of the athlete's ability to win medals for Australia; and
 - (v) level of adherence by the athlete to the obligations of National Squad athletes as outlined in **clause 4.3**.

4.3 Obligations of Athletes Selected in the National Development Squad

All athletes who have been selected in the National Development Squad using the criteria in this policy must:

- (a) adhere to the NTP as set by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (b) maintain a monthly attendance rate of 95%; and
- (c) supply a training log to DA outlining full training schedule and record of injuries; and
- (d) undergo physiological fitness testing (if required) as set out in the NTP; and

- (e) attend National Development Squad camp/s as set by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (f) participate in the National Visitation Program as directed by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (g) compete in the competition program as outlined by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (h) sign the DA Squad Agreement covering responsibilities, behaviour and DA Policy; and
- (i) be prepared to contribute up to 50% of the costs associated with their attendance at Non-Major International Competitions as a member of a National Team.

5. NATIONAL JUNIOR SQUAD SELECTION

5.1 Eligibility for selection for the National Junior Squad

To be eligible for consideration for selection in the National Junior Squad, athletes must be:

- (a) Australian citizens;
- OR**
- (b) Australian residents for a continuous period of at least two years who have applied for Australian Citizenship and not represented another country in diving during the same two year period; and
 - (c) a registered member of DA; and
 - (d) aged 15 years of age or younger in the year of selection.

5.2 Process for selection in the National Junior Squad

- (a) To be considered for selection in the National Junior Squad athletes must contest the Australian Elite Junior Championships in the year of selection and achieve the criteria as set out in Part B, Section 1 of the DA Selection Policy and Criteria.
- (b) Athletes who partially meet the selection criteria may be considered for selection into an Emerging Squad. The selection of an Emerging Squad is at the **discretion** of the DA Selection Committee. This **discretion** is absolute and need not be exercised by the DA Selection Committee.

5.3 Obligations of Athletes Selected in the National Junior Squad

All athletes who have been selected in the National Junior Squad using the criteria in this policy must:

- (a) adhere to the NTP as set by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (b) maintain a monthly attendance rate of 95%; and
- (c) supply evidence of the development of a senior competition dive list; and

- (d) supply a training log to DA outlining full training schedule and record of injuries; and
- (e) undergo physiological fitness testing as set out in the NTP; and
- (f) attend National Junior Squad camp/s as set by the National Head Coach; and
- (g) compete in the competition program as outlined by the DA National Head Coach; and
- (h) sign the DA Squad Agreement covering responsibilities, behaviour and DA Policy; and
- (i) be prepared to contribute up to 100% of the costs associated with their attendance at World Junior Championships and non-major international competitions as a member of a National Team.

6. NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION FOR MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

6.1 Eligibility for selection for National Teams for Major International Competitions

To be eligible for consideration for selection in National Teams for **Major International Competitions** athletes must be members of the National Squad or National Development Squad. (Selection for Olympic Games is a separate policy.)

6.2 Process for selection of National Teams for Major International Competitions

- (a) To be considered for selection in the National Team for a Major International Competition athletes must:
 - (i) contest a specific event or events at the designated selection competition as set out in Part B, Section 2 of the DA Selection Policy and Criteria; and
 - (ii) achieve the criteria established for each specific competition as set out in Part B, Section 2 of the DA Selection Policy and Criteria.
- (b) Achieving the criteria does not necessarily qualify the athlete for final team selection. The selection of all National Teams is at the discretion of the DA Selection Committee. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised by the DA Selection Committee. Factors that the DA Selection Committee may take into consideration when exercising their discretion are:
 - (i) the athlete's adherence to the obligations of National Squad athletes as outlined in Part A, Section 1, **clauses 3.3** or **4.3**; and
 - (ii) the athlete's level of physical fitness to compete at an international standard (the DA Selection Committee reserves the right to screen [medical/ physio/psychological] members of National Teams immediately before departure for an event to ensure fitness for competition); and
 - (iii) all aspects of the DA Selection Policy and Criteria.

6.3 **Obligations of Athletes Selected in National Teams for Major International Competitions**

All athletes who have been selected for a National Team for a Major International Competition under this policy must:

- (a) adhere to the obligations of National Squad & National Development Squad athletes as outlined in Part A, Section 1, **clauses 3.3** or **4.3**; and
- (b) supply documented evidence of the completion of their full competition dive list signed by their coach a minimum of three weeks prior to the start of the **Major International Competition**; and
- (c) inform the HPM of any requests for changes to travel arrangements pre and post tour four weeks prior to departure.

7. **NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION FOR NON-MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

7.1 **Eligibility for selection for National Teams for Non-Major International Competitions**

To be eligible for consideration for selection in National Development Teams or National Junior Teams for **Non-Major International Competitions** (see definitions) athletes must be members of the National Squad or National Development Squad or National Junior Squad.

7.2 **Process for selection for National Teams for Non-Major International Competitions**

- (a) To be considered for selection in a National Team for a Non-Major International Competition, athletes must:
 - (i) contest a specific event or events at the designated selection competition as set out in Part B, Section 2 of the DA Selection Policy and Criteria; and
 - (ii) achieve the criteria outlined for each specific competition as set out in Part B, Section 2 of the DA Selection Policy and Criteria.
- (b) Achieving the criteria does not necessarily qualify the athlete for final team selection. The selection of all National Teams is at the discretion of the DA Selection Committee. This discretion is absolute and need not be exercised by the DA Selection Committee. Factors that the DA Selection Committee may take into consideration when exercising their discretion are:
 - (i) the athlete's adherence to the obligations of National Squad, National Development Squad or National Junior Squad members; and
 - (ii) the athlete's level of physical fitness to compete at an international standard (the DA Selection Committee reserves the right to screen [medical/ physio/ psychological] athletes immediately before departure for an event to ensure fitness for competition); and
 - (iii) all aspects of the DA Selection Policy and Criteria.

7.3 Obligations of Athletes Selected in National Teams for Non-Major International Competitions

All athletes who have been selected for a National Team for Non-Major International Competitions under this policy must:

- (a) adhere to the obligations of National Squad & National Development Squad athletes as outlined in Part A, Section 1, **clauses 3.3, 4.3 or 5.3**; and
- (b) supply documented evidence of the completion of their full competition dive list signed by their coach a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the **Non-Major International Competition**; and
- (c) sign the DA Squad Agreement covering responsibilities, behaviour and DA policy; and
- (d) inform the HPM of any requests for changes to travel arrangements pre and post tour four weeks prior to departure.

8. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY DA SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 8.1**
- (a) **Clause 8.1** will only apply for selection in the National Squad or a National Team for a Major International Competition other than the Olympic Games where an athlete has been unable to contest a specific event or events at the designated selection competition because of extenuating circumstances.
 - (b) In considering the performances of athletes at events, training camps or other attendances required under these criteria, the DA Selection Committee may in their **discretion** give weight to extenuating circumstances.
 - (c) For the purposes of this **clause 8.1**, “extenuating circumstances” means an inability to compete and/or attend arising from:
 - (i) injury or illness;
 - (ii) bereavement; and/or
 - (iii) any other factors reasonably considered by the DA Selection Committee to constitute extenuating circumstances.
 - (d) Athletes unable to compete at the competitions required under this Selection Criteria must advise the HPM in writing of this fact and the reasons before the commencement of the competition, or within 48 hours if the extenuating circumstance arises during the relevant competition.
 - (e) To be awarded special consideration by the DA Selection Committee, the athlete must:
 - (i) have achieved a top 6 result in an individual 3 Metre or Platform event or synchronised event at the 2007 FINA World Championships or 2006 FINA World Diving Cup; and
 - (ii) be able to provide evidence that they can fulfil the requirements of Section 1, **clauses 3.3 and 6.3 or 4.3 and 7.3**; and

- (f) In the case of illness or injury, athletes must undergo a medical examination by a doctor or doctors nominated by DA.
 - (g) A decision in each case of extenuating circumstances will be made by the DA Selection Committee on an individual basis.
- 8.2**
- (a) **Clause 8.2** will only apply to members of the National Development Squad or the National Junior Squad for special consideration to certain international events or camps, non-major international competitions or competitions where specific selection criteria have been established.
 - (b) The DA Selection Committee may in its **discretion** consider an athlete for selection where that athlete has not participated in specified competitions or not achieved specified criteria.
 - (c) To be considered, an athlete must be able to fulfil the requirements of Section 1, **clauses 6.3** or **7.3**.
 - (d) A decision will be made by the DA Selection Committee on an individual basis. This **discretion** is absolute and need not be exercised by the DA Selection Committee.

9. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES FROM NATIONAL SQUADS OR NATIONAL TEAMS

9.1 The DA Selection Committee may remove athletes from National Squads or National Teams if they:

- (a) breach or fail to fulfil the obligations of National Squads and Teams outlined in Part A, Section 1, **clauses 3.3, 4.3, 5.3, 6.3** or **7.3**; or
- (b) by reason of illness or injury are unable to perform to the required standard in the opinion of the DA Selection Committee (after having received advice from a DA appointed medical practitioner); or
- (c) breach or fail to fulfil the requirements of the DA Anti-Doping Policy; or
- (d) breach or fail to observe the DA Squad Agreement; or
- (e) breach or fail to reach agreed training and competition objectives set by the DA National Head Coach.

9.2 Athletes removed from a National Team or National Squad under **clause 9.1** within four weeks prior to departure for an international diving competition or during the international diving competition will be subject to one or more of the following sanctions:

- (a) a fine of up to 50% of the tour costs; and/or
- (b) removal from DA's National Squad, National Development Squad or National Junior Squad; and/or
- (c) a DA recommendation to the ASC to reduce or cancel their AGSTG entitlements; and/or
- (d) a review of their AIS or SIS/SAS scholarship.

10. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES REMOVED OR WITHDRAWN FROM NATIONAL TEAMS

10.1 If an athlete is removed from a National Team for a Major International Competition because of injury or non-adherence to the DA Selection Policy, the DA Selection Committee may in its discretion select a further athlete to be included in the team. For athletes to be considered they must:

- (a) be a current member of a DA National Squad; and
- (b) adhere to the obligations of National Squad, National Development Squad or National Junior Squad members outlined in Part A, Section 1, **clauses 6.3 or 7.3**; and
- (c) supply evidence of a training program and training performances that indicates they are working towards achieving future medal winning performances; and
- (d) send documented evidence of the completion of their full competition dive list signed by their NTC head coach a minimum of three weeks prior to the start of the **Major International Competition**.

11. QUERIES ON SELECTION OF NATIONAL SQUADS OR NATIONAL TEAMS

11.1 The HPM, or nominated delegate acting on their behalf, is the only officer authorised by DA to respond to any questions concerning the athletes selected for National Squads or National Teams in accordance with this policy.

11.2 All questions concerning any aspect of selection must be in writing and addressed to the HPM for consideration by the DA Selection Committee.

12. TEAM SIZE AND FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

12.1 The number of coaches, support staff and team management appointed and degree of financial support for national teams will be determined by:

- (a) team size;
- (b) amount of funding available by DA;
- (c) advice from the DA National Head Coach; and
- (d) the performance standard of the team.

12.2 The amount of financial support DA will provide to National Teams for international competition will be determined by the standard of international diving competition they have been selected to attend and the level of assistance provided by other sources:

- (a) Major International Competitions
 - (i) athletes will be funded 100%.
- (b) Non-Major International Competitions
 - (i) National Squad athletes will be funded 100%;

- (ii) National Development Squad athletes may be asked to contribute up to 50% of the costs associated with attending the competition;
 - (iii) National Junior Squad athletes may be asked to contribute up to 100% of the costs associated with attending the competition.
- (c) International Junior Competitions
- (i) athletes may be asked to contribute up to 100% of the costs associated with attending the competition.

13. NON-OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

Where DA is not sending an official team to a FINA Grand Prix or other international diving competition, applications from NTCs will be considered by the DA Selection Committee for individuals or teams if the following criteria are met:

- (a) a written application must be forwarded to the HPM two months prior to the competition requesting permission to attend the designated competition/s, including objectives for attendance and associated costs; and
- (b) an athlete must be a minimum of 18 years of age if travelling unaccompanied.

