



ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026

Beijing, China

The World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026 will be held in Beijing, China from December 1 to December 6, 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) satisfies all World Aquatics time standard requirements for the Event in which they are an Available Swimmer; (iii) certifies to USA Swimming that they remain available to swim through the completion of the Championships; (iv) meets the minimum age for swimmers competing in the Championships (14 years of age) as of December 31, 2026; and (v) indicates in writing that they will accept the invitation to be Selected to the Team when that invitation is offered by USA Swimming and to swim in the Event(s) for which they qualify in 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.

“A” Time Standard. An “A” Time Standard means the time standard set by World Aquatics (“AQUA”) for the 2026 World Championships (25m). Time standards can be found [here](#).

“B” Time Standard. A “B” Time Standard means the time standard set by World Aquatics (“AQUA”) for the 2026 World Championships (25m). Time standards can be found [here](#).

Championships. “Championships” means the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026 held in Beijing, China from December 1 to December 6, 2026.

Event. “Event” means those individual pool competition events contested at the Championships and the Qualifying Competition, which can be found [here](#) under Qualifying Standard (25m).

Finals. “Finals” means the Championships A final that is conducted at the Qualifying Competition from which the Qualifying Competition finish order is determined. Times will only be considered from the Championship A Final at the Qualifying Competition for Selection to the Team. The results of the Finals will be used to determine the finish order for the Top 8 places. Times from other races, including without limitation the preliminary heats, intermediate splits, time trials, and swim-offs at the Qualifying Competition will not be considered for Selection to the Team, but may be considered for other determinations as described herein; except that in the 800-meter-Freestyle and 1500-meter-Freestyle, times from all timed finals heats at the Qualifying Competition will be considered.

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

Executive Director & Coach, National Team. “Executive Director & Coach, National Team” means the USA Swimming Executive Director & Coach, National Team or designee.

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. In the event of a tie for Silver such that no bronze medal was awarded, the silver medal winning time will be used.

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%).

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, the MS in the 100-meter Freestyle for Women is 52.64 seconds, and Swimmer #1’s Time in the 100-meter Freestyle is 54.00 seconds, then Swimmer #1 has swum 1.36 seconds slower than the MS in the 100-meter Freestyle. Using the formula described above (54.00 seconds minus 52.64 seconds, divided by 52.64 seconds) Swimmer #1’s Percentage of the MS would be 2.58%.

The MS in the 200-meter Freestyle is 1:54.29 minutes, and Swimmer #2’s time in the 200-meter Freestyle in the Finals is 1:58.00 minutes, then Swimmer #2 has swum 3.71 seconds slower than the MS. Using the formula above (118 seconds minus 114.29 seconds, divided by 114.29 seconds) that swimmer’s Percentage of MS would be 3.25%. Swimmer #1’s Percentage of MS (2.58%) would be considered faster than Swimmer #2’s Percentage of MS (3.25%) and thus, Swimmer #1 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 #3’s time in the 100-meter Freestyle is 52.00 seconds, their Percentage of MS would be negative 1.22% (52.00 seconds minus 52.64 seconds equals negative 0.64 seconds; negative 0.64 seconds divided by 52.64 seconds equals negative 1.22%). If Swimmer #4’s time in the 200-meter Freestyle is 1:51.00, their Percentage of MS would be negative 2.88% (111 seconds minus 114.29 seconds equals negative 3.29 seconds; negative 3.29 seconds divided by 114.29 seconds equals negative 2.88%). Swimmer #3’s MS (negative 1.22%) is slower than Swimmer #4’s MS (negative 2.88%), and thus Swimmer #4 would be ranked higher.

Qualifying Competition. “Qualifying Competition” means the 2026 Short Course World Championships Trials held from October 28 to October 31, 2026, in Westmont, IL.

Select/Selected/Selection to the Team. “Select/Selected/Selection to the Team” refers to the Team selected by USA Swimming on or before November 2, 2026, at the discretion of USA Swimming.

Team. “Team” means the Championships team announced on or before November 2, 2026, at the discretion of USA Swimming, plus any changes or replacements made pursuant to these Selection Procedures.

Time. “Time” means the fastest long course meters time swum by an Available Swimmer in any Event, from any USA Swimming-sanctioned competition or AQUA-approved competition between December 1, 2025, and August 20, 2026. USA Swimming will rely solely on Times reflected in its SWIMS database by 12:00 pm Mountain Time on October 27, 2026.

SELECTION PROCESS

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

- 1.1. The minimum eligibility requirements for a swimmer to be considered for Selection to the Team:
 - 1.1.1 An athlete must be, at the beginning of and throughout 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:
 - (a) An athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport by October 1, 2026, that will 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 Minimum International Federation (IF) standards for participation:
 - (a) Per the AQUA rules, USA Swimming will be allowed to enter two athletes in an Event at the Championships only if both athletes have equaled or bettered the AQUA “A” Time Standard in that Event in a competition approved for that purpose by AQUA between July 27, 2025 and October 31, 2026. These time standards can be found [here](#).
 - 1.1.4 Other requirements (if any):
 - (a) An athlete must qualify for the Qualifying Competition, as described in Section 1.3, and compete in the Qualifying Competition.
 - (b) Each athlete that has been Selected to the Team must sign, return, and abide by the applicable competition forms for the Team, 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 (“AQUA”), 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 and over must successfully complete and pass a criminal background check as required by USA Swimming and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”).

