

## Swimming New Zealand Incorporated

### Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

#### Nomination Criteria

#### 1. Application of these Criteria

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- 1.1 These Criteria are issued by the Board of Swimming New Zealand and form part of Schedule O of the PNZ Selection Regulation. A copy of the PNZ Selection Regulation is available at [www.paralympics.org.nz](http://www.paralympics.org.nz).
- 1.2 These Criteria shall take effect from **2 April 2019** or such other date specified by PNZ.
- 1.3 Due to the postponement of the Paralympic Games, these criteria were updated 12 August 2020.
- 1.4 These Criteria apply to:
- a. all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in the Games; and
  - b. Swimming New Zealand, including their Sport Specific Selectors (“SSS”), that wish to nominate Athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

#### 2. Definitions

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<b>Application Date</b>	means 28 August 2020, or any other date as specified by PNZ, by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application to PNZ in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.
<b>Athlete</b>	means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.
<b>Athlete Agreement</b>	means the agreement that must be completed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team and which is attached to the PNZ Selection Regulation as <b>Appendix 2</b> .
<b>Athlete Application</b>	means the form that must be completed by any Athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team and which is attached to the PNZ Selection Regulation as <b>Appendix 1</b> .
<b>Board</b>	means the Board of Swimming New Zealand as constituted under the Constitution.
<b>Board Members</b>	means the members of the Board of Swimming New Zealand as defined in the Constitution.

<b>Chief Executive</b>	means the Chief Executive Officer of Swimming New Zealand and includes his/her nominee.
<b>Commencement Date</b>	means the date these Criteria came into force, namely <b>2 April 2019</b> .
<b>Constitution</b>	means the Constitution of Swimming New Zealand.
<b>Criteria</b>	means these Criteria and are also known as the “Nomination Criteria”.
<b>DFSNZ</b>	means Drug Free Sport New Zealand.
<b>Games</b>	means the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 24 August –5 September 2021.
<b>Games Team</b>	means the New Zealand Paralympic Team selected in accordance with this Regulation to compete in the Games and excludes any Athletes selected as reserves.
<b>General Nomination Criteria</b>	means the criteria set out in clause 5.3.
<b>IF</b>	means an International Sports Federation.
<b>IPC</b>	means the International Paralympic Committee.
<b>Member</b>	means the members of PNZ as specified in the Constitution.
<b>Nominated Athlete</b>	means an Athlete nominated by Swimming New Zealand in accordance with the PNZ Selection Regulation.
<b>Nomination Criteria</b>	means the criteria made up of the General Nomination Criteria, the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as “these Criteria”.
<b>Nomination Date</b>	means <b>1 May 2021</b> , or any other date specified by PNZ, by which Swimming New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to PNZ.
<b>NSO</b>	means a National Sports Organisation.
<b>Over-Riding Nomination Criteria</b>	means the criteria set out in clause 5.4.

<b>PNZ</b>	means Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated.
<b>PNZ Selection Regulation</b>	means the regulation adopted by the PNZ Board to clearly document and make available to all Athletes and Sports Organisations the application, nomination and selection process to be used by PNZ in selecting Athletes for the Games Team to compete in the Games.
<b>Supporting Evidence</b>	means the supporting evidence set out in clause 5.5
<b>Specific Nomination Factors</b>	means the nomination factors set out in clause 5.6
<b>Sports Organisation</b>	means any NSO that is a Member of PNZ.
<b>SSS</b>	means sport specific selectors appointed by the Swimming New Zealand.
<b>Team</b>	means a group of Athletes in a team event.
<b>Technical Considerations</b>	means the technical considerations set out in clause 5.8
<b>WADA</b>	means the World Anti-Doping Agency.
<b>World Para Swimming</b>	means the Swimming division of the International Paralympic Committee.

Unless specified otherwise, any other terms used in these Criteria shall have the meanings set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.

### 3. **Sport Specific Selectors**

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3.1 **Composition:** The Sport Specific Selectors from Swimming New Zealand shall be appointed by **the SNZ CEO**. The SSS from Swimming New Zealand who will consider nomination of Athletes to PNZ to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

- a. Brent Layton
- b. Nick Tongue
- c. Gary Francis

#### 4. **Nomination Procedure**

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- 4.1 **Nomination if Criteria met:** If the conditions of nomination set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation are met to the satisfaction of the SSS, the SSS shall then nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below.