14. CHANGES TO POLICY

Changes to the 2008 Selection Policy and Criteria may be implemented should the DA Selection Committee decide such changes are warranted to ensure that the athletes chosen to represent Australia in international competitions are of the highest possible standard or where the literal application of this policy would not achieve the primary objective of the selection policy and criteria. Such changes must be ratified by the DA Board at least six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of a selection trial or departure for international competition.

SECTION 1 - PART B: COACHES, TEAM MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT STAFF

1. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTION OF COACHES, SUPPORT STAFF, TEAM MANAGEMENT FOR NATIONAL TEAMS FOR MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS, DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1 Selection of coaches

- (a) The DA National Head Coach will attend all Major International Competitions and designated international competitions as set out in the DA Competition Calendar.
- (b) The DA National Head Coach will nominate the assistant coaches to attend Major International Competitions, designated international competitions and World Junior Championships based on the structure and balance within the team.
- (c) Where the DA National Head Coach is not travelling with a team, the National Head Coach will nominate the coaches to attend.
- (d) All nominations for assistant coaches will go to the CEO for ratification.

1.2 Selection of team management

The HPM will act as Team Manager for all Major International Competitions, designated international competitions and World Junior Championships as set out in the DA Competition Calendar. Where the HPM is unavailable to attend, the CEO will select a team manager based on their knowledge of the HPP and the elite culture required to perform at the international level.

1.3 Selection of support staff

- (a) The DA National Head Coach will nominate the support staff for appointment to all National Teams.
- (b) All nominations will go to the CEO for ratification.

1.4 Selection of technical officials

The DA Board will select technical officials to represent Australia at international events.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTION OF COACHES, SUPPORT STAFF, TEAM MANAGEMENT FOR NATIONAL TEAMS FOR NON-MAJOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

2.1 Selection of coaches

- (a) The DA National Head Coach will nominate coaches to attend all non-major international competition.
- (b) All nominations will go to the CEO for ratification.

2.2 Selection of team management

The HPM will act as Team Manager for all Non-Major International Competitions and international camps as set out in the DA Competition Calendar. Where the HPM is unavailable to attend, the CEO will select a team manager based on their knowledge of the HPP and the elite culture required to perform at the international level.

2.3 Selection of support staff

- (a) The DA National Head Coach will nominate the support staff for appointment to all National Teams.
- (b) All nominations will go to the CEO for ratification.

2.4 Selection of technical officials

The DA Board will select technical officials to represent Australia at international events.

3. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

3.1 Selection of assistant coaches, support staff, team management and technical officials will be based on DA job specifications.

3.2 All persons wishing to be considered for selection as coaches, support staff or team management of a national teams must:

- (a) agree to sign the national team agreement prepared by DA covering responsibilities, behaviour and DA policy relating to sponsorship and drug use; and
- (b) return the above agreement to the CEO no later than the designated date.

3.3 All persons wishing to be considered for selection as technical officials must:

- (a) agree to sign the national team agreement prepared by DA covering responsibilities, behaviour and DA policy relating to sponsorship and drug use;
- (b) return the above form and agreement to the CEO no later than the designated date.

SECTION 1 - PART C: APPEAL PROCESS

1. The appeal process concerning non-selection or removal from the National Squad or National Team will include two stages:
 - (a) the DA Appeal Panel; and
 - (b) the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
2. The sole grounds for any appeal are that this selection policy was not properly followed and/or implemented. For the avoidance of doubt grounds of appeal can only address procedural matters under this policy not matters of merit.
3. Any appeal by an athlete, coach or official against non-selection or removal from the DA National Squads or National Teams will be heard by the DA Appeal Panel as follows:
 - (a) the appellant must give written notice of his or her appeal to the CEO within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision which is being appealed; and
 - (b) attach a \$500 unrefundable fee; and
 - (c) within 5 working days of submitting his or her written notice of appeal, the appellant must submit to the CEO the grounds of appeal; and
 - (d) the DA Appeal Panel will convene a hearing as soon as possible after the submission of the grounds of appeal. The hearing may occur in such manner as the Chairman decides, including telephone or video conferencing. The DA Appeal Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence but must observe the principles of procedural fairness; and
 - (e) prior to the hearing, the DA Selection Committee will provide the DA Appeal Panel and the appellant with a written statement as to the reasons for the decision against which the appeal is made; and
 - (f) the DA Appeal Panel will give its decision as soon as practicable after the hearing and will provide the CEO and the appellant with a statement of the reasons for its decision; and
 - (g) the appellant is liable for all legal costs incurred by DA or the DA Selection Committee in preparing their written statement for the DA Appeal Panel, should the appellant's appeal be unsuccessful.
4. Any subsequent appeal from a decision of the DA Appeal Panel must be solely and exclusively resolved by CAS according to the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The decision of CAS will be final and binding on the parties and it is agreed that neither party will institute or maintain proceedings in any court or tribunal other than CAS.
5. Any appeal to CAS must accord with the following procedure:
 - (a) an athlete, coach or official wishing to appeal to CAS must give written notice of that fact to the CEO within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision of the DA Appeal Tribunal and must then file his or her application and statement of appeal with CAS within 5 working days.

6. Failure to observe the above time limits will render any appeal a nullity provided that the appellant may apply to the body to hear the appeal in question for an extension of time in which to commence an appeal. The body to hear the appeal in question may grant such an extension of time only in extenuating circumstances outside the control of the athlete, coach or official concerned.
7. Notwithstanding any other rule including any rule in the CAS Code of Sports related Arbitration CAS is expressly not vested with jurisdiction to award costs to any party in any appeal before it under this policy. For the avoidance of doubt each party must bear their own costs in any appeal before CAS.
8. The DA Appeal Panel will comprise the following persons appointed by the DA Board:
 - (a) a barrister or solicitor who will act as Chairman; and
 - (b) a person with a thorough knowledge of elite diving and who preferably has had recent international competition experience in diving; and
 - (c) one other person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the DA Appeal Panel.

No person is eligible to be appointed to the DA Appeal Panel if he or she is a member of the DA Board or the DA Selection Committee or by reason of his or her relationship with the appellant or any member of the DA Board or the DA Selection Committee would be reasonably considered to be other than impartial.

SECTION 2 - PART A: 2008 NATIONAL SQUAD, 2008 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD, 2008 NATIONAL JUNIOR SQUAD

1. 2008 NATIONAL SQUAD

1.1 OBJECTIVE:

- To identify athletes who are of an elite international standard.
- To assist athletes to maximize their preparation for Major International Competitions.

