



ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2026 Junior Pan Pacific Championships
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The 2026 Junior Pan Pacific Championships will be held in Vancouver, Canada from August 17 to August 20, 2026.

DEFINITIONS

Available Swimmer. “Available Swimmer” means a swimmer who (i) qualifies to be Selected to the Team in an Event according to these Selection Procedures and has complied with all eligibility requirements in Sections 1.1-1.2; (ii) certifies to USA Swimming that they remain available to swim through the completion of the Championships; (iii) indicates in writing that they will accept the invitation to be Selected to the Team and to swim in at least one Event for which they qualify at the Championships (except as otherwise provided herein); a decline of an Event or failure to accept will be considered a decline of the invitation and the swimmer will no longer be considered an Available Swimmer for any Events declined or not responded to; (iv) is between 13-18 years of age as of December 31, 2026, per Championship rules; and (v) is not selected for the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships. If a swimmer does not satisfy these requirements, then they are not considered an Available Swimmer.

Championships. “Championships” means the 2026 Junior Pan Pacific Championships, held in Vancouver, Canada from August 17 to August 20.

Director, National Junior Team. “Director, National Junior Team” means the USA Swimming Director, National Junior Team or designee.

Event. “Event” means those individual pool competition events contested at the Championships and the Qualifying Competition, which are the individual pool competition events contested at the Olympic Games.

Finish Order. “Finish Order” means the order that Available Swimmers place in each Event at the Qualifying Competition. The results from the finals will be used to determine the Finish Order for the 1st-8th places (the “Finals”). The Finals will be 18 & Under finals (for all Events except for the 800-meter Freestyle and 1500-meter Freestyle) and per the Qualifying Competition’s meet information, the only athletes that may compete in the Finals are those Available Swimmers that intend to represent the United States at the Championships, and otherwise meet all requirements in these Selection Procedures. For the 800-meter Freestyle and 1500-meter Freestyle events, the definition of “Finals” means timed finals, as opposed to a single finals session; Finish Order will be determined by the time of each Available

Swimmer in order from fastest to slowest in the timed finals. While all athletes eligible to compete in the Qualifying Competition may compete in a timed final for the 800-meter Freestyle and the 1500-meter Freestyle, only Available Swimmers that intend to represent the United States at the Championships, and otherwise meet all requirements in these Selection Procedures will be Selected to the Team in those two Events.

Head Coach. Unless otherwise indicated, “Head Coach” means the head coach of the Team.

Managing Director, National Team. “Managing Director, National Team” means the USA Swimming Managing Director, National Team or designee.

~~**“A” Time Standard.** An “A” Time Standard means the time standard set by World Aquatics (“AQUA”) for the 2025 World Championships. For purposes of these Selection Procedures, “A” Time Standards will be used as a standard to measure and compare times achieved in the same finishing place. Time standards can be found [here](#).~~

~~**Percentage of “A” Standard.** “Percentage of ‘A’ Standard” means the difference between a swimmer’s time at the Finals in an Event compared to the “A” Time Standard for that Event. The resulting time difference will be converted to a percentage to demonstrate how much faster or slower the swimmer’s time in an Event is compared to the “A” Time Standard in that Event. This percentage will be calculated by subtracting the swimmer’s time at the Finals in an Event from the “A” Time Standard in that Event, then dividing the difference by the “A” Time Standard in that Event. Calculations will be carried to the one thousandth of a percent (i.e., x.xxx%).~~

~~For example, if the “A” Time Standard in the 100-meter Freestyle is 1 minute, and Swimmer #1’s time in the 100-meter Freestyle in the Finals is :54 seconds, then Swimmer #1 has swum 6 seconds faster than the “A” Time Standard. Using the formula above (60 seconds minus 54 seconds, divided by 60 seconds) Swimmer #1’s Percentage of “A” Standard would be 10%.~~

~~If the “A” Time Standard in the 200-meter Freestyle is 2 minutes, and Swimmer #2’s time in the 200-meter Freestyle in the Finals is 1:54, then Swimmer #2 has swum 6 seconds faster than the “A” Time Standard. Using the formula above (120 seconds minus 114 seconds, divided by 120 seconds) that swimmer’s Percentage of “A” Time Standard would be 5%. Swimmer #1’s Percentage of “A” Standard (10%) would be considered higher than Swimmer #2’s Percentage of “A” Standard (5%).~~

