

Selection Policy for
48th Southeast Asian Age Group Swimming Championships 2026
27 – 29 November 2026
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Qualifying Period

1 May 2026 – (TBC) 30 June 2026 (Pending release of Organiser's timelines)

Selection Events

21st Singapore National Swimming Championships 2026

- Overseas Based (OSB) Athletes not returning for SGP based National Qualification meets can utilize the following standardised windows where the SGP meet falls to substitute those meets with eligible qualification meets **within the Qualification Window (1 May 2026 to 30 June 2026, pending release of Organiser's timelines):**
- OSB Athletes selected meets must comply with World Aquatics rules. Submission of these meets must be received prior to the selected event and by the latest at Singapore Aquatics (SAQ) by 1700hrs, prior to participation in their selection meet.
 - OSB athletes intending to nominate an alternate meet are required to declare this to SAQ 48h before the start of the SGP based National Qualification meets. Once declared, results from the SGP based National Qualification meet will not be considered, regardless of participation.
 - Nomination of Overseas meet is to be sent to tracie.tan@sqaquatics.org.sg
 - The overseas based athlete is responsible to seek clarification from the host country that the meet is officiated under World Aquatics rules.
 - Any times submitted that are not from an eligible qualifying sanctioned event will NOT be accepted.
 - Official results must be sent directly to SAQ within two days of the meet conclusion.
 - Send results to tracie.tan@sqaquatics.org.sg

Athlete Eligibility

Athletes qualified for the following competitions will not be eligible for selection for the 2026 Southeast Asian Age Group Swimming Championships:

- Asian Games 2026
- Commonwealth Games 2026
- Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships 2026

Age Criteria

Age group classifications are **pending release of information by Organisers.**

Age group classifications for this Championship: (Age as of 31 Dec 2026)

- Group 1: 16 – 18 Years (Born in year 2008 to 2010)
- Group 2: 14 – 15 Years (Born in year 2011 to 2012)
- Group 3: 13 years and under (Born in year 2013 or later)

Event funding type

This competition has one funding level:

- Tier 1 – Self-Funded

**Athletes in all tiers will receive the team attire kit if they were not on the 47th SEA Age Group roster.*

Performance Requirements (Group 1: 16 – 18 Years)

The following will be used to select swimmers for individual events at the 48th South-East Asia Age Group Championship 2026, Malaysia.

- Achieve the minimum time standard set by Singapore Aquatics for the 16 – 18 Years age group for both genders (Table 1)
- ALL Times achieved from Heats and Finals in the designated selection meet are eligible for selection.
 - a. Times from individual time-trials are **NOT** eligible for selection purposes
 - b. Times accomplished as a split of an individual event will **NOT** be used as qualifying times
 - c. Relay Lead offs and split times from relays will **NOT** be considered for the selection of individual events.
- Times from the selection meet will be collated and a depth chart created to determine performance rank of swimmers per event, age criteria and gender.
- There is a maximum of 3 spots per event in each Age Group and Gender.
 - a. In the event of a withdrawal from any of the top 3 swimmers, the next fastest swimmer would be selected to represent in the event.
 - b. Each swimmer would be allowed to swim a maximum of 8 individual events in total
 - c. A maximum of 3 rounds of invitation will be sent out. Any remaining spots after the third round of invitation will be left empty.
- In case of a tie in an event, swimmers will be selected based on the following order
 - i. Finals results
 - ii. Prelim Results
 - iii. Highest average Swimming (AQUA) point for 3 events swum within the selection meet.

Performance Requirements (Group 2 and 3: 14 – 15 Years and 13 Years and Under)

The following will be used to select swimmers for individual events at the 48th South-East Asia Age Group Championship 2026, Malaysia.

- ALL Times achieved from Heats and Finals in the designated selection meet are eligible for selection.
 - a. Times from individual time-trials are **NOT** eligible for selection purposes
 - b. Times accomplished as a split of an individual event will **NOT** be used as qualifying times
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Criteria for Selection for Relay Events

- Selections for relays will be done from within the total team selected for the 2026 Southeast Asian Age Group Swimming Championship.
- SAQ philosophy is to ensure that the best possible relay team is on the blocks representing Singapore at the Championship meet. The final composition of the team will be determined by the coaching and management staff at the competition.

Coaches Selection

SAQ will nominate the Head Coach for the 48th South-East Asia Age Group Swimming Championship. The Head Coach is selected based on previous experience and demonstrated capacity whilst representing Team SGP at Major Games and/or SAQ appointed international team staff.

The number of assistant coaches will depend on the number of swimmers selected. Based on the ratio of 1 coach to 6 swimmers with a max of 2 coaches per club.

Coaches must be registered as NROC and CoachSAQ members to be selected.

The coaches will be selected in accordance with the following priority:

1. Nominated Coach (Coach of record) based on the number of swimmers on the team.
 2. Nominated Club Coach based on the number of swimmers on the team
- The National Head Coach will have the discretion to add coaches to the team
 - All selected coaches will be given the opportunity to have leadership positions for purposes of this meet based on previous experience and demonstrated capacity whilst representing with National and SAQ appointed meets and Camp staff.

Team Size

1. SAQ shall not be obligated to take a full team of three (3) athletes per event should a qualifying athlete reject the offer at the end of the third round of invitations or if any slot is vacant.
2. The selection of athletes that have met all eligibility and Performance Requirements will be announced in July 2026.

Notes

This Selection Policy shall be read in conjunction with the *Singapore Aquatics Selection Policy – General Provisions (Non-SNOC Meets)* document. In the event of any inconsistency, the General Provisions shall prevail in respect of **Replacement Meets for Overseas-Based Athletes, General Eligibility, Team Commitments, and Selection and Appeals**, unless explicitly varied herein.

**Table 1: SAQ Qualification Standards for 2026 Southeast Asian Age Group
 Qualification Times for Group 1: 16 - 18 Years Old**

Event	Female	Male
50FR	00:27.66	00:24.53
100FR	01:00.36	00:53.78
200FR	02:11.55	01:58.71
400FR	04:38.41	04:13.85
800FR	09:32.58	08:41.44
1500FR	18:15.45	16:43.47
50BK	00:31.40	00:27.94
100BK	01:07.27	01:00.02
200BK	02:25.85	02:11.36
50BR	00:34.19	00:30.41
100BR	01:14.40	01:06.48
200BR	02:42.35	02:25.00
50FL	00:29.19	00:25.99
100FL	01:04.90	00:57.60
200FL	02:23.76	02:09.63
200IM	02:27.79	02:12.46
400IM	05:14.94	04:46.48

**Only applicable to Group 1: 16 – 18 Years*