#### 5. **Nomination Criteria**

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- 5.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Swimming New Zealand Nomination Criteria for nomination to the Games Team are made up of the following parts:

- a. the General Criteria specified in clause 5.3;
- b. the Over-Riding Criteria specified in clause 5.4; and
- c. the Supporting Evidence specified in clause 5.5

- 5.2 In determining the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria the SSS must also take into account:

- a. any Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 5.6 of these Criteria; and
- b. any Technical Considerations specified in clause 5.8 of these Criteria.

- 5.3 **General Nomination Criteria:** Firstly, taking into account the Specific Nomination Factors and Technical Considerations, the SSS **must** be satisfied that the Athlete:

- a. has met the conditions of nomination specified in clause 8.2 of the PNZ Selection Regulation;
- b. will, in the opinion of the SSS, be an effective and harmonious member of the Games Team;
- c. has not acted in such a manner so as to bring the Athlete, the sport, Swimming New Zealand or PNZ into public disrepute;
- d. in the opinion of the SSS, has acted and will continue to act, as a positive role model to all New Zealand athletes; and
- e. is not currently under any doping sanction as a result of a World Anti-Doping Code infraction.

- 5.4 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** Secondly, taking into account the Specific Nomination Factors and Technical Considerations, the SSS **must** be satisfied overall that, in their opinion, that the Athlete or Team has met the following:

- 5.4.1 Individuals:** An Athlete being considered for individual events, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the SSS that he or she is capable of:
- a. achieving a medal placing in the Games in their event; or

- b. achieving a top eight (8) placing in the Games in their event and a medal placing at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

**5.4.2 Teams:** A Team has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the SSS that the Team is capable of:

- a. achieving a medal placing in the Games in their event; or
- b. achieving a top five (5) placing in the Games in their event **and** a medal placing at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.

**5.5 Supporting Evidence:** In demonstrating an Athlete's or Team's capability, the SSS must assess the evidence showing tracking of the Athlete's and Team's performances and results. This evidence may include, but is not limited to, the following information:

- a. The shortfall, if any, in performance to achieve a medal placing based on the performances and results to date;
- b. The rate of the Athlete's or Team's progression and forecasted placing at the Games;
- c. The rate of the Athlete's or Team's progression and forecasted placing at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games;
- d. The rate of progression of other athletes and teams from other nations in that event; and
- e. The likelihood of athletes or teams from other nations being selected for the Games (based on that nation's selection criteria).

**5.6 Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-riding Nomination Criteria above, the SSS **shall** also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete and a Team:

- a. the performance and results of the Athlete, or Team in which the Athlete was a member, including consistency of performance and results at events (particularly internationally), competitions, and activities (such as camps and trials), in the period two (2) years preceding the possible selection of the Nominated Athlete;
- b. adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- c. demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps including recent anti-doping education provided by Drug-Free Sport New Zealand;
- d. demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- e. demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;

- f. understanding and respect for the position on the Team and/or when competing in the Games Team at the Games, including respect for team members and officials;
- g. willingness to promote PNZ in a positive manner;
- h. demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- i. proven ability to be reliable; and
- j. any other factor(s) the SSS considers relevant.

In considering any one or more of the above factors, the SSS may make such enquiries of the Nominated Athletes, or other persons, as it sees fit.

**5.7 Weight to be given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The SSS **may** give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors and if it does, to apply such weighting to one or more Athletes. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in these Criteria.

**5.8 Technical Considerations:** When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria the SSS shall ensure that:

- a. The Athlete must hold an active IPC Swimming Athletes License for 2021; and
- b. The Athlete must be internationally classified before 1 June 2021, and with a 'Confirmed' or 'Review' sport class status with a review date after 31 December 2021; and
- c. The Athlete must have achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) **Appendix 1** at a World Para Swimming Recognised 50m Competition (WPS Competition, WPS Sanctioned Competition or WPS Approved Competition) for the respective event between 1 October 2018 and 1 August 2021; and
- d. The Athlete must have achieved a Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) **Appendix 2** at either the 2019 WPS World Championships or the 2021 Swimming New Zealand Open Championships (provided the Swimming New Zealand Open Championships is before 2 August 2021);

When considering the General Nomination Criteria and the Over-riding Nomination Criteria the SSS shall also take into account the following factors:

- a. Should an athlete achieve an WPS MQS **Appendix 1** between 1 October 2018 and 2 August 2021 but does not achieve a Swimming New Zealand (SNZ) Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) **Appendix 2**, at either the 2019 WPS World Championships or the 2021 Swimming New Zealand Open Championships, the athlete will be considered for nomination should they be deemed to contribute to a relay medal performance;
- b. PNZ will be awarded 'quota allocations' per event and gender based on New Zealand athlete performances at WPS Recognised 50m Competition (WPS Competition, WPS

