

Guam Aquatics Federation
ATHLETE SELECTION POLICY
2025 Junior Swimming Championships. Otopeni, Romania

1 Purpose

This Selection Policy outlines the required eligibility and performance standards by which the Guam Aquatics Federation will Select swim athletes (“swimmer” or “athlete”) to the Team to compete at the 2025 World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships on **2025 August 19 to 24 in Otopeni, Romania.**

The qualifying period established by Guam Aquatics for these Championships is **15 April 2024 to 17 May 2025.**

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 terms, conditions, directives, decisions, orders, codes, policies, standards, rules and/or regulations whatsoever promulgated by the Federation, World Aquatics, the Guam National Olympic Committee, the host country, and the Competition organizers, including all amendments, updates, and reenactments thereto as may adopted from time to time. 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 Standard Entry Time established for the Competition (the “Base Time”). The resulting time difference is converted to a percentage to demonstrate how much faster or slower the swimmer’s time in an event is compared to the Standard Entry Time established for that same event. This percentage is calculated by dividing the swimmer’s best 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 Standard Entry Time in that same event

2.2.2 **Competition** means the 2025 World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships.

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

2.2.4 **Select/Selected/Selection** refers to the Team Selected by the Federation in its discretion.

2.2.5 **Standard Entry Time(s)** means the minimum qualifying time(s) established for the Competition by Guam Aquatics as set out in **Appendix 1**, attached.

2.2.6 **Team** or **Team Guam** means the official Guam National Team 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 the 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 the Standard Entry Time, the team size and entries may be made as follows:¹

3.3.1 With no swimmers who have achieved the 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 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 Standard Entry Time, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented and the additional swimmer is the next highest ranked athlete utilizing the Base Time Proximity Standard, subject to the tie-breaking criteria set out in 5.3 and 5.4

4 Sport Entries

4.1 Entry times will only be accepted if they have been achieved within the qualifying period of 15 April 2024 to 17 May 2025. All times achieved outside this qualifying period will not be accepted.

4.2 Up to two (2) swimmers per event, and one (1) relay team may be entered.

¹ WORLD AQUATICS COMPETITION REG. 6.2.1.1.

- 4.3 If a swimmer has previously attended a World Aquatics event and has a qualifying time from that event achieved during the qualification period (called the “World Aquatics Rankings”), then that time 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 Aquatics Rankings at the date of the deadline for entries and achieved within the qualification period can be accepted as entry times.¹
- 4.4 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.

5.1.1 To be considered for Selection, an athlete must be a male or female age 14 to 18 years on 31 December 2025 (born in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011).

5.2 Subject to Article 3, and with three or less swimmers who have achieved the 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.

5.3 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 (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).

5.4 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.

¹ 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 or suspended 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.

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

Appendix 1

World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships Otopeni 2025
Competition Dates: 19 - 24 August 2025
Qualifying period: 15 April 2024 – 17 May 2025

STANDARD ENTRY TIMES		
SELECTION EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
100m Freestyle	50.65	56.41
200m Freestyle	1:51.08	2:02.92
400m Freestyle	3:55.93	4:19.01
800m Freestyle	8:14.80	8:55.87
1500m Freestyle	15:55.10	17:09.43
100m Backstroke	56.23	1:02.92
200m Backstroke	2:04.59	2:16.56
100m Breaststroke	1:03.48	1:10.39
200m Breaststroke	2:19.16	2:32.32
100m Butterfly	54.49	1:01.26
200m Butterfly	2:01.23	2:15.47
200 IM	2:04.40	2:21.04
400 IM	4:31.13	4:59.98

Explanation:

Time standards are the 16th place time of the preliminary heats from the 2023 Junior Championships, Netanya Israel.