

# **2025 Florida Swimming Zone Team**

## ***Application Information***

**Florida Swimming shall select twelve (12) female and twelve (12) male athletes from both the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups to represent Florida at the 2025 Southern Zone Age Group Championships. This year's meet will be held in Orlando, FL on July 30 – August 3.**

### **General Information:**

All on-site transportation, lodging, meals, entry fees, and team gear are arranged for and provided by Florida Swimming. All athletes selected for the team must be able to commit to meeting the team on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> (location TBD), and must remain with the team until pick up on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> (location TBD).

Swimmers are selected well in advance of the meet in order to guarantee that they can be fully prepared for the 2025 Southern Zone Age Group Championship meet. When a swimmer accepts their selection and is named to the team, Florida Swimming expects that they are committing to preparing for the Zone meet as their primary rest/shave/taper meet of the 2024 long course season.

Eight (8) swimmers from the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups and gender will be selected based on applications submitted no later than **5:00pm Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Athletes will be notified of their selection on or before **Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**.

The additional four (4) swimmers will be selected from the 2025 Florida Swimming Summer Age Group Championships (July 10-13, 2025).

The cost for the trip will be **\$525** (includes parade pack). Applications, when submitted, will require a \$100 deposit. The deposit will be refunded only if an athlete is not selected to the team. Refunds for non-selected athletes will be processed by July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**The deposit will NOT be refunded if an athlete that has been selected and accepted a team spot later withdraws from the team.**

### **Eligibility:**

- Athletes must be registered 2025 Florida Swimming Premium or Outreach members in good standing 60 days as of the first day of the meet, Wednesday, July 30, 2025.
- Athletes must apply for the appropriate age group based on the age they will be on the first day of the meet, Wednesday, July 30, 2025.
- Athletes must have competed in two long course competitions during the months of April through July 2025, prior to competing at the Zone Championships. This will ensure that proper training and competition leading up to the Zone Championships has occurred.

- Any athlete who has qualified for an event in the 2025 USA Swimming Summer Junior National Championships prior to the meet entry deadline cannot swim that event or relay leg in the 2025 Zone Championships.

#### **Adaptive (Disabled) Athletes:**

Adaptive athletes, between the ages of 11-18 years of age, are ENCOURAGED to apply for the FL Age Group Zone Team. Adaptive athletes will be in addition to the 48 athletes selected from FLAGS. There are no qualifying standards for selection. Swimmers' disability must satisfy the definition of a disability as outlined in USA Swimming's Rules & Regulations 105.1.1.

#### **May 2<sup>nd</sup> Application Selection Criteria:**

Swimmers will apply using their best times up to from the 2024-2025 short course yards (SCY) season. The Head Zone Coach along with Florida Swimming's Age Group chair will fill out the roster using the criteria listed below:

- Selections will be made according to the following criteria, in order:

<b>Selection Order</b>	<b>11-12</b>	<b>13-14</b>
1	50 Breaststroke	100 Breaststroke
2	200 IM	200 IM
3	50 Backstroke	100 Backstroke
4	50 Butterfly	100 Butterfly
5	500 Freestyle	500 Freestyle
6	50 Freestyle	50 Freestyle
7	100 Freestyle	100 Freestyle
8	200 Freestyle	200 Freestyle
9-12	** Wild Card – 4 swimmers chosen as Wild Card will be selected based on the team needs after filling the first 8 spots in each age group. The 4 swimmers will be selected from the 2025 Florida Swimming Summer Age Group Championships (July 10-13, 2025).	

\*\*\* In the event that the fastest swimmer is not eligible for Zone Team selection, the next fastest swimmer that is eligible for the Zone Team selection in that event may be offered the position. In the event that a full roster is not selected from applications submitted by Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> the application deadline will remain open until the full team is chosen.

**No paper or email applications shall be accepted.**

**Applications must be completed by 5:00pm, Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**APPLICATION WILL OPEN MONDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>.**