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For now, Shimomura, 18, has set his sights instead on making the Junior Pan Pac team, which will compete in Hawaii in August. To be invited on what is basically the junior national team, Shimomura will have to finish among the top two 18-and-under swimmers in one of his events at the Trials. Competitors who have been members of a higher level USA Swimming National Team (Olympics, World Championships, Pan Pacific Championships, World University Games, Short Course World Championships) are not eligible.

Monte Vista Christian School graduate Andrew Porter likely has similar goals, though he’s close enough to qualifying for the 2012 Olympic dream to dream about it.

Porter, 18, has qualified to swim the 200 and 400 individual medley at the Trials. The Cabrillo Threshers swimmer is seeded 30th and 68th, respectively.

“It’s cool to see the hard work pay off. I’m setting some big goals,” said Porter, who plans to swim for the University of Arizona next year. “I’m hoping to get to the top 16 [in the 200 IM], so we’ll see how that goes. That’s an awesome goal, at least for these trials.”

A top-16 finish would lift Porter into the semifinal round.

Porter will compete in the 400 IM prelims and possibly final today and the 200 IM prelims Friday. The 200 IM final will be Saturday. Shimomura will compete in the 400 free prelims today, the 200 free prelims Tuesday [Wednesday final] and the 1,500 free on Sunday.