~~If a swimmer’s time in the Finals in an Event is slower than the “A” Standard for that Event, their percentage will be negative. For example, if Swimmer #1’s time in the 100-meter Freestyle is 1:06, their Percentage of “A” Standard would be -10% (60 seconds minus 66 seconds equals negative 6 seconds; negative 6 seconds divided by 60 seconds equals -10%). If Swimmer #2’s time in the 200-meter Freestyle is 2:06, their Percentage of “A” Standard would be -5% (120 seconds minus 126 seconds equals negative 6 seconds; negative 6 seconds divided by 120 seconds equals -5%). Swimmer #2’s Percentage of “A” Standard (-5%) is faster than Swimmer #1’s Percentage of “A” Standard (-10%).~~

Medal Standard. “Medal Standard” or “MS” means the average of the bronze medal earning times from the 2023 World Championships, 2024 Olympic Games, and 2025 World Championships in any singular Event i.e., the MS for the 100-meter Freestyle for purposes of these Selection Procedures is the average of the bronze medal earning times in the 100-meter Freestyle at the 2023 World Championships, 2024 Olympic Games, and 2025 World Championships. All MSs can be found in Appendix 1. If there was a tie for silver where no bronze medal was awarded, the silver medal winning time will be used.

Percentage of MS. “Percentage of MS” means the difference between a swimmer’s Time compared to the MS for the same Event. The resulting time difference will be converted to a percentage to demonstrate how much faster or slower the swimmer’s Time is compared to the MS in that same Event. This percentage will be calculated by subtracting the MS from the swimmer’s Time in that same Event then dividing the difference by the MS. Calculations will be carried to one-thousandth of a percent (i.e., x.xxx%). This means lower percentages will be ranked higher. For example, if the MS in the 100-meter Freestyle is 54 seconds, and Swimmer #1’s Time in the 100meter Freestyle is :60 seconds, then Swimmer #1 has swum 6 seconds slower than the MS in the 100meter Freestyle. Using the formula described above (60 seconds minus 54 seconds, divided by 54 seconds) Swimmer #1’s Percentage of the MS would be 11%. If the MS in the 200-meter Freestyle is 1 minute and 54 seconds, and Swimmer #2’s time in the 200-meter Freestyle in the Finals is 2 minutes, then Swimmer #2 has swum 6 seconds slower than the MS. Using the formula above (120 seconds minus 114 seconds, divided by 114 seconds) that swimmer’s Percentage of MS would be 5%. Swimmer #1’s Percentage of MS (11%) would be considered slower than Swimmer #2’s Percentage of MS (5%) and thus, Swimmer #2 would be ranked higher. If a swimmer’s time in an Event is faster than the MS for that Event, their percentage will be negative. For example, if Swimmer #1’s time in the 100-meter Freestyle is :48 seconds, their Percentage of MS would be -11% (48 seconds minus 54 seconds equals negative 6 seconds; negative 6 seconds divided by 54 seconds equals -11%). If Swimmer #2’s time in the 200-meter Freestyle is 1:48, their Percentage of MS would be -5% (108 seconds minus 114 seconds equals negative 6 seconds; negative 6 seconds divided by 114 seconds equals -5%). Swimmer #2’s MS (-5%) is slower than Swimmer #1’s MS (-10%), and thus Swimmer #1 would be ranked higher.

Qualifying Competition. “Qualifying Competition” means the 2026 Toyota National Championships from July 28 to August 1 in Irvine, CA

Select/Selected/Selection to the Team. “Select/Selected/Selection to the Team” refers to the Team selected by USA Swimming on or before August 1, 2026, at the discretion of USA Swimming.

Team. “Team” means the Championships Team announced on or before August 1, 2026, at the discretion of USA Swimming, plus any changes or replacements made pursuant to these Selection Procedures.

AQUA Points Table, 2025. “AQUA Table, 2025” means the applicable long course AQUA Points Table as of June 3, 2025, for 2025, found [here](#).

