



DNZ Junior Elite & Age Group Squads Selection Criteria Policy

APPLICATION

All divers, coaches and administrators involved in selection of DNZ Junior Elite Squad & DNZ Age Group Squad members and the management of DNZ said Squads

INTRODUCTION

It is recognised that a focused and structured Junior Elite & Age Group model for divers who demonstrate potential is an important element in the overall Junior Elite & AGE Group of our sport

DNZ is committed to the ongoing development of its Junior Elite & Age Group divers at an international level based on the [Balance is Better philosophy](#)

The Club Coaches will by 31 January of each year, recommend to the DNZ Board via the administrator, the names of divers to be considered for selection into the Junior Elite & Age Group squads with a view to those divers gaining experience and results on the international stage.

POLICY

There shall be two DNZ Squads: Junior Elite Squad and the Age Group Squad

Eligibility for selection

1. To be eligible for selection to the Junior Elite or Age Group Squads, divers must:
 - be New Zealand citizens, OR
 - be a permanent resident AND
 - be registered member of DNZ

Selection events

2. Divers wishing to retain their place in the squad or-to be selected to DNZ Squads must compete in at least the following nominated selection events unless excused by the DNZ Board for exceptional reasons:
 - National Open Championships OR National Junior Elite OR National Age Group and Masters Championships
 - North Island Diving Championships OR South Island Diving Championships
 - All DNZ training camps

Admission period

3. Subject to meeting the criteria prescribed below, admission to either the Junior Elite or Age Group Squad will be for a period of one year

JUNIOR ELITE & AGE GROUP SQUADS

Eligibility criteria

4. To be eligible for selection to the Junior Elite or AGE Group Squad, a diver must:
 - have been training consistently and competing for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to selection, AND
 - have been training a minimum of 12 hours per week and attending 90% of training sessions during that 12 month period
5. In addition to these items:

Junior Elite Divers

- must have finished in the top 3 in an individual event at the DNZ Junior Elite Nationals

Age Group Divers

- must have finished in the top 3 in an individual event at DNZ Age Group Nationals

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

6. Divers selected into the Junior Elite or Age Group Squads are expected to compete in one or more of the following events each year:
 - World Junior Championships
 - Australian Elite Junior Championships
 - Australian Age Group Championships
 - Malaysian Age Group National Championships
 - Singapore Age and Open Invitational
 - Australian School Games
7. This list is not exhaustive and will change annually based on DNZ targeted competitions, competition dates and/or logistical considerations
8. The Performance Manager and/or Selectors may, at their discretion, recommend to the Board of DNZ the inclusion of a diver in either the Junior Elite or Age Group Squad, despite the diver not meeting all of the requirements, having regard to the following considerations:
 - performances at nominated selection event(s),
 - past national and international results (over the preceding 12 months), or
 - possible synchronised pairing
9. Squad announcements will be made after DNZ National Junior Elite and Age Group Championships each year
10. The Performance Manager and/or Selectors can also make further recommendations in January to the DNZ Board for additional divers to be added to a squad with such inclusion being through until the next DNZ National Junior Elite and Age Group Championships for immediate inclusion.

KEY RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Include the following:

[DNZ Athlete Agreement](#)

[DNZ Member Protection Policy](#)

[DNZ Code of Conduct](#)

[DNZ Social Media Guidelines](#)

[DNZ Reference and Qualifying Points for International Competitions](#)

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