1.2 Athletes will only be considered for selection to the 2008 National Squad based on their performance in individual Olympic events:

- (a) Men's 3 Metre Springboard
- (b) Men's 10 Metre Platform Event
- (c) Women's 3 Metre Springboard
- (d) Women's 10 Metre Platform Event

1.3 Results from synchronised events will not be considered by the DA Selection Committee for National Squad selection.

1.4 Athletes competing for selection in the 10 Metre Platform Event must complete all their dives from the 10 Metre Platform during the designated competitions.

1.5 The DA Selection Committee will use performances at the following events to consider athletes for selection to the 2008 National Squad:

- (a) 2008 Australian Open Championships; OR
- (b) 16th FINA Diving World Cup 2008; OR
- (c) 2008 FINA Grand Prix Series; OR
- (d) 2007 FINA World Championships.

1.6 For athletes to be considered for selection to the 2008 National Squad from their performances at the 2008 Australian Open Championships they must achieve the following criteria:

- (a) be placed in the **Top 3 Australians** in their respective individual event/s

AND

- (b) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives:

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit)

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	19.0	3 Metre Springboard	14.5
10 Metre Platform	19.5	10 Metre Platform	15.6

AND

- (c) achieve a minimum **HPP C standard** score in the FINAL of the 2008 Australian Open Championships (Dives without limit):

HPP C STANDARD

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	405	3 Metre Springboard	290
10 Metre Platform	420	10 Metre Platform	310

AND

- (d) achieve a minimum HPP D standard score in the PRELIMINARY and SEMI FINAL of the 2008 Australian Open Championships (Dives without limit):

HPP D STANDARD

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	385	3 Metre Springboard	260
10 Metre Platform	395	10 Metre Platform	280

- 1.7 For athletes to be considered for selection to the 2008 National Squad from their performances at the 2008 FINA Diving World Cup or the 2008 FINA Grand Prix Series they must achieve the following criteria in a designated event:

- (a) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives:

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit)

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	19.0	3 Metre Springboard	14.5
10 Metre Platform	19.5	10 Metre Platform	15.6

AND

- (b) achieve a minimum **HPP D standard** score (Dives without limit) in the SEMI FINAL or FINAL :

HPP D STANDARD

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	385	3 Metre Springboard	260
10 Metre Platform	395	10 Metre Platform	280

1.8 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING CRITERIA:

Achieving the criteria does not necessarily qualify the athlete for 2008 National Squad selection. Selection of all National Squads is at the sole **discretion** of the DA.

2. 2008 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

2.1 OBJECTIVE:

- To identify athletes who are of an international standard who may challenge for a position in the National Squad.
- To assist athletes to make a successful transition from the National Junior Squad to the National Squad.

2.2 Athletes will only be considered for selection to the 2008 National Development Squad based on their performance at the 2008 Australian Open Championships in the individual Olympic events:

- (a) Men's 3 Metre Springboard
- (b) Men's 10 Metre Platform Event
- (c) Women's 3 Metre Springboard
- (d) Women's 10 Metre Platform Event

2.3 Results from synchronised events will not be considered by the DA Selection Committee for selection to the 2008 National Development Squad.

2.4 Athletes competing for selection in the 10 Metre Platform Event must complete all their dives from the 10 Metre Platform during the designated competition.

2.5 For athletes to be considered for selection in the National Development Squad they must achieve the following criteria at the 2008 Australian Open Championships:

- (a) be placed in the **Top 5 Australians** in their respective event/s

AND

- (b) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives:

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit)

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	18.0	3 Metre Springboard	14.0
10 Metre Platform	18.0	10 Metre Platform	14.8

AND

- (a) achieve a minimum **HPP D standard** score (Dives without limit):

HPP D STANDARD

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	385	3 Metre Springboard	260
10 Metre Platform	395	10 Metre Platform	280

2.6 For athletes turning 17 years of age or younger in the year of competition they must achieve the following:

- (a) be placed in the **Top 5 Australians** in their respective event/s

AND

- (b) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives:

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit)

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	18.0	3 Metre Springboard	14.0
10 Metre Platform	18.0	10 Metre Platform	14.8

AND

- (c) achieve a minimum **FINA Qualifying Standard** score (Dives without limit):

FINA Qualifying STANDARD

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	365	3 Metre Springboard	255
10 Metre Platform	350	10 Metre Platform	260

2.7 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING CRITERIA:

- (a) Achieving the criteria does not necessarily qualify the athlete for 2008 National Development Squad selection. Selection of all National Squads is at the sole discretion of the DA Selection Committee.
- (b) Athletes unable to participate in the 2008 Australian Open Championships will be ineligible to be selected for the 2008 National Development Squad.

3. 3. 2008 NATIONAL JUNIOR SQUAD

3.1 OBJECTIVE:

- To identify athletes who have the potential to advance into senior DA Squads.
- To expose younger athletes to the commitment and challenges required to be an elite international diver.

3.2 Athletes will only be considered for selection to the 2008 National Junior Squad based on their performances in the following events at the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships:

- (a) Boys Group B or Group C - 3 Metre Springboard Events
- (b) Girls Group B or Group C - 3 Metre Springboard Events
- (c) Boys Group B or Group C - Platform Events
- (d) Girls Group B or Group C - Platform Events

3.3 Results from synchronised events will not be considered by the DA Selection Committee for selection to the 2008 National Junior Squad.