SELECTION PROCESS

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. The minimum eligibility requirements for a swimmer to be considered for Selection:

1.1.1 An athlete must be, at the beginning of the Qualifying Competition and at the time of Selection to the Team:

- (a) a registered athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing;
- (b) a citizen of the United States;
- (c) eligible to represent the United States in the Championships; and
- (d) an Available Swimmer.

1.1.2 Nationality/Passport requirements:

An athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport by August 1, 2026, the entry deadline. The passport must not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Championships. An athlete must be able to provide proof of the valid passport or renewal when notified by USA Swimming that the athlete would qualify for the Team, or the athlete may not be Selected to the Team.

1.1.3 Other requirements (if any):

- (a) An athlete must qualify for the Qualifying Competition, as described in Section 1.2, and compete in the Qualifying Competition.
- (b) Each athlete that has been Selected to the Team must sign and return to USA Swimming, by August 1, 2026, and abide by, the USA Swimming applicable competition forms which will be made available prior to Selection;
- (c) Each athlete that has been Selected to the Team must comply with, and not be ineligible under, all applicable rules and requirements of the Championships, World Aquatics, the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”), the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (“USADA”), the U.S. Center for SafeSport, and USA Swimming, including without limitation USA Swimming policies and protocols regarding Team preparation and participation, through the Championships.

- (d) All athletes that are 18 years of age must successfully complete and pass a criminal background check as required by USA Swimming and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”).
- (e) To ensure that USA Swimming selects the best possible Team for the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships, all swimmers who are selected for the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships Team are ineligible for Selection or to be considered as a replacement swimmer to the Championships. An athlete who declines the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships is not eligible for Selection or considered a replacement swimmer for the Championships. Athletes who are replacement swimmers for the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships are still eligible for Selection to the Championships, but if they are subsequently selected as a replacement swimmer to participate in the Pan Pacific Championships, they will no longer be eligible to participate in the Championships. Athletes will be allocated to the teams for these two competitions in the following order of importance to USA Swimming and must swim in the competition to which they are assigned, unless otherwise excused pursuant to these Selection Procedures:

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1.2. Tryout Events:

- 1.2.1 Provide the event names, dates, and locations of all trials, events, and camps to be used as part of the selection process:

The Qualifying Competition.

- 1.2.2 Provide event names, dates, locations, and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events, and camps listed above in 1.2.1 (if any):

- (a) To qualify for the Qualifying Competition, an athlete must achieve an applicable Qualifying Competition time standard between June 1, 2025 and the entry deadline for the Qualifying Competition. The Qualifying Competition ~~time standards will be added to these Selection Procedures once posted on the USA Swimming website~~ time standards can be found [here](#).

1.3. Comprehensive Selection Process:

- 1.3.1 This Section sets forth the steps by which Available Swimmers will

be Selected to the Team. Although USA Swimming may announce during the Qualifying Competition that swimmers have “made the Team” or “qualified for the Team,” any such announcement is informal and subject to change. The process of determining who is eligible to be Selected to the Team will take place before the team is announced. The results from the application of these Selection Procedures will be announced on or before August 1, 2026 at USA Swimming’s discretion.

- 1.3.2 Team Size. The maximum allowable Team size is 20 men and 20 women. Actual Team size will be determined once these Selection Procedures have been implemented. For purposes of these Selection Procedures, the men’s and women’s components of the Team will be considered separately. USA Swimming is under no obligation to Select a full Team of 20 athletes in each, or either, competition category. Transgender athletes shall compete at the Championships subject to International Olympic Committee, World Aquatics, USOPC, and USA Swimming policies and criteria.
- 1.3.3 Qualifying Competition. Performances at the Qualifying Competition, from among those eligible to compete in the Qualifying Competition as provided in Section 1.2, will be used to Select the Team. Performances at the Qualifying Competition will be prioritized using the Priority system below.
- 1.3.4 Application of Priorities for Team Selection. Performances in the Events at the Qualifying Competition will be prioritized for each competition category as described in this Section. Priorities will be applied on or before August 1, 2026, after completion of the Qualifying Competition. Available Swimmers not qualifying via one of these priorities will not be eligible to be Selected to the Team, unless they are subsequently added to the Team as a replacement according to Section 4. If, after applying the Priorities, there are fewer than 20 men or 20 women, or both, on the Team, then USA Swimming will not field a full Team, unless the Team is filled by adding replacements as provided in Section 4.
 - (a) Priority #1. The first Priority will include the two best finishing Available Swimmers based on the Finish Order in the 100-meter and 200-meter Freestyle.
 - (b) Priority #2. The second Priority will include the best finishing Available Swimmer based on the Finish Order in each Event other than the 100-meter and 200-meter Freestyle.
 - (c) Priority #3. The third Priority will include the second best

finishing Available Swimmer based on the Finish Order in each Event other than the 100-meter and 200-meter Freestyle.

- (d) Priority #4. The fourth Priority will include the third best finishing Available Swimmer based on the Finish Order in the 100-meter Freestyle.
- (e) Priority #5. The fifth Priority will include the third best finishing Available Swimmer based on Finish Order in the 200-meter Freestyle.
- (f) Priority #6. The sixth Priority will include the fourth best finishing Available Swimmer based on Finish Order in the 100-meter Freestyle.
- (g) Priority #7. The seventh Priority will include the fourth best finishing Available Swimmer based on Finish Order in the 200-meter Freestyle.
- (h) Priority #8. The eight Priority will include the third best finishing Available Swimmer based on Finish Order in all Events other than the 100-meter and 200-meter Freestyle.

1.3.5 Procedure if Selection to the Team Stands to Exceed 20 Per Competition Category. If the application of the procedures in Section 1.3.4 results in more than 20 male or 20 female swimmers to be Selected to the Team, then the swimmers of the competition category with more than 20 swimmers qualifying to be Selected to the Team shall be ranked and Selected to the Team according to the following procedure:

- (a) All swimmers from Priority #1 shall be Selected to the Team.
- (b) All Swimmers from Priority #2 shall be Selected to the Team.
- (c) All swimmers from Priority #3 shall be Selected to the Team; however if adding all swimmers from Priority #3 would result in more than 20 swimmers for a competition category to be Selected to the Team, then the swimmers within Priority #3 shall be Selected to the Team in order of the ~~highest~~ fastest Percentage of ~~“A” Standard MS~~ for the Event within Priority #3 for which they qualify for Selection until a maximum of 20 swimmers are Selected to the Team.
- (d) If all Priority #3 swimmers are Selected to the Team and the maximum Team size has not been attained, then the swimmer from Priority #4 shall be Selected to the Team.

- (e) If all Priority #4 swimmers are Selected to the Team and the maximum Team size has not been attained, then the swimmer from Priority #5 shall be Selected to the Team.
- (f) If all Priority #5 swimmers are selected to the Team and the maximum Team size has not been attained, then the swimmer from Priority #6 shall be Selected to the Team.
- (g) If all Priority #6 swimmers are Selected to the Team and the maximum Team size has not been attained, then the swimmer from Priority #7 shall be Selected to the Team.
- (h) If all Priority #7 swimmers are Selected to the Team and the maximum Team size has not been attained, then the swimmers from Priority #8 shall be Selected to the Team in order of the **highest fastest** Percentage of **“A” Standard MS** for the Event within Priority #8 for which they qualify for Selection until a maximum of 20 swimmers for that competition category are Selected to the Team.

1.3.6 Breaking a Tie.

- (a) If there is tie in an Event at the Qualifying Competition between two or more Available Swimmers, and if it is necessary to break the tie to decide who would be Selected to the Team, then a swim-off between the Available Swimmers in the tie will be conducted. For the avoidance of doubt, the time in the swim-off must not be used in any other capacity other than breaking the tie to determine the Finish Order. It does not replace or supplant an athlete’s time achieved in the Finals, i.e., the swim off time will not be used in any other capacity (beyond breaking the tie) to qualify for the Team. If an Available Swimmer declines to participate in a swim-off, they are no longer an Available Swimmer in that Event. If only one other Available Swimmer was involved in the tie and was willing to participate in the swim-off, that Available Swimmer will be Selected to the Team. If more than one other Available Swimmer was involved in the tie, the remaining Available Swimmers willing to participate will compete in a swim-off. If all Available Swimmers in the tie decline the opportunity to participate in a swim-off, the tie will be broken pursuant to Section 1.3.6(b).
- (b) If a tie must be broken after the Qualifying Competition has been completed, the tie will be broken between the Available Swimmers involved based on the fastest time swum in that Event during the period from March 1, 2026, through and including August 2, 2026 (other than the time in which there was a tie at the Qualifying

