



Guam Aquatics Federation  
Athlete Selection Policy and Standard Entry Times

World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026  
Beijing, People's Republic of China

## 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 World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026 between **December 1 to 6, 2026 in Beijing, People's Republic of China.**

The qualifying period established by Guam Aquatics for these Championships is **27 July 2025 to 31 September 2026.** In its sole discretion, the Federation may extend the qualifying period beyond 31 September 2026, but in no case shall the qualifying period be extended beyond 15 November 2026, nor shall it begin any earlier than 27 July 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 **Athlete** means **swimmer**, and vice versa.

2.2.2 **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

2.2.3 **Competition** means the **World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026, Beijing (CHN)**.

2.2.4. **Federation** means the Guam Aquatics Federation.

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

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

2.2.7 **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.

2.2.8 **World Aquatics Point Score** means the most recent scoring system and table administered and published 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:<sup>1</sup>

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 have 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.

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<sup>1</sup> WORLD AQUATICS COMPETITION REG. 6.2.1.1.

## **4 Sport Entries**

- 4.1 Swimmers who have not achieved a Standard Entry Time will be permitted to enter only 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.<sup>2</sup> The highest ranked swimmer in an individual event shall have priority to swim the event.
- 4.2 Only individual events of 100 meters or more may be entered and swam at the Competition. No 50-meter events are permitted to be entered unless the swimmer has actually achieved the posted World Aquatics “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time at a qualifying competition within the qualifying period.
- 4.3 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 Aquatics Rankings at the date of the deadline for entries and achieved within the qualification period can be accepted as entry times.<sup>3</sup>
- 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, residency and other 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, swimmers who achieve a World Aquatics [“A” or “B” Standard Entry Time](#) will be Selected to the Team.
- 5.3 Subject to Article 3, swimmers who have not achieved an “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time shall be ranked in order of their percentages as determined by the Base Time Proximity Standard, with the highest ranking swimmer being the one whose swim time is closest to the Base Time (or “1.000”) in an individual event of 100-meters or more. 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.

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<sup>2</sup> WORLD AQUATICS COMPETITION REG. 6.2.1.1.

<sup>3</sup> WORLD AQUATICS COMPETITION REG. 6.2.3.

- 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 whose percentage is 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.

## **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.

- 6.4 **This is a self-funded competition.** In the event any subsidy becomes available, priority shall be given to the top male and female athlete who comes the closest to achieving a score of “1.000” in an individual event of 100-meters or more under the Base Time Proximity Standard. Any costs not covered by a subsidy (including travel, lodging, visas, and meals) are the responsibility of the 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 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.



### Qualifying period for entry times

The qualification for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026 Beijing (CHN) is set out below. Entry times will only be accepted if they have been achieved at a World Aquatics-approved qualification event, either in a 25m pool or a 50m pool, within the period **27 July 2025 - 15 November 2026**. All times achieved outside this qualifying period will not be accepted. The Standard Entry Times for the World Aquatics Championships Singapore 2025 will be applied as the standard times for 50m pool competitions.

### Qualifying Time Standards (25m)

Women			Men	
<b>B (+3.5 % of A)</b>	<b>A</b>		<b>A</b>	<b>B (+3.5 % of A)</b>
25.18	24.33	50 Freestyle	21.19	21.93
54.88	53.02	100 Freestyle	46.89	48.53
1:59.65	1:55.60	200 Freestyle	1:43.48	1:47.10
4:14.89	4:06.27	400 Freestyle	3:42.18	3:49.96
8:44.98	8:27.23	800 Freestyle	7:42.39	7:58.57
16:37.32	16:03.59	1500 Freestyle	14:49.29	15:20.42
27.47	26.54	50 Backstroke	23.37	24.19
59.53	57.52	100 Backstroke	50.81	52.59
2:09.93	2:05.54	200 Backstroke	1:52.11	1:56.03
31.27	30.21	50 Breaststroke	26.25	27.17
1:07.24	1:04.97	100 Breaststroke	57.38	59.39
2:26.88	2:21.91	200 Breaststroke	2:06.23	2:10.65
26.62	25.72	50 Butterfly	22.43	23.22
59.41	57.40	100 Butterfly	50.15	51.91
2:13.36	2:08.85	200 Butterfly	1:53.19	1:57.15
1:01.74	59.65	100 Individual Medley	52.98	54.83
2:13.90	2:09.37	200 Individual Medley	1:55.25	1:59.28
4:47.17	4:37.46	400 Individual Medley	4:08.87	4:17.58

#### Explanation:

- The "A" standards for the Beijing 2026 were created by using the faster of two times from:
  - The Budapest 2024 "A" qualifying time standards; or
  - The 16<sup>th</sup> place time of the preliminary heats from the Budapest 2024

For these Championships, the standards are as follows:

**Women:** 6 of the Beijing 2026 "A" time standards are the Budapest 2024 "A" time standard, while 12 are based on the 16<sup>th</sup> place time of the preliminary heats from the Budapest 2024.

**Men:** 4 of the Beijing 2026 "A" time standards are the Budapest 2024 "A" time standard, while 14 are based on the 16<sup>th</sup> place time of the preliminary heats from the Budapest 2024.

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



### Qualifying Time Standards (50m)

Women			Men	
B (+3.5 % of A)	A		A	B (+3.5 % of A)
25.73	24.86	50 Freestyle	22.05	22.82
56.15	54.25	100 Freestyle	48.34	50.03
2:02.37	1:58.23	200 Freestyle	1:46.70	1:50.43
4:18.99	4:10.23	400 Freestyle	3:48.15	3:56.14
8:52.63	8:34.62	800 Freestyle	7:48.66	8:05.06
16:59.02	16:24.56	1500 Freestyle	15:01.89	15:33.46
29.21	28.22	50 Backstroke	25.11	25.99
1:02.58	1:00.46	100 Backstroke	53.94	55.83
2:15.67	2:11.08	200 Backstroke	1:58.07	2:02.20
31.83	30.75	50 Breaststroke	27.33	28.29
1:09.21	1:06.87	100 Breaststroke	59.75	1:01.84
2:31.02	2:25.91	200 Breaststroke	2:10.32	2:14.88
27.15	26.23	50 Butterfly	23.36	24.18
1:00.37	58.33	100 Butterfly	51.77	53.58
2:13.73	2:09.21	200 Butterfly	1:56.51	2:00.59
2:17.48	2:12.83	200 Individual Medley	1:59.05	2:03.22
4:52.97	4:43.06	400 Individual Medley	4:17.48	4:26.49

### Qualifying competitions

World Aquatics-approved qualification events for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) – Beijing 2026 can be found on the World Aquatics website ([LINK](#)).