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:*

- (a) 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 Available Swimmer 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 can be found in the meet information packet [here](#).

1.3. Comprehensive Selection Process:

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 November 2, 2026 at USA Swimming’s discretion. The specific steps for determining the Available Swimmers to be Selected to the Team are as follows:

- 1.3.1 **Team Size.** The maximum Team size is 20 men and 20 women. Actual Team size will be determined once these Selection Procedures are 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.
- 1.3.2 **Qualifying Competition.** Performances at Finals of 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.
- 1.3.3 **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 November 2, 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, as well as Sections 1.3.4 and 1.3.5, 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 best two finishing Available Swimmers in the 100-meter and 200-meter Freestyle.
- (b) Priority #2. The second Priority will include the best finishing Available Swimmer 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 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 in the 100-meter Freestyle.
- (e) Priority #5. The fifth Priority will include the third best finishing Available Swimmer in the 200-meter Freestyle.
- (f) Priority #6. The sixth Priority will include the fourth best finishing Available Swimmer in the 100-meter Freestyle.
- (g) Priority #7. The seventh Priority will include the fourth best finishing Available Swimmer in the 200-meter Freestyle.

1.3.4 Procedure if Selection to the Team Stands to Exceed 20 per Competition Category. If the application of the procedures in Section 1.3.3 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; however if adding all swimmers from Priority #2 would result in more than 20 swimmers for a competition category to be Selected to the Team, then the swimmers within Priority #2 shall be Selected to the Team in order of the highest Percentage of “A” Standard for the Event within Priority #2 for which they qualify for Selection until a maximum of 20 swimmers are Selected to the Team.
- (c) If all Priority #2 swimmers are Selected to the Team and the maximum Team size has not been attained, then the swimmers from Priority #3 shall be Selected to the Team in order of the highest Percentage of “A” Standard for the Event within Priority #3 for which they qualify for Selection until a maximum of 20 swimmers for that competition category 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 Available Swimmer in Priority #4 will be added to the team.
- (e) If the Priority #4 swimmer has been added to the Team and the maximum Team size has not been attained, then the Available Swimmer in Priority #5 will be added to the Team.
- (f) If the Priority #5 swimmer has been added to the Team and the maximum Team size has not been attained, then the Available Swimmer in Priority #6 will be added to the Team.
- (g) If the Priority #6 swimmer has been added to the Team and the maximum Team size has not been attained, then the Available Swimmer in Priority #7 will be added to the Team.

1.3.5 Breaking a Tie.

- (a) If there is a 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. The swim-off time 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 1.3.5(b).
- (b) If a tie between two or more Available Swimmers in the same Event must be broken after the Qualifying Competition has been completed or because the tie was not broken pursuant to Section 1.3.5(a), the tie will be broken between the Available Swimmers involved in the tie based on their fastest long course meters Time swum in that same Event. 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 in the 100-meter Butterfly during the period from December 1, 2025, through and including August 31, 2026 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) If there is a tie for a spot on the Team between two or more Available Swimmers that tied in the 100-meter Individual Medley (I.M.), the Available Swimmer with the fastest long course meter 200 Individual Medley Time will be Selected to the Team. In the case one Available Swimmer having a long course meter 200 Individual Medley Time and the other swimmer(s) involved in the tie does not, the Available Swimmer with the long course meter 200 Individual Medley Time will be Selected to the Team.. In the case of the tied Available Swimmers not having a long course meter 200 I.M. Time the tie will be broken by random draw.
- (d) Tie Involving Swimmers from Different Events. If the application of Percentage of "A" Standard is used to rank swimmers to be Selected to the Team (i.e., Section 1.3.4), and where the application of the highest Percentage of "A" Standard 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 Time swum in the long-course-meters version of their Event, will be used to break the tie. The Percentage of MS for each Available Swimmer's LCM Time in their Event will be calculated. The Available Swimmer with the lowest Percentage of MS in their respective Event will be Selected to the Team. If this fails to break the tie, the tie will be broken by random draw.

1.3.6 Selection of Swimmers for Events.

- (a) The two Available Swimmers with the fastest times from the Finals in each Event will be given the opportunity to swim that Event at the Championships (for example, the top two fastest

times in the 200-meter Butterfly at the Qualifying Competition will swim the 200-meter Butterfly at the Championships), provided they meet the requirements in Section 1.1.

