

Selection Policy for Emerging Talents Program 2026

Qualifying Period

1 January 2026 – 22 March 2026

Selection Events

- Singapore Swim Series 2026 (January and February)
- 56th Singapore National Age Group Swimming Championships 2026

Age Criteria

The Emerging Talents Program is open to swimmers from the following age groups (as of 31 December 2026)

- 11 Years Old (Born in 2015)
- 12 Years Old (Born in 2014)
- 13 Years Old (Born in 2013)

Performance Requirements

To be considered for selection for individual events for the 2026 Emerging Talents Program, swimmers are required to:

- Participate in the **200m Individual Medley** event at the Singapore Swim Series 2026 (January and February) or 56th Singapore National Age Group 2026.
- The **top 6** swimmers in the event per gender and age group will be selected
- ALL times achieved from Heats and Finals in the designated selection meet are eligible for selection.
- Times from the selection meets will be collated and a depth chart created to determine performance rank of swimmers per event, age criteria and gender.
 - The top 6 swimmers per age group and gender will be invited (18 Males and 18 Females)

Sparring Program and Clinics

Swimmers selected to be part of the Emerging Talents Program will be invited to join the ETP Sparring Program as well as specially organized clinics throughout the course of the year.

Information will be updated and sent to club administrators when available.

Eligibility

To be considered for selection, a swimmer must meet all the following eligibility criteria and maintain through the Championships:

1. Be a Singapore citizen, eligible to represent Singapore.
2. Be a registered member of SAQ in good standing.
3. Not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the athlete's body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in ADS's, WADA's or WA's Anti-Doping By-law.

Team Size

1. SAQ intends to select 6 swimmers per age group and gender, for a total of 36 swimmers (18 male and 18 female).
 - 11 Years Old (Born in 2015)
 - a. Top 6 Males
 - b. Top 6 Females
 - 12 Years Old (Born in 2014)
 - a. Top 6 Males
 - b. Top 6 Females
 - 13 Years Old (Born in 2013)
 - a. Top 6 Males
 - b. Top 6 Females

ETP Sparring Program Schedule

To be announced through club administrators.

Appeals Process

Swimmers who demonstrate excellence in their respective events that do not qualify for the program as well as swimmers who display significant progress after the selection event may appeal to be selected for this program. All appeals will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis through the High-Performance Team. All appeals must be submitted through the swimmer's club to hpt@sqaquatics.org.sg.

- National Head Coach
- Technical Director
- High-Performance Manager
- High-Performance Executive
- ETP Coach