3.4 For athletes to be considered for selection in the 2008 National Junior Squad they must achieve the specific criteria set out below at the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships:

3.5 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships – Group B

(a) compete in **BOTH** the 3 Metre Springboard and Platform events in Group B

AND

(b) be placed in the **Top 3 Australians** in one of their respective event/s in Group B

AND

(c) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives in either the 3m Springboard or Platform events:

HPP “DD” STANDARD (Dives without limit)

Boys

3 Metre Springboard	13.1 (5 dives)
5-10 Metre Platform	10.2 (4 dives)

Girls

3 Metre Springboard	13.1 (5 dives)
5-10 Metre Platform	10.2 (4 dives)

AND

(d) achieve one of the following scores in either the 3m Springboard or Platform events:

Boys

3 Metre Springboard	390
5-7.5 Metre Platform	330

Girls

3 Metre Springboard	390
5-7.5 Metre Platform	330

3.6 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships – Group C

For **Group C** athletes turning **12 and 13 years of age** in the year of competition they must achieve the following criteria

(a) compete in **BOTH** the 3 Metre Springboard and Platform events in Group C

AND

(b) be placed in the **Top 3 Australians** in one of their respective event/s in Group C

AND

(c) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives in either the 3m Springboard or Platform events:

HPP “DD” STANDARD (Dives without limit)

Boys

3 Metre Springboard	9.4 (4 dives)
5-7.5 Metre Platform	8.6 (4 dives)

Girls

3 Metre Springboard	9.6 (4 dives)
5-7.5 Metre Platform	8.8 (4 dives)

AND

- (d) achieve one of the following scores in either the 3m Springboard or Platform events:

Boys		Girls	
3 Metre Springboard	290	3 Metre Springboard	295
5-7.5 Metre Platform	260	5-7.5 Metre Platform	270

For **Group C** athletes turning **11 years of age or younger** in the year of competition they must achieve the following criteria:

- (a) compete in **BOTH** the 3 Metre Springboard and Platform events in Group C

AND

- (b) be placed in the **Top 3 Australians** in one of their respective event/s in Group C

AND

- (c) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives in either the 3m Springboard or Platform events:

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit)

Boys		Girls	
3 Metre Springboard	8.7 (4 dives)	3 Metre Springboard	8.7 (4 dives)
5-7.5 Metre Platform	8.6 (4 dives)	5-7.5 Metre Platform	8.6 (4 dives)

AND

- (d) achieve one of the following scores in either the 3m Springboard or Platform events:

Boys		Girls	
3 Metre Springboard	290	3 Metre Springboard	295
5-7.5 Metre Platform	260	5-7.5 Metre Platform	270

3.7 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING CRITERIA:

- (a) Achieving the criteria does not necessarily qualify the athlete for 2008 National Junior Squad selection. Selection of all National Squads is at the sole discretion of the DA Selection Committee.
- (b) Athletes unable to participate in the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships will be ineligible to be selected for the 2008 National Junior Squad. Refer to Section 1, **clause 8**.
- (c) Athletes who partially fulfill the selection criteria may be considered for selection into an Emerging Squad. The selection of an Emerging Squad is at the sole **discretion** of the DA Selection Committee.

SECTION 2 - PART B: 2008 NATIONAL TEAMS

1. 16TH FINA WORLD DIVING CUP, BEIJING, CHINA, 19-25 FEBRUARY 2008

1.1 OBJECTIVES:

- To select a team capable of winning as many medals as possible.
- To qualify for the following events at the 2008 Olympic Games:
 - Mens 3 Metre Individual
 - Mens Platform Individual
 - Mens 3 Metre Synchronised
 - Mens Platform Synchronised
 - Womens 3 Metre Individual
 - Womens Platform Individual

1.2 SELECTION CRITERIA:

- (a) The team for the 16th FINA World Diving Cup will be selected from performances at the 2008 Australian Open Championships.
- (b) Up to two (2) competitors will be selected for the 3 metre and 10 metre individual events and one (1) team in the 3 metre and 10 metre synchronised events.

1.3 3 Metre & 10 Metre Individual Events

For **automatic qualification** for selection in the 3 metre or platform events, athletes must:

- (a) be the **1st placed or 2nd placed** Australian in their respective 3 metre or platform event at the 2008 Australian Open Championships;

AND

- (b) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives:

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit)

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	19.0	3 Metre Springboard	14.5
10 Metre Platform	19.5	10 Metre Platform	15.6

AND

- (c) achieve a minimum **HPP C Standard** score (Dives without limit) in the FINAL:

HPP C STANDARD

Men		Women	
3m Springboard	405	3m Springboard	290
Platform	420	Platform	310

AND

- (d) achieve a minimum **HPP D standard** score in the PRELIMINARY and SEMI FINAL of the 2008 Australian Open Championships (Dives without limit):

HPP D STANDARD

Men		Women	
3m Springboard	385	3m Springboard	260
Platform	395	Platform	280

1.4 3 Metre & 10 Metre Synchronised Events

For **automatic qualification** for selection in the 3 metre or 10 metre synchronised events, athletes must:

- (a) compete in at least one individual Olympic event at the 2008 Australian Open Championships;

AND

- (b) be the **1st placed** Australian team in their respective 3 metre or 10 metre synchronised event at the 2008 Australian Open Championships;

AND

- (c) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives:

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit)

Men		Women	
3 Metre Springboard	13.4	3 Metre Springboard	8.8
10 Metre Platform	13.6	10 Metre Platform	9.6

AND

- (d) achieve a minimum **HPP C standard** score in the FINAL of the 2008 Australian Open Championships (Dives without limit):

HPP C STANDARD

Men		Women	
3m Springboard	380	3m Springboard	275
Platform	385	Platform	280

1.5 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING CRITERIA:

- (a) Athletes competing for selection in the individual platform event at the 16th FINA World Diving Cup must complete all of their dives from the 10 metre platform at the 2008 Australian Open Championships.
- (b) Subject to Section 1, Part A, **clause 8**, athletes unable to participate in the 2008 Australian Open Championships will be ineligible to be selected for the 16th FINA World Diving Cup team.

- (c) Where application of the above criteria results in a vacancy in the Australian Team, the DA Selection Committee may in their **discretion** consider an athlete for selection in an event where Australia has not qualified a position for the 2008 Olympic Games on the basis of their overall performance at the 2008 Australian Open Championships.
- (d) Following the team's departure from Australia should a position in the team become available due to injury or the removal or withdrawal of an athlete, the DA National Head Coach may select an athlete from within the team to fill that vacancy.
- (e) The 16th FINA World Diving Cup team will be announced at the completion of the 2008 Australian Open Championships.

2. 2008 FINA GRAND PRIX MEETS

2.1 OBJECTIVES:

- To use performances at the 2008 FINA Grand Prix Meets to assist in the preparation of the 2008 Shadow Squad for the 2008 Olympic Games.
- To provide elite development athletes and junior elite athletes with an opportunity to compete at an international diving competition.

