



## 2026 Zone Select Camp Selection Criteria

### General Criteria:

*All athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the 2026 Zone Select Camps.*

- ❖ Athletes must be registered USA Swimming members at the time of the qualifying performance and at the time of the camp.
- ❖ Athletes must be registered USA Swimming athlete members in good standing.
- ❖ Athletes must be US citizens & have not represented any other World Aquatics Federation at a World Aquatics Championships, World Aquatics Junior Championships, or Olympic Games.
- ❖ Athletes must be eligible to represent Team USA.
- ❖ Eligible athletes will be the respective ages at the time of the qualifying swim:
  - Girls: 12-13
  - Boys: 13-14
- ❖ Athletes who have previously attended a Zone Select Camp, National Select Camp, National Team and/or National Junior Team camp are not eligible.
- ❖ Athletes who have represented USA Swimming internationally in a pool competition are not eligible for camp.

### Selection Criteria:

**USA Swimming will host two Zone Select Camps. One camp to host the Eastern and Southern Zone, and the second camp will host the Western and Central Zone.**

*Each camp will consist of 60 athletes. Athletes will be selected by the following method:*

- ❖ The fastest available athlete in each Olympic pool event per zone
  - Zone 1- 14 events (28 athletes, top male and female swimmer)
  - Zone 2- 14 events (28 athletes, top male and female swimmer)
- ❖ Then, 2 female and 2 male athletes will be selected based on their Rank Score for each camp.

### Rank Score:

- ❖ Rank Scores are the sum of each athlete's event ranking for their competition category (gender) and camp age group.

-For example, Athlete A, who is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50 Free, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 Free and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Free for their single age would have a rank score of 12.

-Athlete B, who is 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 Breast, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 Breast, and 7<sup>th</sup> in the 400 IM for their single age would have a rank score of 11, and thus be selected over Athlete A.

- ❖ Rank score selection will be conducted according to each camp's geographical region. The top 12-13-year-old female from each Zone, and the top 13-14-year-old male will be selected to attend the Zone Select Camp using the Rank Score.



**Additional Information:**

- ❖ Doubles will be resolved by placing the athlete in their highest HY-tek power point event.
- ❖ The pool event qualifying period is January 1, 2025, until August 31st, 2025.
- ❖ Athletes are selected based on Long Course Meter pool swims. Short Course Yards (SCY) events will not be considered.