Competition). For example, if the second place finisher in the 100-meter Butterfly accepted their position on the Team, but later (but still before the date that entries are due) suffers an injury and withdraws from the Team, and if there had been a two-way tie for third place in that Event, then the Available Swimmer among those two who swam the fastest time during the period from March 1, 2026, through and including August 2, 2026 (other than the time in which there was a tie at the Qualifying Competition) will be considered to have finished in 3rd place. If this fails to break the tie, then the tie will be broken by random draw.

- (c) Tie Involving Swimmers from Different Events. If the application of Percentage of ~~“A” Standard MS~~ is used to rank swimmers to be Selected to the Team (i.e., Section 1.3.5), and where the application of the ~~highest fastest~~ Percentage of ~~“A” Standard MS~~ results in a tie between two or more Available Swimmers in different Events for the final position(s) on the Team, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - (i) Each Available Swimmer’s fastest performance swum in their Event at the Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, or Finals at the Qualifying Competition will be ranked according to the World Aquatics Points Table, 2025. The Available Swimmer who has the highest ranking shall be Selected to the Team.
 - (ii) If this fails to break the tie, each Available Swimmer’s fastest performance swum in their Event at the Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, or Finals of the Qualifying Competition will be converted into a ratio, using the Available Swimmer’s Qualifying Competition time as the denominator, and the World Aquatics-approved World Record for that Event as of July 1, 2026 as the numerator, and Available Swimmer(s) with the highest percentage shall be Selected to the Team. A World Record set at the Qualifying Competition would not qualify as a World Aquatics-approved World Record because the record would not yet be officially approved by World Aquatics.
 - (iii) If this fails to break the tie, the fastest time swum by each Available Swimmer in their Event during the period from March 1, 2026 through and including August 1, 2026, will be used to rank the Available Swimmers based on the Percentage of ~~“A” Standard MS~~, and the Available Swimmer(s) will be Selected to the Team in order of the Percentage of ~~“A” Standard MS~~. To determine the fastest time swum by each Available Swimmer in their Event during the period from March 1, 2026, through and including August 1, 2026, USA Swimming will rely solely

on times reflected in its SWIMS database by 12:00pm Eastern Time on August 1, 2026, or a time achieved at the Qualifying Competition.

- (iv) If this fails to break the tie, then the Available Swimmer with the ~~highest fastest~~ Percentage of ~~“A” Standard MS~~ in an Event at the Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, or Finals of the Qualifying Competition other than their Event involved in the tie shall be Selected to the Team (e.g., if an Available Swimmer’s results in the 100-meter Freestyle are involved in the tie, then that swimmer’s ~~highest fastest~~ Percentage of ~~“A” Standard MS~~ in an Event other than the 100-meter Freestyle shall be considered). If only one Available Swimmer involved in the tie swam another Event at the Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, or Finals of the Qualifying Competition, that Available Swimmer will be Selected to the Team.
- (v) If this fails to break the tie, then the tie will be broken by random draw.

1.4. Announcement.

Those Selected to the Team will be announced on or before August 1, 2026, at USA Swimming’s discretion.

- 1.5. Selection of Swimmers for Events. USA Swimming may enter an unlimited number of athletes in each Event at the Championships. Therefore, all swimmers who are named to the Team shall be eligible for entry into additional Events held at the Championships. However, to remain on the Team, each swimmer must swim at least one Event for which they were Selected. Prior to the announcement of the Team, if an athlete declines the Event for which they were Selected to the Team and were not Selected to the Team in any other Event, they will no longer be considered an Available Swimmer and will not be Selected to the Team. If after announcement of the Team, an athlete declines the Event for which they were Selected to the Team and was not Selected to the Team in any other Event, the replacement procedures in Section 4 will apply.