2.2 SELECTION CRITERIA:

The DA Selection Committee may in its **discretion** select teams from the National Squad, National Development Squad and the National Junior Squad to participate in the FINA Grand Prix Meets in 2008. The selection of all National Teams is at the **discretion** of the DA Selection Committee. This **discretion** is absolute and need not be exercised by the DA Selection Committee.

3. 2008 TRIALS, HOBART, 11-13 APRIL

3.1 OBJECTIVE:

- To use performances at the 2008 Trials to assist in the consideration for nomination of athletes for the 2008 Olympic Games Team.

3.2 SELECTION CRITERIA:

Subject to **clause 5(A)** of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team Diving Australia Nomination Criteria, to be eligible to compete at the 2008 Trials athletes must:

- (a) compete at the 2008 Australian Open Championships;

AND

- (b) achieve a top four (4) placing in either the 3 metre or 10 metre individual events or achieve a top two (2) placing in the 3 metre or 10 metre synchronized events .

Athletes who have been added to the 2008 Shadow Team according to the criteria in **clause 5(A)** of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team Diving Australia Nomination Criteria will also be eligible to compete at the 2008 Trials.

Athletes who have achieved a top six (6) placing in either the 3 metre or 10 metre individual events may be invited to participate in the 2008 Trials as an invitational diver for developmental purposes.

3.3 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING CRITERIA:

- (a) See Australian Olympic Committee Nomination Criteria (www.olympics.com.au).
- (b) All dives in the platform events must be performed from the 10 Metre platform.
- (c) All divers eligible to compete in the 2008 Trials may compete in all events irrespective of what board they qualified on.

4. 2008 FINA CANADIAN GRAND PRIX, MONTREAL, CANADA, 1-4 MAY / 2008 FINA USA GRAND PRIX, FT LAUDERDALE, USA, 9-11 MAY

4.1 OBJECTIVES:

- To use performances at the 2008 FINA Canadian Grand Prix and the 2008 FINA USA Grand Prix to assist in the consideration for nomination of athletes for the 2008 Olympic Games Team.
- To provide quality international competition for members of the 2008 Shadow Squad in preparation for the 2008 Olympic Games.

4.2 SELECTION CRITERIA:

See Australian Olympic Committee Nomination Criteria (www.olympics.com.au)

5. 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES, BEIJING, 10-23 AUGUST

5.1 OBJECTIVE:

- To win as many medals as possible.

5.2 SELECTION CRITERIA:

See Australian Olympic Committee Nomination Criteria (www.olympics.com.au)

6. 17TH FINA WORLD JUNIOR DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS, AACHEN, GERMANY, 2-7 SEPTEMBER

6.1 OBJECTIVE:

- To provide international competition experience for divers who have the potential to win medals at future senior international diving competitions.
- To select a team capable of winning as many medals as possible or Top 12 results.

6.2 SELECTION CRITERIA:

- The Australian Team selected for the 17th FINA World Junior Diving Championships will be chosen from performances at the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships.
- Up to two (2) competitors will be selected for the 1 metre, 3 metre and 10 metre individual events and one (1) team in the springboard synchronised events.

6.3 1 Metre Event

For automatic qualification for selection for the 1 metre event, athletes must:

- be the **1st placed Australian** in their respective 1 metre event at the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships;

AND

- compete with an internationally competitive list of dives:

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit) – 16-18 year old

Boys A		Girls A	
1 Metre Springboard	15.5	1 Metre Springboard	12.2

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit) – 14-15 year old

Boys B		Girls B	
1 Metre Springboard	12.2	1 Metre Springboard	11.7

AND

- achieve the following score in their respective event at the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships:

Boy's A - 16/18 Years		Girl's A - 16/18 Years	
1 Metre Springboard	430 (10 dives)	1 Metre Springboard	390 (10 dives)
Boy's B - 14/15 Years		Girl's B - 14/15 Years	
1 Metre Springboard	400 (10 dives)	1 Metre Springboard	360 (10 dives)

The second 1 metre diver for each event will be selected by the DA Selection Committee from athletes who have qualified for either the 3 metre or 10 metre individual events.

6.4 3 Metre & Platform Individual Events

For **automatic qualification** for selection in the 3 metre or platform events, athletes must:

- (a) be the **1st placed or 2nd placed** Australian in their respective 3 metre or platform event at the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships;

AND

- (b) compete with an internationally competitive list of dives:

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit) – 18 year old

Boys		Girls	
3 Metre Springboard	14.4	3 Metre Springboard	13.7
10 Metre Platform	14.5	10 Metre Platform	13.5

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit) – 16-17 year old

Boys		Girls	
3 Metre Springboard	14.1	3 Metre Springboard	13.5
5-10 Metre Platform	13.5	5-10 Metre Platform	13.0

HPP "DD" STANDARD (Dives without limit) – 14-15 year old

Boys		Girls	
3 Metre Springboard	13.1	3 Metre Springboard	13.1
5-10 Metre Platform	11.9	5-7.5 Metre Platform	11.9

AND

- (c) achieve the following scores:

Boy's A - 16/18 Years		Girl's A - 16/18 Years	
3 Metre Springboard	450 (10 dives)	3 Metre Springboard	410 (10 dives)
Platform	430 (9 dives)	Platform	360 (9 dives)
Boy's B - 14/15 Years		Girl's B - 14/15 Years	
3 Metre Springboard	410 (10 dives)	3 Metre Springboard	390 (10 dives)
Platform	340 (8 dives)	Platform	320 (8 dives)

6.5 Springboard Synchronised Events

Divers for the synchronised competitions will be selected by the DA Selection Committee from athletes who have qualified for either the 3 metre or 10 metre individual events.

6.6 ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING CRITERIA:

- (a) Reserves will be named for the 3 metre and 10 metre individual events.
- (b) Where application of the above criteria results in a vacancy in the Australian team, the DA Selection Committee may in their discretion consider an athlete for selection on the basis of their overall performance at the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships.

- (c) Should a position in the team become available due to the injury or the withdrawal of an athlete, the DA Selection Committee may in their **discretion** consider an athlete for selection on the basis of their overall performance at the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships.
- (d) Following the team's departure from Australia should a position in the team become available due to injury or the withdrawal of an athlete, the National Head Coach may select an athlete from within the team to fill that vacancy.
- (e) The 17th FINA World Junior Diving Championships team will be announced at the completion of the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships.

