

2026-2027 National Junior Team (Pool)

Selection Summary



****Team will be announced by September 8, 2026***

Performance Criteria

- ❖ USA Swimming will name athletes to the 2026-2027 National Junior Team, who will be on the National Junior Team from September 8, 2026 to August 31, 2027, based on the criteria in this document.
- ❖ Athletes will be selected based on Times. A “Time” means the fastest long course meters time swum by that Athlete in each individual event swum at the 2028 Olympic Games (“Individual Olympic Event”), excluding the 50-meter Backstroke, 50-meter Breaststroke, and 50-meter Butterfly, from any of the following qualifying competitions:
 - Any USA Swimming sanctioned competition between December 1, 2025, and August 20, 2026.
 - Any AQUA approved competition between December 1, 2025, and August 20, 2026.
- ❖ Relay leadoffs, time trials, swim-offs, and intermediate splits will not be included. Only Times from preliminary heats, semi-finals, and finals (A, B, C, and D) will be used. Only that one Time will be used per Athlete, per Individual Olympic Event. Times from USA Swimming “approved meets” or “observed swims” will not be considered.
- ❖ The six Athletes with the fastest Times in the 100-meter Freestyle, per competition category, will be selected to the National Junior Team.
- ❖ The six Athletes with the fastest Times in the 200-meter Freestyle, per competition category, will be selected to the National Junior Team.
- ❖ The five Athletes with the fastest Times in each of the remaining Individual Olympic Events, per competition category, will be selected to the National Junior Team.
 - This excludes the 50-meter Backstroke, 50-meter Breaststroke, and 50-meter Butterfly, in which no athletes will be Selected to the Team in those events.
- ❖ If there is a tie for the last spot for any Individual Olympic Event, all athletes involved in the tie will be selected to the National Junior Team.
- ❖ The National Junior Team will be selected according to the USA Swimming times database on www.usaswimming.org as of August 25, 2026, at 8:00 AM Mountain Time. If an Athlete’s Time is not in the USA Swimming Times database, it is up to the athlete to contact USA Swimming with proof of their Time prior to August 30, 2026.

General Criteria

- ❖ Athletes must be 18 years or younger as of December 31, 2026.
- ❖ Athletes selected to the 2026-2027 National Team may not be selected to the 2026-2027 National Junior Team.
- ❖ Athletes must be registered USA Swimming members in good standing at the time of the qualifying competitions and their selection, and throughout their term on the National Junior Team. An athlete may be suspended from the National Junior Team if they do not remain in good standing, including membership requirements and adherence to the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Movement, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol, the World Anti-Doping Agency’s Code, and any USA Swimming, U.S. Olympic & Paralympic

Committee, World Aquatics, or International Olympic Committee rules and regulations. If an athlete who has qualified for, but has subsequently been suspended from, the National Junior Team is reinstated, or their suspension is reduced, by a court or body with competent jurisdiction such that the athlete becomes eligible during all or a portion of the term of the 2026-2027 National Junior Team, their National Junior Team suspension will be lifted, in accordance with the order from the court or body. If an athlete who was otherwise eligible for selection to the National Junior Team but was not in good standing at the time of their selection due to any type of suspension or ineligibility determination, and the suspension or ineligibility determination is later overturned or reduced by a court or body with competent jurisdiction during the term of the 2026-2027 National Junior Team such that the athlete would have been eligible at the time of their selection to the National Junior Team, the athlete will be added to the team, in accordance with the order from the court or body. In any of the above scenarios where an athlete is added or reinstated to the National Junior Team, no athlete will be removed due to the addition.

- ❖ Athletes must be eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition at the time of their selection and throughout their time on the National Junior Team. If an athlete changes their sport nationally and is no longer eligible to represent the United States in international competition, they will be removed from the National Junior Team and will not be replaced.
- ❖ Athletes that swam a long-course-meters time during the qualifying period that would have qualified for the 2026-2027 National Junior Team, that later become eligible to represent the U.S. between September 8, 2026, and August 31, 2027, through a change to their sport nationality following AQUA procedures within that time frame, will be added to the 2026-2027 National Junior Team. No athlete will be removed due to the addition.
- ❖ Athletes shall keep their USA Swimming memberships current and in good standing. If they are at least 18-years-old, they must complete Athlete Protection Training and if they do not have a current background screen, must apply for a USA Swimming criminal background screen within five days of being named to the National Junior Team (or of turning 18 if this occurs during an athlete's tenure on the National Junior Team) and must satisfactorily pass the background screen within 30 days. Athletes must acknowledge that the results of the background screen will be subject to [USA Swimming's Background Check Policy](#).