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION

- 2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any):

All swimmers who are Selected to the Team shall be eligible for selection to all relays to be held at the Championships. The Director, National Junior Team, will be responsible for selecting the swimmers for each relay conducted at the Championships, with the advice and consent of the Head Coach. In selecting the relay teams, the Director, National Junior Team, with the advice and consent of the Head Coach, shall consider all available relevant

information, including but not limited to each Team member's Qualifying Competition performance (including preliminary times, time trials, swim-offs, and relay lead-off times), past relay performances, past relay reaction times, relay exchange experience, Championships performances, personal best performances, Championships event schedules, individual workload, other recent results and performances, consistency of performances, fatigue, health, fitness levels, training preparation, participation in relay training camps, scientific evaluation, attitude, and team chemistry.

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any):

See Section 2.1.

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of members' titles currently serving on the committee:

See Section 2.1.

2.4. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee:

The Director, National Junior Team (or designee) will be responsible for relay selection, with the advice and consent of the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches. Should the Director, National Junior Team have a conflict of interest, as determined by USA Swimming's Ethics Committee, a designee will be responsible for relay selection, with the advice and consent of the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches. All involved in relay selection must comply with USA Swimming's Statement of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy, to include completing and submitting a disclosure form for review by the Ethics Committee.

Anyone involved in relay selection who has an actual, possible, or perceived conflict of interest must disclose to the Ethics Committee, prior to the start of the relay selection process. The Ethics Committee may determine that this individual must disclose the conflict to the others involved in relay selection and/or recuse themselves from selection and/or voting. A conflict of interest exists when a personal, family, financial, professional, club, team, or business interest of the person poses a direct or indirect relationship, connection, or affiliation, past or present, with an athlete in contention for relay selection that could compromise the individual's ability to participate in selection in an unbiased manner.

For example, if it is determined that an individual must recuse themselves from voting, the Ethics Committee may still find that if they have relevant and necessary information with respect to athlete performance, for example a national team coach or high performance director, they may, if requested by the others involved in relay selection, still provide such information, so long as it is provided in a fair and unbiased manner and the individual with the conflict does not vote. The individual must not otherwise influence others in selection.

Additionally, any person (including any potentially impacted athlete or coach of a

potentially impacted athlete) with a good faith belief that an individual involved in selection has a conflict of interest should report the alleged conflict of interest to the Ethics Committee. Reports may be made anonymously. No individual involved in selection shall retaliate in any way against a person who, in good faith, reports an alleged conflict of interest.

3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

- 3.1 USA Swimming has jurisdiction over potential selectees. An athlete who is Selected, or is to be Selected, to the Team may be removed for any of the following reasons, as determined by the Director, National Junior Team in conjunction with the USA Swimming Managing Director, National Team, and USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Chair ("AAC Chair"). An athlete who is to be removed from the Team or an Event or from eligibility to be Selected to the Team, pursuant to the following provisions, has the right to a hearing per the USA Swimming Bylaws (usaswimming.org/about-usas/governance/bylaws), the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9, the applicable anti-doping code/protocol, or U.S. Center for SafeSport policies and procedures before such removal or declaration of ineligibility.
 - 3.1.1 An athlete may choose to voluntarily withdraw from an Event or the Team. The athlete must submit in writing any withdrawal to the Director, National Junior Team. An athlete considering withdrawal is strongly encouraged to submit the written withdrawal by August 8, 2026.
 - 3.1.2 USA Swimming may remove an athlete who has an injury or illness, as certified by the physician for the Championships, that is likely to keep them from competing at peak levels in the Championships. If an athlete refuses verification of their illness or injury by the approved Championships' physician (or their medical staff), their injury will be assumed to keep them from competing at peak levels in the Championships and they may be removed.
 - 3.1.3 An athlete may be removed if it is determined that the swimmer is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for peak performance in the Championships. (See Participation and Commitment Agreement, provided prior to Selection.) If any of these individuals involved in the decision has a conflict of interest, they will not be part of the decision-making.
 - 3.1.4 Any swimmer may be dismissed from the Team at any time if the swimmer violates any of the applicable USA Swimming, or other rules and regulations applicable to the Team or its members, including without limitation applicable Codes of Conduct or Team Rules. If there is a violation, and the swimmer is to be dismissed from the Team, upon request of the swimmer, there will be an emergency hearing before USA

Swimming's National Board of Review within 24 hours of the violation (or as soon as possible thereafter) to determine whether the proposed dismissal or other discipline is warranted.