SECTION 3 - PART A: HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM STANDARDS

The following HPP standards have been calculated based on results at the 2007 FINA World Championships, 2004 Olympic Games and 2005 FINA World Championships:

HPP A - equivalent to Top 3 in the world

HPP B - equivalent to Top 6 in the world

HPP C - equivalent to Top 12 in the world individual, Top 8 in the world synchronised

HPP D - equivalent to Top 18 in the world

MEN	HPP A	HPP B	HPP C	HPP D
1m Springboard	420	365	340	325
3m Springboard <i>Optionals</i>	500	460	405	385
3m Springboard Synchronised <i>Full Score</i>	435	405	380	
Platform <i>Optionals</i>	500	465	420	395
Platform Synchronised <i>Full Score</i>	450	415	385	
WOMEN	HPP A	HPP B	HPP C	HPP D
1m Springboard	295	260	245	230
3m Springboard <i>Optionals</i>	365	335	290	260
3m Springboard Synchronised <i>Full Score</i>	305	285	275	
Platform <i>Optionals</i>	360	345	310	280
Platform Synchronised <i>Full Score</i>	325	295	280	

SECTION 3 - PART A: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING STANDARDS**1. AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

MEN	DD	Points	
Men's 1 metre springboard	15.4	275	6 dives without limit, of which one shall be selected from each group + an additional dive selected from any group
Men's 3 metre springboard	17.8	320	6 dives without limit, of which one shall be selected from each group + an additional dive selected from any group
Men's Platform	17.0	280	6 dives without limit, each from a different group
WOMEN			
	DD	Points	
Women's 1 metre springboard	12.0	200	5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Women's 3 metre springboard	13.7	240	5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Women's Platform	13.5	235	5 dives without limit, each from a different group

Requirements for Group B and younger divers

MEN	DD	Points	
Men's 1 metre springboard	14.8	250	6 dives without limit, of which one shall be selected from each group + an additional dive selected from any group
Men's 3 metre springboard	17.0	290	6 dives without limit, of which one shall be selected from each group + an additional dive selected from any group
Men's Platform	16.0	260	6 dives without limit, each from a different group
WOMEN			
	DD	Points	
Women's 1 metre springboard	11.7	185	5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Women's 3 metre springboard	13.2	220	5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Women's Platform	13.0	210	5 dives without limit, each from a different group

NOTES:

- (a) These qualifying standards must be achieved in a NATIONAL EVENT or STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS in the current competition calendar year (see definition on page 44).
- (b) The DA Selection Committee may in its **discretion** consider a request by an athlete to compete at the National Open Championships where an athlete has not participated in an event to achieve the qualifying standards or not achieved the qualifying standards. To be considered, an athlete must apply in writing to the HPM for consideration by the DA Selection Committee four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the National Open Championships.

2. AUSTRALIAN ELITE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

GROUP A - BOYS

Boy's 1 metre springboard	Final	340	5 dives from different groups (total DD 9.0) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's 3 metre springboard	Final	380	5 dives from different groups (total DD 9.5) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's Platform	Final	325	4 dives from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group (all six groups to be used)

GROUP A - GIRLS

Girl's 1 metre springboard	Final	325	5 dives from different groups (total DD 9.0) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's 3 metre springboard	Final	355	5 dives from different groups (total DD 9.5) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's Platform	Final	320	4 dives from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group (at least 5 different groups to be used)

GROUP B - BOYS

Boy's 1 metre springboard	Final	305	5 dives from different groups (total DD 9.0) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's 3 metre springboard	Final	330	5 dives from different groups (total DD 9.5) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's Platform	Final	260	4 dives from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 4 (5-10 Metre) dives without limit, each from a different group (all 6 groups to be used)

GROUP B - GIRLS

Girl's 1 metre springboard	Final	315	5 dives from different groups (total DD 9.0) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's 3 metre springboard	Final	340	5 dives from different groups (total DD 9.5) + 5 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's Platform (5-10 Metre)	Final	260	4 dives from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 4 dives without limit, each from a different group (at least 5 different groups to be used)

GROUP C - BOYS & GIRLS

Boy's 1 metre springboard	Final 235	8 dives comprising
Girl's 1 metre springboard		4 dives with limit from different groups + 1 twisting dive + 3 dives without limit from different groups as outlined below

q 4 dives with limit selected from different groups:

- o 101B/C 103B/C
- 201B/C
- 301B/C
- 401B/C

o **Of the 4 dives - two dives shall be tuck dives and two dives shall be pike dives**

§ *For the Forward and Inward dives, one dive must be pike and the other dive must be tuck*

§ *For the Back and Reverse dives, one dive must be pike and the other dive must be tuck*

q 1 dive from the Twisting dives list:

q 5132D 5231D 5331D

q 3 dives without limit from different groups:

- o *Of the 3 dives - at least one dive must be from the Back or Reverse group*
- o *An additional twisting dive may be used as a dive without limit – if a feet first entry dive is selected a minimum of one twist is required*

Boy's 3 metre springboard	Final 245	8 dives comprising
Girl's 3 metre springboard		4 dives with limit from different groups + 1 twisting dive + 3 dives without limit from different groups

q 4 dives with limit selected from different groups:

- o 101C/B 103C/B
- 201C/B
- 301C/B
- 401C/B 403C/B

o **Of the 4 dives - two dives shall be tuck dives and two dives shall be pike dives**

§ *For the Forward and Inward dives, one dive must be pike and the other dive must be tuck*

§ *For the Back and Reverse dives, one dive must be pike and the other dive must be tuck*

- q 1 dive from the Twisting dives list:
 - o 5132D 5231D 5331D
- q 3 dives without limit from different groups:
 - o *Of the 3 dives - at least one dive must be from the Back or Reverse group*
 - o *An additional twisting dive may be used as a dive without limit – no feet first entries are permitted*

Boy's Platform (5 – 7.5metre)	Final 195	7 dives comprising
Girl's Platform (5 – 7.5metre)		3 dives with limit from different groups + 1 armstand dive + 3 dives without limit from different groups

- q 3 dives with limit selected from different groups:
 - o 101C/B 103C/B
201C/B
301C/B
401C/B 403C/B
5132D 5231D 5331D
 - o ***Of the 3 dives - one dive shall be a tuck dive and one dive shall be a pike dive***
- q 1 dive from the Armstand dives.
- q 3 dives without limit from different groups:
 - o *The 3 dives without limit must be from different groups*
 - o *Dives not used in the limited and armstand lists may be used as unlimited dives*
 - o *An additional twisting dive may be used as a dive without limit – no feet first entries are permitted*

NOTES:

- (a) These qualifying standards must be achieved in a NATIONAL EVENT, STATE ELITE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS or STATE ADVERTISED QUALIFYING EVENT in the current competition calendar year (see definition on page 58).

