

XII. Zone Championships

A. Age Group Zone Championship

1. Zone Team planning will be the responsibility of the Sport Development Director in collaboration with the Age Group Vice Chairperson.
2. The Age Group Committee will set the standard and maximum the SCLSC will spend on every expense for zone team members and chaperones with approval of the Finance Committee.
3. Zone Team Athletes will be selected by the following persons using the selection criteria detailed below: (1) Zone Team Head Coach (2) Age Group Vice Chairperson (3) Sport Development Director.
4. If any members above are duplicated, an alternate will be the Coaches Representative.
5. The Zone Team Athlete application will be available by March 1 of the current selection year.
6. **Athlete Eligibility:** Swimmer must be currently registered as a South Carolina Swimming year-round athlete. Swimmers will be selected for the appropriate age group based on age as of the first day of the Southern Zone Age Group Championship and meet entry criteria.
7. **Coach Selection:** Coaches will be selected by the Age Group Vice Chairperson, in consultation with the Sport Development Director and the Coaches Representative, which will announce the Head Coach at the All-State Banquet.
8. **Team Size:** South Carolina Swimming will select the following number of swimmers for the South Carolina Swimming Age Group Zone Team:
 - Twelve (12) 13-14 Boys
 - Twelve (12) 13-14 Girls
 - Twelve (12) 11-12 Boys
 - Twelve (12) 11-12 Girls
 - Up to Six (6) Para-Swimmers
9. **Athlete Selection:**
 - Athlete Selection will be based upon individual performances through the completion of the LSC Long Course Age Group Championships of the selection year. If an athlete wins an event at the Long Course LSC Championships in a qualifying event, that athlete will be automatically qualified for the Age Group Zone Team.
If air travel is required, athlete selection will be based upon individual performances during the current long course season up to July 10th of the selection year.
 - Swimmers must have at least a minimum of 1 “AAA” time to be selected to the Age Group Zone All-Star Team, unless there are less than 8 of the 12 allowed in each division. In this case, a minimum of 1 “AA” time will be required for selection.
 - In addition to athletes that win an event at the LSC Long Course Championships, athletes with top power point scores for each age group following the conclusion of the Long Course Age Group LSC

Championship will be selected to represent South Carolina Swimming.
Events considered will be:

- 11-12: Twelve (12) Boys & Twelve (12) Girls
 - 50m Freestyle
 - 100m Freestyle
 - 200m Freestyle
 - 400m Freestyle
 - 50m Backstroke
 - 100m Backstroke
 - 50m Breaststroke
 - 100m Breaststroke
 - 50m Butterfly
 - 100m Butterfly
 - 200m Individual Medley
 - Next highest Power Points amongst remaining eligible athletes not already selected for the Zone Team in any qualifying event.
- 13-14: Twelve (12) Boys & Twelve (12) Girls
 - 50m Freestyle
 - 100m Freestyle
 - 200m Freestyle
 - 400m Freestyle
 - 100m Backstroke
 - 200m Backstroke
 - 100m Breaststroke
 - 200m Breaststroke
 - 100m Butterfly
 - 200m Butterfly
 - 200m Individual Medley
 - Highest Power Points amongst remaining eligible athletes not already selected for the Zone Team in any qualifying event in the 400m Individual Medley or 800m/1500m Freestyle.
- Qualifying times may be obtained during a sanctioned or approved time trial. A lead-off split time in an event may be used as long as it conforms with USA Swimming rules.

10. **Para-Swimming:** South Carolina Swimming is allowed six athletes selected as Para-Swimming Athletes for the Age Group Zone Team. If more than six athletes apply for consideration as para-swimmer athletes, then those athletes with swims that qualify under USA Swimming Zone Team suggested para-swimming time standards will be given priority. If more than six athletes meet these considerations, the spots will be filled by applicants with the highest USA Swimming long course power point score overall in a single qualifying event.

11. **Time Trials:** Swimmers will not be allowed to time trial an event at the Zone Meet without prior approval of the Zone Head Coach. The Zone Head Coach may approve

- time trials only in the event that the coach believes that there is a likelihood of the swimmer achieving a cut qualifying time for a higher level of competition. Time Trial fees are the responsibility of the athlete.
12. **Athlete Cost:** The maximum athlete contribution will be established by the Age Group Committee prior to Dec 1 of the current year of each SCY season with approval of the Finance Committee.
 13. **Coaches Stipend:** The stipends for coaches will be established by the Age Group Committee with the approval of the Finance Committee prior to July 1 of the current year.
 14. **Chaperones:** Chaperones will be selected by the Zone Team Head Coach, with the advice and consent of the Age Group Vice Chairperson and Sport Development Director, with attention to obtaining chaperones from as many teams as possible.