SINGAPORE AQUATICS

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Selection Policy for

12th Asian Age Group Championships 2026

17 – 21 July 2026

Bangkok, Thailand

Summary of qualification process

Swimmers must place top 2 in their event by age group and gender.

Swimmers will then be ranked by their highest AQUA Point according to gender and age group

Thereafter, the Top 5 ranked swimmers per gender and age group will be selected

**Please see document for further details.*

Qualifying Period

1 January 2026 – 31 May 2026

Key Dates

Competition Date: 17 – 21 July 2026

Travel Dates: 15 – 22 July 2026

Deadlines

Registration of Interest and additional events: 27 May 2026, 9am

Withdrawal from Selection consideration: 27 May 2026, 9am

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 January 2026 to 31 May 2026)**:
  - 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 or replacement meet, whichever comes first. 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@sgaquatics.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@sgaquatics.org.sg

Athlete Eligibility

Athletes qualified for the following competitions will not be eligible for selection for the 12th Asian Age Group Swimming Championships 2026:

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

Age Criteria

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

- Group A: 17 – 18 Years (2008 – 2009)
- Group B: 15 – 16 Years (2010 – 2011)
- Group C: 13 – 14 Years (2012 – 2013)

Event funding type

This competition has one funding level:

- Tier 1 – Self-Funded
  - Estimated cost of trip: SGD $2,000

**Athletes in all tiers will receive team attire kit.*[1]

Performance Requirements

To be considered for selection for individual events for the 12th Asian Age Group Swimming Championships 2026, swimmers are required to:

- Be the top 2 swimmers per event* in each age group and gender, for further consideration.
  - **The event must be offered at the meet.*
- Swimmers will then be ranked with their highest AQUA Point (AP) according to gender and age-group, regardless of event.
- Thereafter, the Top 5 ranked swimmers per gender and age group will be selected

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- SAQ will consider a team of up to 5 male and 5 female swimmers per age group, for a total of 30 swimmers across three age groups.
- ALL times achieved from Heats and Finals in the designated selection meet (and OSB designated meets) are eligible for selection.
  - **NOT** Eligible for selection of individual events:

        - Times from individual time-trials
        - Times accomplished as a split of an individual event
        - Relay Lead offs and split times from relays
- Times from the selection meets will be collated and a depth chart will be created to determine performance rank of swimmers within their age group and gender.
    - The top 5 swimmers will be invited per gender and age group (15 Males and 15 Females)
        - If there is a tie in AP to determine the top 5 swimmers per gender, the following priority will apply:
            - AP at the finals of that same event shall take priority over AP achieved at the prelims.
            - If there continues to be a tie, the event with their next highest AQUA point will be used, with priority of AP achieved in the finals over AP achieved in the prelims.
            - In the event that a tie is not resolved following the 2nd tie-breaking round, the prescribed tie-breaking process above shall be repeated for each subsequent round as required until resolution is achieved.
    - Where a swimmer ranked in the top 5 per gender/age group withdraws, declines, or does not register their intent to compete by the prescribed deadline, selection consideration will pass to the next highest-ranked eligible swimmer by AP who had registered their intent to compete.
    - The selection of athletes that have met all the eligibility and Performance Requirements will be announced in June 2026 (Pending approval by Organisers on the timelines).

Criteria for Selection for Relay Events

- Selections for relays will be done from within the total team selected for the 12th Asian Age Group Swimming Championship 2026.
- 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.

Registration of Interest and Event Selection

- Swimmers must register their intent to compete via the Google Form link by the stipulated deadline (**9:00am, 27 May 2026**). Swimmers who do not submit the intent to compete form or have indicated that they would not be participating will not be eligible for selection.
- Swimmers must participate in events that they are qualified for
- There is a limit of 2 swimmers per nation per event at these championships
- Swimmers may express interest to participate in additional events at the competition by 27 May 2026, 9am through the google form if there are additional spaces available
- Thereafter, swimmers will be ranked by their fastest time from a sanctioned meet during the selection window to determine if they can participate in the additional event(s)

Coaches Selection

SAQ will nominate the Head Coach for the 12th Asian Age Group Swimming Championship 2026. 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) of highest ranked athletes
2. Nominated Coach (Coach of record) based on the number of swimmers on the team.
3. 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 intends to send 5 representatives per gender and age group for a total of 30 swimmers (15 male and 15 female).

2. SAQ shall not be obligated to take a full team of 30 athletes should a qualifying athlete or suitable developing athlete not be available for selection.

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.

[1]*All athletes issued official Singapore Aquatics team attire are required to retain such items for a minimum of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance. Athletes are personally responsible for ensuring that their team attire is not lost, misplaced, traded, or transferred to any other party. Failure to comply may result in the athlete being required to replace the item(s) at their own cost and/or disciplinary action at the discretion of Singapore Aquatics.*

Events offered at the 12th Asian Age Group Championships 2026

ASIA AQUATICS

12th ASIAN AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS
BANGKOK - THAILAND

15. EVENTS

A. SWIMMING

EVENTS	17 - 18		15-16		13-14	
	B	G	B	G	B	G
50 m Free	*	*	*	*	*	*
100 m Free	*	*	*	*	*	*
200 m Free	*	*	*	*	*	*
400 m Free	*	*	*	*	*	*
800 m Free	*	*	*	*		
1500 m Free	*	*	*	*		
50 m Breast	*	*	*	*	*	*
100 m Breast	*	*	*	*	*	*
200 m Breast	*	*	*	*	*	*
50 m Back	*	*	*	*	*	*
100 m Back	*	*	*	*	*	*
200 m Back	*	*	*	*	*	*
50 m Butterfly	*	*	*	*	*	*
100 m Butterfly	*	*	*	*	*	*
200 m Butterfly	*	*	*	*	*	*
200 m Individual Medley	*	*	*	*	*	*
400 m Individual Medley	*	*	*	*		
4 × 100 m Free Relay	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 × 200 m Free Relay	*	*	*	*		
4 × 100 m Medley Relay	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 ×100 m Free Relay(Mixed)	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 × 100 m Medley Relay (Mixed)	*	*	*	*	*	*