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Selection Policy for

World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026

1 – 6 December 2026

Beijing, China

Selection Events

Singapore National Swimming Short-Course Meters Invitational 2026 (25m)

20th Asian Games 2026 (50m)

World Aquatics Swimming World Cup 2025 – Stop 1, 2, 3 (25m)

12th Singapore National Swimming Championships 2026 (25m)

Event funding type

Swimmers who meet the WA 'A' or 'B' Time standard will be fully funded for the travel.

Performance Requirements

Criteria for Selection for Individual Events:

To be **considered** for selection for individual events for the WA Swimming Championships (25m) 2026, swimmers are required to:

- Achieve the minimum time standard for the meet. Refer to Table 1 (Long-Course Meters (LCM)) and 2 (Short-Course Meters (SCM)) for WA Time standards. Below is SAQ's age criteria based on the WA Time standards:
    - 'A' Time standard – Open to all ages
    - 'B' Time standard – For 18 years old and under only (As of 31 December 2026)
- ALL Times achieved from Heats and Finals in the designated selection meet are eligible for selection.
    - NOT Eligible for selection of individual events:
        i. Times from individual time-trials
        ii. Times accomplished as a split of an individual event
        iii. Relay Lead offs and split times from relays
- Swimmers will be selected by the following priority-
    1. Individual A SCM Qualifiers
    2. Individual A LCM Qualifiers
    3. Individual B SCM Qualifiers
    4. Individual B LCM Qualifiers
- A maximum of two swimmers can be entered per event provided both swimmers meet the 'A' Time standard. The fastest two swimmers with 'A' Time standards after the qualifying period will be selected.
- Should a swimmer decline invitation the next ranked qualified swimmer will be invited.
- Only one swimmer can qualify with a 'B' Time standard provided no swimmers with the 'A' Time standard in that event is participating, and they are the fastest 'B' Time standard.
- Should two or more swimmers achieve the same qualifying time at any SAQ approved selection meets then the swimmer's second fastest time (and subsequent times should there continue to be a

tie) in that event in the Selection Events will be used to determine which swimmer is selected. Times will only be considered from SAQ Qualification meets listed in Selection Events.

- 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.
- Relay lead-off times or splits will only be considered for additional individual events if the swimmer is selected in other individual events already.
- The selection of athletes that have met all the eligibility and Performance Requirements will be announced in November 2026.

Beijing 2026 Wild Card

Athletes who have obtained and accepted a Beijing 2026 Wild Card invitation through the Beijing 2026 Wild Card Programme will be entitled to participate in the individual event at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) – Beijing 2026 for which they obtained a Wild Card Invitation. Wild Card entries will be allowed in addition to:

- the maximum quota of two (2) athletes per event per National Federation; and
- the maximum team size of twenty-six (26) athletes per gender per National Federation.

This means that if a National Federation exceeds 26 athletes per gender due to the Wild Card athletes from that National Federation, the maximum team size will be increased to include the additional athlete(s).

A Wild Card Athlete may be entered in additional individual events provided that:

- the Athlete has achieved at least the applicable "B" Qualification Time Standard in the additional event(s) and the National Federation has no other entered athlete in the event(s); or
- the Athlete has achieved the applicable "A" Qualification Time Standard in the additional event(s) and the National Federation has only one (1) entered athlete who has achieved the applicable "A" Qualification Time Standard in the event(s).

Wild Card Athletes having achieved only one (1) "A" entry time are entitled to enter one (1) additional event. The additional individual event must be in an event where no other swimmer from the same National Federation has been entered.

Please refer to the Beijing 2026 Wild Card Programme on the WA website for full details.

Criteria for Selection for Relay Events:

- Selections for relays will be done from within the total team selected for the meet only.
    - There will be no selection for relay-only swimmers.
- 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.

Relay Team Composition Selection Notes:

1. All individual invited swimmers (A and B standards) are eligible for relays.
2. Relay Lead-off Times from selection meets (above) can be used for relay team composition purposes.
3. The final decision of the composition of the relays will be made by the National Team Head Coach at the meet.

Nomination to other events / Additional events:

Swimmers who qualify for the WA Swimming Championships (25m) 2026 on the above criteria may request to swim additional events (including events in which they have achieved the qualifying criteria in sanctioned meets not listed above) if there is an available position per WA rule. