

World Aquatics Championships Singapore 2025
Qualifying period for individual events: 9th March 2024 – 29th June 2025
Standard Entry Times

WOMEN			MEN	
W - "B"	W - "A"		M - "A"	M - "B"
25.73	24.86	50m Freestyle	22.05	22.82
56.15	54.25	100m Freestyle	48.34	50.03
2:02.37	1:58.23	200m Freestyle	1:46.70	1:50.43
4:18.99	4:10.23	400m Freestyle	3:48.15	3:56.14
8:52.63	8:34.62	800m Freestyle	7:48.66	8:05.06
16:59.02	16:24.56	1500m Freestyle	15:01.89	15:33.46
29.21	28.22	50m Backstroke	25.11	25.99
1:02.58	1:00.46	100m Backstroke	53.94	55.83
2:15.67	2:11.08	200m Backstroke	1:58.07	2:02.20
31.83	30.75	50m Breaststroke	27.33	28.29
1:09.21	1:06.87	100m Breaststroke	59.75	1:01.84
2:31.02	2:25.91	200m Breaststroke	2:10.32	2:14.88
27.15	26.23	50m Butterfly	23.36	24.18
1:00.37	58.33	100m Butterfly	51.77	53.58
2:13.73	2:09.21	200m Butterfly	1:56.51	2:00.59
2:17.48	2:12.83	200m Individual Medley	1:59.05	2:03.22
4:52.97	4:43.06	400m Individual Medley	4:17.48	4:26.49

WOMEN		MEN
1 Team	4 x 100 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 200 m Freestyle	1 Team
1 Team	4 x 100 m Medley	1 Team

Mixed 4 x 100 m Freestyle	1 Team
Mixed 4 x 100 m Medley	1 Team

Explanation:

1. The "A" standards for the Singapore 2025 Championships were created by using the faster of two times from:

- The Fukuoka 2023/Doha 2024 "A" qualifying time standard; or
- The 16th place time of the preliminary heats from the Fukuoka 2023 Championships

For these Championships, the standards are as follows:

Women: 7 of the Singapore 2025 "A" time standards are the Fukuoka 2023/Doha 2024 time standard, while 10 are based on the 16th place time of the preliminary heats from the Fukuoka 2023.

Men: 6 of the Singapore 2025 "A" time standards were the Fukuoka 2023/Doha 2024 time standard, while 11 are based on the 16th place time of the preliminary heats from the Fukuoka 2023.

2. All "B" time standards were derived by multiplying the "A" time standard by 3.5%.

**Guam Aquatics Federation
ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY
2025 World Championships, Singapore**

1 Purpose

This Selection Policy outlines the required eligibility and performance standards by which the Guam Aquatics Federation will Select swim athletes to the Team to compete at the 2025 World Aquatics Championships Team to compete **27 July - 3 August in Singapore.**

2 Definitions and Interpretation

2.1 This Selection Policy is to be read in conjunction with the Base Time Proximity Standard, the Guam Aquatics Federation Bylaws and Code of Conduct, and all other rules, regulations and policies of the Federation, World Aquatics, the Guam National Olympic Committee, and the host Competition organizers (collectively **“the Rules”**).

2.2 In this Selection Policy, the following words have the corresponding meaning:

2.2.1 **Base Time Proximity Standard** means the difference between a swimmer’s time in an event compared to the “B” Time Standard established for the Competition (the **“Base Time”**). The resulting time difference is be converted to a percentage to demonstrate how much faster or slower the swimmer’s time in an event is compared to the “B” Time Standard established for that same event. This percentage is calculated by dividing the swimmer’s time by the Base Time, and the quotient is converted to a percentage. The resulting percentage represents how much faster or slower the swimmer’s time in an event is compared to the “B” time in that same event

2.2.2 **Competition** means the **2025 World Aquatics Championships, Singapore.**

2.2.3. **Federation** means the Guam Aquatics Federation.

2.2.4 **Select/Selected/Selection to the Team.** “Select/Selected/Selection to the Team” refers to the Team Selected by the Federation at its discretion.

2.2.5 **Standard Entry Time(s)** means the minimum qualifying “A” and “B” time(s) established for the Competition by World Aquatics.

2.2.6 **Team** means the official Guam National Team (aka Team Guam) that consists of the delegation of athletes and officials Selected and authorized to attend the Competition and represent the Federation and Guam.

