

Cayman Islands Swimming

CARIFTA Open Water

2022 Selection Process

17th – 21st APRIL 2022 IN BARBADOS

1. CIASA has made the decision to create a dedicated Open Water team for international events. We encourage all of our athletes to take advantage of this opportunity. In accordance with this new initiative, CIASA has created a 2022 CARIFTA Open Water Selection Process that will be separate from the Pool Swimming Selection Process. This document sets out the selection criteria for the Open Water swimming team.
2. In accordance with the CARIFTA Summons, there are only two age groups which shall be considered for qualification as follows:

14 – 15 Male and Female

16 – 18 Male and Female

A swimmer's age group shall be determined by the age of the swimmer as of midnight on 31st December 2022.

3. Selection is open to CIASA Registered Athletes who meet the national status or residence criteria.
4. Swimmers who wish to qualify for the Open Water swimming team at the 2022 CARIFTA games must participate in the 2022 CIASA 5k Open Water Swimming Event, which is expected to be held as follows:

OPEN WATER DATE: 19 February 2022

OPEN WATER START TIME: 7:00 AM

OPEN WATER VENUE: Governor's Beach

5. Selection will be based on the top three (3) male and female swimmers in each age group:
 - a) The top 3 finishers in each men's and women's age group will automatically be eligible for the 2022 CARIFTA Open Water swimming team, subject to clause 5(b).
 - b) The second- and third-place finishers must complete the 5 km event within 5 minutes of the first-place finisher in their age group in order to be considered for the 2022 CARIFTA team.
 - c) Anyone who qualifies for the Open Water event and does not have a qualifying time in a pool event, will be eligible to compete in the Open Water events only (not in pool events) and travel arrangements will be made accordingly.
6. Qualified swimmers must announce their intention to participate in the 2022 CARIFTA Open Water event no later than Sunday, March 6th by 12:00 pm by email to technicaldirector@ciasa.ky.
7. In the event that one of the top 3 finishers does not commit to the Open Water team by the specified date, the CIASA BOD has discretion to add the 4th place finisher to the 2022 CARIFTA Open Water team, as long as that athlete has met the remaining selection criteria.
8. Should the 2022 CIASA 5k Open Water Swimming Event be cancelled or called off prior to completion, and no additional event is held, the team will be selected based on the recommendations

of the technical director.

9. Once commitment for the 2022 Open Water Team has been declared, the swimmers are required to commit to a specified Open Water training program as determined by the Technical Director in order to be considered for final team selection and travel to the meet.