



2023-2024 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

GENERAL CRITERIA

- ❖ Athlete must be a registered current year USA Swimming member in good standing at the time of selection.
- ❖ Athlete must be eligible to represent, and intend to represent, the U.S. in international competition.
- ❖ Athletes must attend the National Team onboarding session, September 21-24, 2023 (tentative) in Colorado Springs, CO.
- ❖ Athlete shall keep Athlete's USA Swimming membership current and in good standing, including completing Athlete Protection Training (if at least 18-years-old) and a current background screen. If Athlete does not have a current background screen, Athlete must submit a completed background screen within 5 days of being named to the National Team. Athlete acknowledges that the results of the background screen will be subject to USA Swimming's Background Check Policy (www.usaswimming.org/backgroundcheck).

2023-2024 USA SWIMMING NATIONAL TEAM

Team will be announced September 11, 2023

- ❖ Athletes named to the 2022-2023 National Team will be on the National Team from September 11, 2023 - September 8, 2024.
 - For purposes of these Selection Procedures, Athletes will be selected based on Times. An Athlete's "Time" means the fastest long course meters time swum by that Athlete in each individual event swum at the Olympic Games ("Individual Olympic Event"), from any of the following competitions (i) a USA Swimming sanctioned competition, (ii) a FINA approved competition, for the 2023 FINA World Championships, which can be found here; <https://www.fina.org/competitions/1/20th-fina-world-championships-fukuoka-2022/qualifications?gender=M&distance=50&stroke=FREESTYLE&standard=all®ionId=all&countryId=> or (iii) an international competition between January 1, 2023 through ~~August 31~~ **September 9**, 2023, to which USA Swimming sent a team.
 - Only that one Time will be used per Athlete, per Individual Olympic Event.
 - The six Athletes with the fastest Times in each Individual Olympic Event will be selected to the Team.
- ❖ Relay lead-offs, time trials, swim-offs and intermediate splits will not be included.
- ❖ Only Times from prelims, semi-finals and finals (A, B, C and D) will be used.

This document is intended to give athletes and coaches an overview of the 2023-2024 National Team selection criteria. Any questions can be directed to Lindsay Mintenko at lmintenko@usaswimming.org

- ❖ Times from “approved meets” or “observed swims” will not be considered.
- ❖ The National Team roster will be selected according to the usaswimming.org times database on www.usaswimming.org as of as of September ~~11~~¹⁴, 2023, at ~~10~~¹⁰:00 AM Mountain Time.
- ❖ Athletes who compete in the 2023 Pan American Games, as part of the team selected by USA Swimming, will be eligible to be added to the National Team on November 1, 2023, if any of their times swum in an Individual Olympic Event in prelims or finals (A and B) at the 2023 Pan American Games, are faster than the Times of any of the Athletes already selected to the National Team in that same Individual Olympic Event. For example, if Athlete X (who is not already on the National Team in the 50-meter Freestyle) achieves a time at the 2023 Pan American Games in the 50-meter Freestyle that is faster than any of the Athletes already on the National Team in the 50-meter Freestyle, then Athlete X will be added to the National Team in the 50-meter Freestyle. Regardless of any additions to the National Team based on times swum at the 2023 Pan American Games, no members of the National Team, announced September 11, 2023, will lose their spot on the team.
- ❖ If Athlete’s time is not in the usaswimming.org Times database, it is up to Athlete to contact USA Swimming with proof of time prior to September ~~11~~¹⁴, 2023.



DIRECT ATHLETE SUPPORT- DAS

- ❖ Athletes who are selected to the 2023 World Championship USA Swimming Team will receive DAS.
 - Athletes will receive support from July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.
 - Non-Individual Olympic Event qualifiers and Relay-Only swimmers for the 2023 World Championship USA Swimming Team will receive a reduced amount of monthly support.
- ❖ The following Athletes will receive support from January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024:
 - 28 women and 28 men will receive support
 - All Athletes who had the fastest Time on the National Team in each Individual Olympic Event will receive DAS. If more than one Athlete is tied for the fastest Time on the National Team in an Individual Olympic Event, all Athletes involved in the tie will receive DAS.
 - All athletes with the second, third, and fourth fastest Times on the National Team in the 100-meter and 200-meter Freestyle will receive DAS. If more than one Athlete is tied for the second, third, or fourth fastest Time on the National Team in an Individual Olympic Event, all Athletes involved in the tie will receive DAS.
 - If all Athletes listed above have qualified for funding and less than 28 Athletes per gender meet the above requirements, Athletes who are on the 2023-2024 National Team will be ranked according to their Percentage of “A” Time Standard. Athletes who have the higher Percentage of the “A” Time Standard will receive DAS.

The “A” Time Standard is the FINA A Time Standard for the 2023 FINA World Championships.

“Percentage of ‘A’ Time Standard” means the difference between an Athlete’s Time that qualified that Athlete for the National Team in an Individual Olympic Event compared to the “A” Time Standard for that same Individual Olympic Event. The

resulting time difference will be converted to a percentage to demonstrate how much faster or slower the Athlete's finishing Time is compared to the "A" Time Standard in that same Individual Olympic Event. This percentage will be calculated by subtracting the Athlete's Time from the "A" Time Standard in that same Individual Olympic Event, then dividing the difference by the "A" Time Standard in that Individual Olympic 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 at the Finals is :54 seconds, then Swimmer #1 has swum 6 seconds faster than the "A" Time Standard in the 100-meter Freestyle. Using the formula described above (60 seconds minus 54 seconds, divided by 60 seconds) Swimmer #1's Percentage of "A" Time 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 at Finals is 1:54, then Swimmer #2 has swum 6 seconds faster than the "A" Time Standard in the 200-meter Freestyle. Using the formula described 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" Time Standard (10%) would be considered higher than Swimmer #2's Percentage of "A" Time Standard (5%).

If an Athlete's Time is slower than the "A" Time Standard for that same Individual Olympic Event, their percentages will be negative. Using the same example above, 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%). In this case, Swimmer #2's Percentage of "A" Time Standard (-5%) is faster than Swimmer #1's Percentage of "A" Time Standard (-10%).

- ❖ This process will continue until 28 men and 28 women have qualified for DAS.
- ❖ In the event there is a tie for the 28th position, all Athletes involved in the tie will receive support.