

ANNEX

Timeline of events surrounding selection of women's 4x100m medley relay squad:

July 3

World Aquatics (AQUA) sent Singapore Aquatics (SAQ) an email informing SAQ that Singapore, on an “exceptional basis”, had been given one extra relay-only slot to participate at the Paris Olympics.

The women's 4x100m medley relay team of Letitia Sim, Levenia Sim, Quah Ting Wen and Quah Jing Wen, had met the Olympic qualifying mark at the World Aquatics Championships in February. But to earn a slot to the Paris Olympics, it needed to have no more than two relay-only swimmers in its quartet. As Letitia Sim was the only swimmer who made the Olympic Qualifying Time (OQT), Singapore, with three relay-only swimmers, did not fulfill the AQUA requirement.

AQUA requested confirmation of the slot by July 4 and the swimmers signed a letter of acceptance.

July 5

AQUA, after tabulating its Olympics Consideration Time (OCT) entries, sent an email to SAQ to invite Gan Ching Hwee to compete in Paris. Gan had clocked a new national record of 16 minutes 10.61 seconds in the women's 1,500m freestyle June's Singapore National Swimming Championships to meet the OCT. Her effort was just shy of the OQT of 16:09.09 - which would have earned her direct entry to Paris.

In accordance with [SAQ's selection criteria](#), since the relay team did not meet the two relay-only swimmer requirement, the OCT invitation was given priority over the third relay-only spot.

SAQ QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

1. All athletes with an Olympic Qualification Time (OQT)
2. Athletes in relays (also referred to as Relay-Only Athletes)
3. Invited athletes who have achieved an Olympic Consideration Time (OCT)
4. Universality Places

Based on the qualification pathway:

- If either gender does not have a OQT or relay selection, NOC to submit request for Universality place for that gender.
- If by 4th July that gender does not have OQT, OCT invitation or relay qualifier, NOC will confirm use of universality.
- If reallocation of unused quota results in an OCT invitation on the 5th of July, that OCT invitation will take priority over universality.
- SAQ will **NOT** notify any athlete of universality confirmation until such time all OCT invitations are finalised by WA.

Gan accepted the invitation.

AQUA added that should Gan accept the invitation, its offer of an extra relay-only slot accorded to Singapore on July 3 was no longer valid. AQUA added that should Gan accept the invitation, she could swim in both the individual and relay events.

With Letitia and Gan already accepted to the Olympics, a decision had to be made to select the two remaining slots to form the relay.

SAQ's Selection Committee met and considered all permutations for the best outcome for the relay team of Letitia, Gan, and two more relay-only swimmers. The committee decided on the following line-up: backstroke (Levenia), breaststroke (Letitia), butterfly (Jing Wen) and freestyle (Gan).

Following the decision on the relay team, Ting Wen lodged an appeal.

July 7

An SAQ Appeals Committee met to consider Ting Wen's case. The committee decided to uphold the Selection Committee's decision.

SAQ continued its own appeal for AQUA to reinstate the one extra relay-only slot.

July 8

AQUA informs SAQ that its appeal to reinstate the one extra relay-only slot was not successful.

SAQ finalises its team of swimmers for the Paris Olympics.