Sanctioned Competition or WPS Approved Competition). Therefore PNZ will only be able to select athletes up to the number of these 'quota allocations'. In the situation where there are less 'quota allocations' available to PNZ than Swimming New Zealand athletes who have been nominated the PNZ selectors will use the following factors to select, in the following order:

- i) Medal placing while achieving an SNZ MQS **Appendix 2** at the 2019 WPS World Championships;
- ii) Tracking to Podium, including in no order of priority:
  - o Performance History: The athlete's history of performance at Paralympic Games and IPC Swimming World Championships;
  - o Gap to Podium: The gap between the athlete's performances at the 2019 WPS World Championships or the 2021 Swimming New Zealand Open Championships and a projected medal-winning performance at Tokyo 2020, based off WPS World Rankings as of 31 December 2020;
  - o Rate of Progression: The rate of the Athlete's progression and projected performance at the Games;
  - o Number of events: The number of events an athlete is deemed to be tracking towards winning a medal at the Games.

5.9 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes and Teams to PNZ for the Games Team, the SSS may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5.12 below.

5.10 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of the Nomination Criteria the SSS shall follow the procedure set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.

5.11 **Overriding Discretion:** Notwithstanding all of the above Criteria, in considering Athletes and Teams for selection, PNZ has an absolute overriding discretion to select (or not select) Athletes or Teams (including those who may not meet the above criteria) for the Games Team. In doing so it may take into account factors such as, but not limited to, compatibility of Athletes, Athletes prior conduct, or factors that may affect the Games Team as a whole.

- 5.12 **Extenuating Circumstances:** PNZ may in its sole discretion take into account extenuating circumstances and therefore waive or vary some or all of the above criteria. Detailed evidence must be provided with any nomination seeking consideration of extenuating circumstances which has affected an athlete's/team's progress. For the purpose of this Policy, "extenuating circumstances" means the inability of an Athlete or Team to compete or perform to an optimum level due to factors such as:
- a. injury or illness of an athlete;
  - b. equipment failure;
  - c. travel delays;
  - d. bereavement or personal misfortune; and
  - e. such other circumstances as the selectors reasonably consider constitute "extenuating circumstances."
- 5.13 Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under these Criteria, must advise the Chief Executive of the extenuating circumstances, and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally 5 working days prior to the commencement of the event, trial or other attendance. If the Chief Executive is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with these Criteria, then the SSS has no obligation to rely on such circumstances. In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the SSS to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the SSS, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the SSS. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the SSS being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.
- 5.14 In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the SSS will make a nomination decision on a case by case basis.

## **6 Appeal Procedure**

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- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** Any Athlete who has applied for nomination and selection to the Games Team and who has returned a completed Athlete Application to PNZ by the Application Date and an Athlete Agreement to PNZ by the Nomination Date may appeal to the Swimming New Zealand against their non-nomination to PNZ by the SSS of the Swimming New Zealand in accordance with the procedures set out in the PNZ Selection Regulation.

## **7 Inconsistencies**

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- 7.1 In the event there is any inconsistency between these Criteria and the PNZ Selection Regulation, the PNZ Selection Regulation shall prevail.



7.2 If these Criteria impose a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the IPC this fact will not be regarded as an inconsistency.

## **8 Amendments to these Criteria**

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8.1 These Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board.

8.2 The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s to this Regulation, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

8.3 These Criteria include any amendments to the IPC rules, regulations, policies and codes.

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Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games  
Appendix 1

World Para Swimming Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – MQS and MET



Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games – MQS and MET

Events	Class	Men		Women		
		MQS	MET	MQS	MET	
50m Freestyle	S3	00:54.52	01:11.00	N/A	N/A	
	S4	00:42.97	00:47.46	00:47.84	00:55.82	
	S5	00:36.19	00:36.54	N/A	N/A	
	S6	N/A	N/A	00:37.78	00:38.98	
	S7	00:29.94	00:31.03	N/A	N/A	
	S8	N/A	N/A	00:33.61	00:34.88	
	S9	00:26.74	00:27.56	N/A	N/A	
	S10	00:25.47	00:26.09	00:28.99	00:29.88	
	S11	00:28.47	00:29.23	00:33.72	00:35.56	
	S13	00:25.55	00:26.25	00:28.88	00:29.54	
100m Freestyle	S3	N/A	N/A	02:33.78	04:47.35	
	S4	01:37.67	01:56.98	N/A	N/A	
	S5	01:20.70	01:23.81	01:34.86	01:46.15	
	S6	01:11.48	01:14.34	N/A	N/A	
	S7	N/A	N/A	01:17.98	01:20.32	
	S8	01:01.79	01:03.40	N/A	N/A	
	S9	N/A	N/A	01:05.84	01:07.33	
	S10	00:55.28	00:57.11	01:03.11	01:04.08	
	S11	N/A	N/A	01:15.48	01:18.95	
		S12	00:57.95	01:01.32	01:08.05	01:12.85
	200m Freestyle	S2	05:28.14	06:23.56	N/A	N/A
S3		04:43.70	05:01.06	N/A	N/A	
S4		03:37.23	04:06.74	N/A	N/A	
S5		03:02.23	03:05.56	03:33.74	03:59.82	
		S14	02:01.29	02:03.63	02:18.21	02:21.20
400m Freestyle	S6	05:38.47	05:48.96	05:55.92	06:21.68	
	S7	05:06.98	05:17.62	05:46.79	06:02.25	
	S8	04:50.25	05:00.35	05:21.68	05:32.35	
	S9	04:28.80	04:35.02	05:04.07	05:10.83	
	S10	04:20.45	04:24.42	04:49.14	04:54.81	
	S11	05:23.76	05:33.75	05:57.51	06:45.43	
	S13	04:34.61	04:48.40	04:59.02	05:10.75	
50m Backstroke	S1	01:53.26	01:53.26	N/A	N/A	
	S2	01:14.55	01:26.31	01:53.58	01:53.58	
	S3	00:59.06	01:07.00	01:14.71	02:12.50	
	S4	00:52.67	00:56.33	01:03.14	01:12.50	
		S5	00:42.08	00:43.53	00:51.08	00:56.32

<b>100m Backstroke</b>	S1	03:54.62	03:54.62	N/A	N/A	
	S2	02:40.18	03:16.79	03:36.93	03:36.93	
	S6	01:24.94	01:28.87	01:34.75	01:42.10	
	S7	01:19.54	01:21.61	01:30.06	01:32.57	
	S8	01:12.78	01:13.85	01:23.99	01:25.84	
	S9	01:06.34	01:07.72	01:16.25	01:18.01	
	S10	01:03.84	01:05.93	01:14.52	01:15.71	
	S11	01:18.95	01:22.21	01:29.09	01:36.31	
	S12	01:08.98	01:11.84	01:21.97	01:30.21	
	S13	01:04.68	01:08.95	01:13.03	01:17.76	
	S14	01:04.40	01:05.30	01:14.58	01:17.99	
	<b>50m Breaststroke</b>	SB2	03:18.37	03:18.37	N/A	N/A
		SB3	00:56.40	01:02.59	01:08.39	01:23.79
	<b>100m Breaststroke</b>	SB4	01:58.19	02:03.86	02:24.49	02:48.02
SB5		01:48.80	01:52.36	01:59.21	02:04.74	
SB6		01:28.56	01:31.47	01:49.78	01:52.96	
SB7		01:26.51	01:29.03	01:45.04	01:51.96	
SB8		01:18.83	01:21.78	01:32.49	01:37.44	
SB9		01:13.48	01:15.33	01:24.68	01:27.72	
SB11		01:25.54	01:28.59	01:41.11	01:50.43	
SB12		01:16.17	01:18.73	01:31.51	01:39.73	
SB13		01:14.14	01:16.61	01:25.67	01:28.88	
SB14		01:10.16	01:12.07	01:26.08	01:27.95	
<b>50m Butterfly</b>		S5	00:40.61	00:43.44	00:56.59	01:21.87
		S6	00:34.96	00:38.54	00:42.49	00:45.71
		S7	00:32.90	00:34.87	00:40.25	00:44.46
<b>100m Butterfly</b>		S8	01:06.44	01:09.59	01:21.52	01:25.41
	S9	01:03.41	01:04.52	01:12.69	01:16.05	
	S10	01:00.97	01:02.86	01:10.35	01:15.98	
	S11	01:20.22	01:25.98	N/A	N/A	
	S12	01:03.41	01:08.74	N/A	N/A	
	S13	01:00.84	01:03.33	01:14.58	01:23.23	
	S14	00:59.87	01:00.69	01:11.98	01:14.14	
	<b>150m Individual Medley</b>	SM3	04:42.97	06:40.09	N/A	N/A
SM4		03:09.71	03:22.69	03:43.55	05:12.96	
<b>200m Individual Medley</b>	SM5	N/A	N/A	04:41.15	06:37.18	
	SM6	03:05.82	03:10.89	03:24.27	03:37.61	
	SM7	02:51.39	02:57.09	03:22.16	03:42.56	
	SM8	02:34.21	02:38.30	03:07.10	03:12.60	
	SM9	02:26.50	02:28.49	02:46.53	02:51.84	
	SM10	02:18.96	02:27.00	02:36.69	02:42.23	
	SM11	02:49.92	02:58.48	03:10.45	03:35.03	
	SM13	02:21.49	02:24.38	02:40.48	02:45.99	
	SM14	02:17.68	02:19.02	02:40.88	02:43.02	