2.2.7 **World Aquatics Point Score** means the most recent scoring system and table administered by World Aquatics.

3 Team size and composition

3.1 The Federation's Executive Board will Select the Team swim athletes in accordance with this Selection Policy.

3.2 If four or more swimmers have achieved "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time, and in accordance with applicable eligibility requirements for the Competition, the team size and entry requirements of World Aquatics will be applied.

3.3 If three or less swimmers have achieved either the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time, the team size and entries may be made as follows:¹

3.3.1 With no swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time: up to four (4) swimmers, two (2) men and two (2) women.

3.3.2 With one (1) or two (2) swimmers who has achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time: up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women).

3.3.3 With three (3) swimmers who have achieved the "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.

4 Sport Entries

4.1 Swimmers who have not achieved a Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each. An individual entry for a swimmer without an "A" or "B" Standard Entry Time must be in an event where no other swimmer from the Federation has been entered.²

4.2 Swimmers and relay teams will be entered using the swim qualifying times achieved during the qualification period called the World Aquatics Rankings. The World Aquatics Rankings shall be used as the entry time for seeding purposes. Where no valid time information is recorded in the World Aquatics Rankings, the swimmer or relay team will be entered with no time (NT). Only valid times included in the World

¹ WORLD AQUATICS COMPETITION REG. 6.2.1.1.

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Aquatics Rankings at the date of the deadline for entries and achieved within the qualification period can be accepted as entry times.³

- 4.3 The National Team Head Coach has the discretion to determine which events the swimmers on the Team will compete in. The decision of the National Team Head Coach shall not be subject to or capable of appeal.

5. Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

5.1 Swimmers must meet all Federation and World Aquatics qualifying criteria, time standards, and eligibility requirements in order to be considered for Selection to the Team and to swim different events at the Competition.

5.2 Subject to Article 3, all swimmers who achieve an “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time will be Selected to the Team.

5.3 Subject to Article 3, and with three or less swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time, the Base Time Proximity Standard shall be applied and swimmers will be ranked in order of their percentages with the highest ranking swimmer being the one whose swim time is closest to the Base Time (or “1.000”). The swimmers who come closest to the Base Time will be Selected to the Team in order of their ranking until the maximum allowable number of swimmers is obtained or the Team is considered as full, whichever comes first.

5.4 Breaking a Tie in the Same Event. If the Base Time Proximity Standard is used to rank swimmers to be Selected to the Team, and where the application results in a tie in the same event for the final position(s) on the Team, then the tied event will be disregarded and the swimmer with the highest rank in an event other than the event involved in the tie, shall be Selected to the Team (e.g., if the results of two swimmers in the 100-meter Freestyle are tied, then the swimmer with the highest rank closest to the Base Time of 1.000 in an individual event other than the 100-meter Freestyle will be Selected).

5.5 Breaking a Tie in Different Events. If the Base Time Proximity Standard is used to rank swimmers to be Selected to the Team, and where the application results in a tie in different events for the final position(s) on the Team, then each swimmer’s times in the event for which the tie was achieved will be ranked according to the most recent World Aquatics Points Score. The swimmer with the highest World Aquatics Points Score will be Selected to the team.

³ WORLD AQUATICS COMPETITION REG. 6.2.3.

6. National Team Membership

6.1 There is no automatic Selection or guarantee of Selection to the Team regardless of qualification or ranking. All eligible and qualified athletes will be considered subject to the Rules and other applicable criteria including but not limited to residency, gender, sportsmanship, and maturity.

6.2 If Selection is approved by the Federation's Executive Board and membership to the Team is offered, then by virtue of their acceptance of Selection and membership to the Team, each swimmer (and if a minor, then also their parents and guardians) explicitly and without condition warrants that he/she understands, accepts, and agrees to be bound by the Rules. Swimmers (and their parents/guardians) agree that they may be removed from the Team if one or more of the following occur:

6.2.1 The athlete has violated the Rules;

6.2.2 The athlete has not met the Federation's requirements in relation to training and participation in training camps as may be identified and required by the Federation in its discretion;

6.2.3 The Federation is not satisfied that the athlete is appropriately committed to training and has both achieved and is maintaining an appropriate level of health and fitness to achieve their peak performance at the Competition; or

6.2.4 The athlete has not completed, signed, and returned to the Federation any and all documents that are required to be completed by the established deadline.

6.3 Should a swimmer withdraw or be removed from the Team at any time following their Selection to the Team, the Federation may in its absolute discretion, but is not required to, replace the swimmer with the next immediate eligible ranking athlete.

7 Amendments and Changes

7.1 Changes in this Selection Policy or the selection/eligibility procedures caused by a change in World Aquatics, the host Competition organizing committee, and/or host country rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately.

7.1 The Federation reserves the absolute right and discretion to determine, audit, correct, and to make adjustments to this Selection Policy and to its own qualifying criteria, time standards, and other eligibility requirements at any time and in variance with the relevant competition and/or event.

Base Time Proximity

Definition: "Base Time" - the qualifying time set by the meet organizers to swim in that event. Example: The qualifying "B" time or "OST" (Olympic Selection Time) for the **Olympics 2020**, in the Men's 100 free is 50.03. The "A" time or "OQT" (Olympic Qualifying Time) is 48.57.

Issue: Assume we have 3 top swimmers, but we can only send one to a very important event. Who do we send, and why?? What method do we use to make the determination? Is the FINA point system the only correct or fair method? .

Answer: No. There may be other methods.

Alternative Method: Base Time Proximity analysis. Determines who has achieved a time that is closest to the qualifying "Base Time" for an event. .

Reasoning: The athlete with a time that is closest to the Base Time of an event, means that athlete has a higher probability of achieving the Base Time, meaning the athlete is better than an athlete who is further away from the Base Time.

The use of the Base Time standard eliminates other issues when comparing athletes participating in in different events.

DISCUSSION ON USING THE BASE TIME AS A STANDARD:

Base Time from "B" qualifying time for 2020 Olympics:

Event:	a. 100 Free	b. 200 Back	c. 200 Medley (I.M.)
Base Time:	50.03	2:01.03	2:03.26

Assume: 3 Guam athletes, 3 events and times, Men:

Event:	a. 100 Free	b. 200 Back	c. 200 Medley (I.M.)
Time:	53.60	2:09.30	2:16.80

Step 1. Convert FINA **Base Time** to be in "seconds".

Event:	a. 100 Free	b. 200 Back	c. 200 Medley (I.M.)
Base Time:	50.03	2:01.03	2:03.26
In Seconds:	50.03	121.03	123.26

Step 2. Convert athletes time to be in “seconds”.

Event:	a. 100 Free	b. 200 Back	c. 200 Medley (I.M.)
Time:	53.60	2:09.30	2:16.80
In Seconds:	53.60	129.30	136.80

Step 3. Formula: $\frac{\text{Athletes time}}{\text{Base Time}} = \text{Proximity to Base Time, in “\%”}$

Explanation:

- i. If athlete made exactly the base time, then it would be 1/1 or 1.
- ii. Example: Athlete swims 100 fr. in 50.03; Base Time is 50.03.
So $50.03/50.03 = 1$
- iii. Base Time is the common denominator.
- iv. If athlete swam it in 53.60, then: $\frac{53.60}{50.03} = 1.0713571856\%$
- v. 53.40 is 1.0713571856% greater or larger than the Base Time of 50.03.

Step 4. Compare the other athletes times to the Base Time for their event. Use the converted times in seconds in the Formula.

Event:	a. 100 Free	b. 200 Back	c. 200 Medley (I.M.)
Athlete:	<u>53.60</u>	<u>129.30</u>	<u>136.80</u>
Base Time:	50.03	121.03	123.26
Calculate:	1.0713571856%	1.0683301660%	1.1098490994%

Step 5. Results or Findings:

The athlete with a time closest to the Base Time (or “ 1 “) for his event is for the “ **b. 200 Back.**”

Step 6. Compare to FINA points method.

Event:	a. 100 Free	b. 200 Back	c. 200 Medley (I.M.)
Time:	53.60	2:09.30	2:16.80
FINA Points:	670	648	578

FINA Points method would determine that the 100 free athlete is the better swimmer. But is this true? The 100 free is the world’s most popular event and may have been given more weight. This fact is not stated or made a part of FINA’s determination or explanation.

Note: The above FINA points from: 2021 LCM FINA POINT system.

Conclusion: The FINA POINT method differs from the Base Standard methodology I presented. **But is it correct when it comes to sending the best athlete? Not necessarily.** What is really correct may depend on one's philosophy.

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