- 3.1.5 If a swimmer is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that swimmer shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be Selected to the Team) until: (i) the swimmer is provisionally suspended; (ii) the swimmer is declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by World Aquatics; (iii) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or (iv) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be Selected to the Team.
- 3.1.6 If a swimmer is alleged to have committed a violation of the SafeSport Code for the Olympic and Paralympic Movement (the "SafeSport Code"), that swimmer shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be Selected to the Team) until: (i) the swimmer is suspended; (ii) the swimmer is declared ineligible; (iii) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or (iv) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be Selected to the Team.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

- 4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur.

The potential replacement athletes include those individuals who meet the criteria in Section 4.

- 4.1.1. Adjustments to the Team and Events from the time of announcement of the Team through the date which entries are due to the organizing committee, August 1, 2026.

- (a) If there is a vacancy in an Event (by a swimmer that was Selected to the Team in that Event, even if other swimmers Selected to the Team have chosen to swim that Event at the Championships) that occurs between the time of announcement of the Team through the date which entries are due to the organizing committee, USA Swimming may replace an athlete on the Team based on the following procedure; however, no swimmer who is already on the Team may be taken off the Team as a result of the application of this procedure.

- (b) Filling Vacant Event Positions with Team Vacancy. If

the Team is not full (fewer than 20 swimmers per competition category) after an Event is vacated by a swimmer Selected to the Team in that Event (i.e., a swimmer is removed from the Team for any reason or is not swimming at least one Event from which they were Selected at the Championships), then the vacancy shall be filled by the next fastest Available Swimmer in that Event at the Qualifying Competition, subject to the priorities and limitations in Section 1.3. If the next fastest Available Swimmer is already on the Team, then no swimmer will be added to the Team. If the next Available Swimmer is not already on the Team, then that swimmer will be Selected according to Section 1.3.4. If adding the next Available Swimmer from each Event left vacant would cause the Team to exceed the maximum number, then those who qualify as the next fastest Available Swimmer in the Events left vacant shall be ranked according to the Percentage of ~~“A” Standard~~ MS procedure described in Section 1.3.5. Those ranked highest according to that procedure shall be added to the Team in order until the Team reaches 20 per competition category, and any remaining Event vacancies will be filled from within the Team pursuant to Section 4.1.1(c).

- (c) Filling Vacant Event Positions with No Team Vacancy. If the Team is still full (20 per competition category) after an Event is vacated by a swimmer Selected to the Team in that Event (i.e., a swimmer is removed from the Team for any reason or is not swimming at least one Event from which they were Selected at the Championships), the vacancy will be filled by any Available Swimmers already on the Team who chooses to swim the Event.

4.1.2 Adjustments to the Team and Events after submission of Entries by Name to the Organizing Committee:

- (a) After the Final entry deadline, August 1, 2026, no swimmers will be added to the Team.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

USA Swimming will retain the approved Selection Procedures, all supporting documents, and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the conclusion of the Championships.

6. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

In addition to the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, other documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of selection to the Championships. These other required documents will be provided upon notification of selection to the team.

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Swimming in the following locations: USA Swimming website.

8. DATE OF SELECTION

The Selection of athletes will be published on the USA Swimming website on or before August 1, 2026.

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

The following dates and locations are subject to change. An athlete can have a different arrival or departure schedule after written approval from the Head Coach and Director, National Junior Team.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Travel to Assembly Point	August 13	TBD
Depart for Vancouver	August 13 15	TBD
Arrival in Vancouver	August 13 15	Vancouver, Canada
Pre-Competition Days	August 14 16	Canberra, Australia Vancouver, Canada
Competition	August 17-20	Canberra, Australia Vancouver, Canada
Return home	August 21	Various Airports in U.S.

