



Policy title: **Gardens SC Inc Relay Policy**
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Gardens Swimming Club has had a long and proud history regarding relays for many years and so has developed this policy with the following underlying principles in mind:

- * Team selection will be fair and free from bias of any kind
- * The process for selection will be transparent
- * A team approach to relay selections will always be applied

Scope of Policy

This policy applies to Preparation, Championship, State and National meets. Application of this policy at Club Nights, Transitional and Development meets will be at the discretion of the Head Coach.

Availability/Eligibility for relay team selection

The swimmer must be a financial member of Gardens Swimming Club and currently training at Long Tan.

A swimmer is considered to be available for selection in relays if they have entered a meet that includes relays in the program.

If a swimmer is not available for relays it is the responsibility of the parents and/or swimmer to advise the Race Secretary in writing by email **PRIOR** to the close of entries date for the specific meet.

Selection Process

Relay teams are selected based purely on the personal best times of swimmers (or fastest combination of times in the case of medley relays) recorded at official meets in order to gain the best results for the club. Times recorded at unofficial meets like club nights will not be used. Official times need to be achieved in the previous 12 months before the event.

Swimmers will be placed in age appropriate relay teams. If required a swimmer may be asked by the Head Coach (or Race Secretary under the Head Coach's direction) to swim up in an older age group relay.

The Head Coach's decisions will be final and they retain the right to change the make-up of any relay team at any time.

Swimmers and parents will be advised in writing by email the relay teams they have been selected in before the meet. Team lists will be put up on the clubhouse noticeboard.



	<p>If a swimmer believes he/she has swum a faster time than a swimmer selected, they must submit a request to consider their time, along with proof of their time, in writing to the Race Secretary. Any feedback from swimmers or parents regarding team selections should be put in writing by email to the Race Secretary at an appropriate time. Email: gardens_noms@live.com.au</p>
2.	RELATED DOCUMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardens Swimming Club 2023-24 Handbook• Gardens website Gardens Swimming Club
3.	REVIEW DATE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 2024