3. AUSTRALIAN AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

11 Yrs & Under - Boys

Boy's 1 metre springboard	Final	125	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's 3 metre springboard	Final	125	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's Platform (5m)	Final	90	2 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 3.6) + 2 dives without limit, each from a different group

11 Yrs & Under - Girls

Girl's 1 metre springboard	Final	130	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's 3 metre springboard	Final	125	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's Platform (5m)	Final	80	2 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 3.6) + 2 dives without limit, each from a different group

12-13 years - Boys

Boy's 1 metre springboard	Final	150	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's 3 metre springboard	Final	145	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's platform (5m)	Final	120	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 2 dives without limit, each from a different group

12-13 years - Girls

Girl's 1 metre springboard	Final	150	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's 3 metre springboard	Final	145	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's platform (5m)	Final	120	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 2 dives without limit, each from a different group

14-15 Years - Boys

Boy's 1 metre springboard	Final	185	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's 3 metre springboard	Final	180	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's platform (5m & 7.5m)	Final	150	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group

14-15 Years - Girls

Girl's 1 metre springboard	Final	190	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's 3 metre springboard	Final	185	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's platform (5m & 7.5m)	Final	155	3 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 5.4) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group

16-18 Years - Boys

Boy's 1 metre springboard	Final	225	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 4 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's 3 metre springboard	Final	225	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 4 dives without limit, each from a different group
Boy's platform	Final	195	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group

16-18 Years - Girls

Girl's 1 metre springboard	Final	210	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 4 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's 3 metre springboard	Final	225	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 4 dives without limit, each from a different group
Girl's platform	Final	180	4 dives with limit from different groups (total DD 7.6) + 3 dives without limit, each from a different group

19-29 Years – Men & Women

1 metre springboard	Final	210	Any 7 dives
3 metre springboard	Final	210	Any 7 dives
Platform	Final	165	Any 6 dives

30-49 Years – Men & Women

1 metre springboard	Final	165	Any 6 dives
3 metre springboard	Final	165	Any 6 dives
Platform	Final	135	Any 5 dives

50-69 Years – Men & Women

1 metre springboard	Final	135	Any 5 dives
3 metre springboard	Final	135	Any 5 dives
Platform	Final	105	Any 4 dives

70+ Years – Men & Women

1 metre springboard	Final	75	Any 3 dives
3 metre springboard	Final	75	Any 3 dives
Platform	Final	60	Any 3 dives

For all age groups - no dive of the same number may be repeated

NOTES:

- (a) The DA National Championship qualifying standards apply for qualification to compete in national championships ONLY.
- (b) These qualifying standards must be achieved in a NATIONAL EVENT, STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS or STATE ADVERTISED QUALIFYING EVENT.
- (c) A competition calendar year is defined as:
 - § the 12 month period prior to the event being considered, **but** not including the earlier corresponding event, eg. if results are being considered from the 2007 National Championships (April) and events in the previous 12 months it would not include results from the 2006 National Championships;
 - § the 12 month period prior to the date of a review.
- (d) The FINA Degree of Difficulties will apply to all Open, Junior and Age Championships

4. RULES – AUSTRALIAN ELITE JUNIOR/AGE PATHWAY

- (a) A diver may only compete in one national junior event per year, ie. either the Australian Age Championships or Australian Elite Junior Championships.
- (b) A diver may compete at the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships on all three boards if they have achieved National Qualifying Points for Elite Junior Championships on a minimum of two boards.
- (c) If a diver competes and qualifies in two or more events at a State Qualifying event for the 2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships, they are not eligible to compete in the 2008 Australian Age Championships.
- (d) An athlete who participated in the 2007 Australian Elite Junior Championships and wishes to dive in the 2008 Age Championships may do so but will be ineligible to compete in an Elite Junior Championships for a further two years.

SECTION 4: 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**1. 2007-2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

ACTIVITY	VENUE	DATE
National Junior Squad Camp	Brisbane, Qld	2-8 December
National TID Squad Camp	Brisbane, Qld	12-15 December
2008 Australian Open Championships	Adelaide, SA	11-13 January
2008 FINA Spanish Grand Prix	Madrid, Spain	18-20 January
2008 Australian Country Championships	Newcastle, NSW	25-27 January
16 th FINA World Diving Cup Camp	Brisbane, QLD	13-15 February
16 th FINA World Diving Cup	Beijing, China	19-25 February
2008 China Grand Prix	Shenzhen, China	29 Feb-2 March
AIS Training Camp	Hobart, Tas	13-16 March
Australian Age Championships	Hobart, Tas	24-28 March
2008 FINA Russian Grand Prix	Moscow, Russia	10-13 April
2008 Olympic Trials	Hobart, Tas	11-13 April
2008 FINA World Masters Games	Perth, WA	15-25 April
2008 FINA Canadian Grand Prix	Montreal, Canada	1-4 May
2008 FINA USA Grand Prix	Ft Lauderdale, USA	8-11 May
2008 FINA German Grand Prix	Rostock, Germany	6-8 June
2008 FINA Italian Grand Prix	Rome, Italy	13-15 June
2008 Australian Elite Junior Championships	Melbourne, Vic	11-13 July
2008 Olympic Team Camp	Brisbane, QLD	20 July-3 August
XXIX Olympic Games	Beijing, China	8-24 August
17 th FINA World Junior Championships	Aachen, Germany	2-7 September
National Junior Development Camp	Guangzhou, China	13-21 September
AIS Squad Camp	Kuala Lumpur, Mal	28 September-5 October
National Squad & Development Squad Camp	Brisbane, Qld	5-12 October
National Elite Coaches Workshop	Brisbane, Qld	13-14 October