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all WADA, World Aquatics, USADA, and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by WADA, World Aquatics, USADA, and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

11. USA SWIMMING BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

USA Swimming Bylaws can be found at <https://www.usaswimming.org/docs/default-source/governance/governance-lsc-website/bylaws/2023-usa-swimming-corporate-bylaws-effective-3-25-22.pdf> and Grievance Procedures can be found at <https://www.usaswimming.org/safe-sport/report-a-concern>.

12. DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on the Pan Pac Charter Nations, World Aquatics, Organizing Committee, and host country rules and regulations, as applicable and as presently known and understood. Any change in the Selection Procedures caused by a change in World Aquatics, Organizing Committee, and/or host country rules and regulations, will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The Selection Procedures are based on the latest information available to USA Swimming. However, the Selection Procedures are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If circumstances cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the Qualifying Competition listed in this document, these Selection Procedures will be revised.

The terms and conditions of these written Selection Procedures shall take priority over any verbal explanation, clarification, or interpretation of the Selection Procedures, and an athlete relies on a verbal explanation, clarification, or interpretation of these Selection Procedures at their sole risk. Any request or question that would involve a formal clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures, or that would address an issue not otherwise covered in these Selection Procedures, should be submitted to the Managing Director, National Team at USA Swimming in writing by no later than April 1, 2026, and the response to such request by USA Swimming must be provided in writing and, where appropriate, must be published promptly on the USA Swimming website.

An athlete who is Selected to the Team by virtue of an error or oversight by USA Swimming may be removed from the Team at any time.

13. SELECTION PROCEDURE APPROVAL COMMITTEE

13.1 Conflicts of Interest

Individuals involved in the creation and enforcement of these Selection Procedures are subject to USA Swimming's Statement of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy (the "Conflict of Interest Policy"). Pursuant to the Conflict of Interest Policy, these individuals must submit annual Disclosure Statements to USA Swimming's Ethics Committee for review and direction on avoidance and mitigation of any conflicts. Any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest identified in the creation or enforcement of these Selection Procedures should be reported to USA Swimming's Ethics Committee (ethicscommittee@usaswimming.org), pursuant to the Conflict of Interest Policy.

13.2 Retaliation

No individual who raises concerns or asks questions about these Selection Procedures or files a grievance and/or reports a conflict of interest regarding these Selection Procedures shall suffer retaliation, as prohibited by USA Swimming's

Whistleblower and Anti-Retaliation Policy (the “Anti-Retaliation Policy”). Any claims of retaliation should be reported to USA Swimming’s Ethics Committee (ethicscommittee@usaswimming.org), pursuant to the Anti-Retaliation Policy. This protection against retaliation includes protection for seeking advice from the Athlete Ombuds Office.

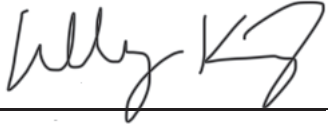
Athlete Ombuds Office Contact Information

Phone: 719-866-5000

Email: ombudsman@usathlete.org Website: usathlete.org

13.3 Signatures

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Swimming.

Position	Print Name	Signature	Date
President & CEO	Kevin Ring		7/21/26
Managing Director, National Team	Greg Meehan		07/21/26
USA Swimming AAC Chair	Lilly King		7/21/26

Appendix 1

Medal Standards

Women	Event	Men
00:24.21	50 FR LCM	00:21.53
00:52.64	100 FR LCM	00:47.36
01:54.29	200 FR LCM	01:44.58
03:59.65	400 FR LCM	03:42.43
08:11.29	800 FR LCM	07:39.41
15:42.68	1500 FR LCM	14:37.84
00:27.25	50 BK LCM	00:24.34
00:58.13	100 BK LCM	00:52.30
02:06.12	200 BK LCM	01:54.94
00:30.09	50 BR LCM	00:26.73
01:05.72	100 BR LCM	00:58.88
02:22.07	200 BR LCM	02:07.79
00:25.44	50 FL LCM	00:22.75
00:56.38	100 FL LCM	00:50.33
02:05.93	200 FL LCM	01:53.54
02:08.66	200 IM LCM	01:55.80
04:33.50	400 IM LCM	04:09.08