<b>*Relays</b>		
4x100m Freestyle 34 points	04:40.00	06:15.00
4x100m Medley 34 points	05:00.00	06:40.00
Mixed 4x50m Freestyle 20 points	03:35.00	
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle S14	05:00.00	
Mixed 4x100m Freestyle 49 points	05:30.00	

\*Relay teams can only reach MQS by swimming in the respective relay event at World Para Swimming recognized competitions.

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**Appendix 2**

Swimming New Zealand MQS - to be taken as 8<sup>th</sup> in World Rankings as of 31 December 2019, to be confirmed 1 January 2020

MALE																
CLASS	50FR	100FR	200FR	400FR	50BK	100BK	50FLY	100FLY		CLASS	50BR	100BR		CLASS	150IM	200IM
S14			1:58.03			1:02.12		0:59.01		SB14		1:08.51		SM14		2:13.65
S13	0:25.07			4:29.58		1:02.22		0:59.53		SB13		1:10.96		SM13		2:19.39
S12		0:54.86				1:05.02		1:00.45		SB12		1:11.58		SM12		
S11	0:27.28			4:54.93		1:12.30		1:08.46		SB11		1:19.05		SM11		2:33.74
S10	0:24.93	0:54.90		4:19.04		1:03.04		0:59.12						SM10		2:18.59
S9	0:26.15			4:23.33		1:05.78		1:02.18		SB9		1:11.56		SM9		2:23.90
S8		1:01.23		4:40.77		1:11.57		1:06.05		SB8		1:13.79		SM8		2:33.39
S7	0:29.06			4:49.45		1:13.74	0:31.43			SB7		1:25.08		SM7		2:38.45
S6		1:08.35		5:19.37		1:21.49	0:33.27			SB6		1:25.65		SM6		2:53.06
S5	0:34.97	1:16.55	2:56.05		0:39.76		0:38.00			SB5		1:39.80		SM5		3:47.05
S4	0:41.58	1:29.90	3:20.69		0:48.33					SB4		1:53.82		SM4	3:01.00	
S3	0:52.89		3:57.16		0:52.86					SB3	0:54.23			SM3	3:36.37	
S2			4:54.38		1:04.29	2:24.80				SB2	1:15.58			SM2		
S1					1:43.97	3:13.78										
FEMALE																
CLASS	50FR	100FR	200FR	400FR	50BK	100BK	50FLY	100FLY		CLASS	50BR	100BR		CLASS	150IM	200IM
S14			2:15.64			1:11.81		1:10.17		SB14		1:19.52		SM14		2:35.43
S13	0:27.95			4:52.32		1:10.93		1:11.06		SB13		1:22.04		SM13		2:36.40
S12		1:01.89				1:18.58				SB12		1:25.94		SM12		
S11	0:32.07	1:11.30		5:42.52		1:25.09				SB11		1:34.96		SM11		2:58.83
S10	0:28.91	1:02.82		4:47.96		1:13.06		1:09.15						SM10		2:39.39
S9		1:04.79		4:56.50		1:14.02		1:10.61		SB9		1:22.11		SM9		2:40.32
S8	0:31.85			5:08.93		1:21.57		1:20.57		SB8		1:28.79		SM8		2:51.56
S7		1:14.61		5:43.28		1:24.77	0:38.28			SB7		1:43.39		SM7		3:13.07
S6	0:36.15			5:39.71		1:32.25	0:39.50			SB6		1:45.05		SM6		3:10.76
S5		1:24.46	3:03.97		0:47.49		0:47.49			SB5		1:55.95		SM5		3:51.77
S4	0:44.92				0:58.46					SB4		2:03.82		SM4	3:32.59	
S3		2:25.71			1:10.81					SB3	1:06.39			SM3		
S2					2:03.00	4:27.81				SB2				SM2		