



**Florida Swimming, Inc.
2012 FS Southern Zone Team
July 31 – August 5, 2012
Rockwall ISD, North Texas
Selection Procedure**



Team Selection:

Forty-eight (48) swimmers will be selected for the team; eight (8) girls and eight (8) boys from the 11-12 and 13-14 and the 15-18 age division. We will also be selecting a small group of disabled swimmers. Swimmers must be registered 2012 Florida Swimming athletes in good standing 120 days prior to or as of the first day of the meet, July 31, 2012, to be eligible. All athletes must have competed in two long course competitions during the months of April through July of 2012 prior to competing in the Zone Championships. This will ensure that proper training and competition leading up to the Zone Championships has occurred. Any swimmer who has qualified for the current 2012 USA Swimming Junior Nationals prior to the entry deadline for the 2012 Zone Championships, will be **ineligible** for participation on the team.

First Round of Selection: *The majority of the team will be selected starting after April 15th based on the events in which Florida Swimming maintains the S/C Top 10 Rankings. The top 20 athletes in each event will be awarded points based on their standing at the end of short course season. The top athlete in each event will earn 20 points, the second place athlete will earn 19 points, the third place athlete will earn 18 points, etc. with the 20th place athlete in each event earning one point. A total score will be calculated and Florida Swimming will invite the top 5 athletes in the 11-12, 13-14, age groups and the top 8 athletes in the 15-18 age group to participate in the Zone Meet. If there is a tie for the 5th place spot in the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups, both athletes will be invited and only 2 athletes will be chosen in the second round of selection. If there is a tie for the 8th place spot in the 15-18 age group, the athlete with the fastest short course 200 IM will be invited first. Times earned starting from November 13, 2011 will be used. (No high school times will be considered.)*

A list of the potential first round selection swimmers will be posted in Age Group News on the Florida Swimming website by the Age Group Chair in order to facilitate conversations between the coaches and families about participation in the Zone Meet. The Zone Head Coach, Benji DeMotte (demotteb@episcopalhigh.org or 904-735-7417), will make the official invitations and swimmers will be given 3 days to make the verbal commitment and until June 15 to respond with their application and deposit of \$500. In the event a swimmer is selected and declines the invitation, the next eligible swimmer will then be selected and notified.

Second Round of Selection: *The remaining three spots for the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups will be chosen using the high point totals at the L/C Age Group Championship Meet, July 19-22, 2012. Any interested athlete must complete an application and submit a deposit to Helen Kelly or the Florida Swimming representative located at the Zone Selection desk prior to or during the LC Age Group Meet to be considered for selection. It is the coach's and parent's responsibility to pick up the information packet from the Zone Selection desk (pool side) during the meet. If an application is not submitted by the conclusion of the finals session on Sunday at the LC Age Group Championship Meet, an athlete will not be considered for selection. After the high point scores have been calculated at the LC Age Group Championship Meet, the top 3 highest point scorers who have submitted an application and deposit for the Zone Meet will be selected and announced at the end of Sunday's finals. If there is a tie for the final spot on the team, the athlete will the highest point total from the first round of selection will be chosen.*

Any swimmer who has qualified for the current 2012 Long Course Junior National Championship is not eligible to participate.