- (b) If the best finishing swimmer does not achieve the “A” Time Standard in an Event, but achieves a “B” Time Standard, they will swim the Event at the Championships, and there will not be a second U.S. swimmer Selected to the Team in that Event, nor will a second U.S. swimmer swim that Event at the Championships.
- (c) If the Available Swimmer with the fastest time from the Finals has achieved the “A” Time Standard in an Event but the Available Swimmer with the second fastest time from the Finals has not achieved the “A” Time Standard in short course meters in that Event between July 27, 2025 and October 31, 2026 at any USA Swimming sanctioned competition or AQUA-approved meet reflected in the SWIMS database at 11:59pm Mountain Time on November 2, 2026, then the Available Swimmer with the second fastest time from the Finals will not swim in that Event (and may not be Selected to the Team), and the second spot will be filled by the Available Swimmer already on the Team who has the next fastest time in short-course meters of the Event achieved between July 27, 2025 and October 31, 2026 at any USA Swimming sanctioned competition or AQUA-approved meet reflected in the SWIMS database at 11:59pm Mountain Time on November 2, 2026. That Available Swimmer will be given the opportunity to swim that Event at the Championships so long as they have achieved the “A” Standard in that Event. If there is a tie for the next fastest Available Swimmer in an Event, then the tiebreak process in Section 1.3.5(b) will be used.
- (d) If a Priority #2 swimmer fails to make the Team because the Team is full, then the swimmer already on the Team who has recorded the fastest short-course meters time in that Event from July 27, 2025 and October 31, 2026 at any USA Swimming sanctioned competition or AQUA-approved meet reflected in the SWIMS database at 11:59pm Mountain Time on November 2, 2026, will swim in in that Event at the Championships, provided that they have achieved the “A” Time Standard in that Event.
- (e) If there is a vacancy in an Event that arises on or after USA Swimming announces the Team, Section 4 will be used to fill the vacancy.

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

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 Executive Director & Coach, National 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 Executive Director & Coach, National 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. If World Aquatics invites additional athletes to the Championships who are eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition, and these athletes are USA Swimming athlete members in good standing, and unless World Aquatics restricts these athletes from competing in relays, these athletes will also be eligible for selection to all relays held at the Championships.

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:

Executive Director & Coach, National Team and the Head Coach for the Championships.

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 Executive Director & Coach, National Team (or designee) will be responsible for relay selection, with the advice and consent of the Head Coach. Should the Executive Director & Coach, National 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. 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 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 USA Swimming's Selection Procedure Approval Committee, comprised of the Executive Director & Coach, National Team in conjunction with the USA Swimming's President and Chief Executive Officer 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](#), the USOPC's Bylaws, Section 9, and, subject to Section 3.1.5, 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 Executive Director & Coach, National Team. An athlete considering withdrawal is strongly encouraged to submit the written withdrawal by November 8, 2026.
- 3.1.2 The Selection Procedure Approval Committee may remove an athlete prior to or during competition who has an injury or illness, as certified by USA Swimming's Chief Medical Officer or Team Physician in consultation with the lead medical designee for the Championships, and as determined by the Executive Director & Coach, National Team, that is likely to keep them from competing at peak levels in the Championships or that may pose a risk to the athlete's health. If an athlete refuses verification of the illness or injury by an approved physician, the injury could be assumed to keep them from competing at peak levels in the Championships and they may be removed.
- 3.1.3 The Selection Procedure Approval Committee may remove an athlete 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 The Selection Procedure Approval Committee may remove a swimmer 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, November 17, 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 November 17, 2026, 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.
- i. 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 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 1.3.3. 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 procedure described in Section 1.3.4. 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.
- ii. 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 the Available Swimmer already on the Team who has the next fastest time in short-course meters of the Event achieved between July 27, 2025 and October 31, 2026 at any USA Swimming sanctioned competition or AQUA-approved meet reflected in the SWIMS database at 11:59pm Mountain Time on November 2, 2026. That Available Swimmer will be given the opportunity to swim that Event at the Championships so long as they have achieved the “A” Standard in that Event. If there is a tie for the next fastest Available Swimmer in an Event, then the tiebreak process in Section 1.3.5(b) will be used.

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, 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 [here](#).

8. DATE OF SELECTION

The Selection of athletes will be published on the USA Swimming website on or after November 2, 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 Executive Director & Coach, National Team.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>
Travel Option #1	November 25	Various Airports
Travel Option #2	November 27	Various Airports
Last Arrival to Beijing	November 28	Beijing, China
Pre-Competition Days	November 27-30	Beijing, China
Competition	December 1-6	Beijing, China
Return home	December 7	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 [here](#) and Grievance Procedures can be found [here](#).

12. DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on the 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 Executive Director & Coach, National Team at USA Swimming in writing by no later than October 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	Signed by: <i>Kevin Ring</i> 4E4642A2077C4B8...	8/20/2026
Executive Director & Coach, National Team	Greg Meehan	Signed by: <i>Greg Meehan</i> 0207FE3C1328427...	8/20/2026
USA Swimming AAC Chair	Lilly King	DocuSigned by: <i>Lilly King</i> 6E1F2D3FB88B451...	8/20/2026

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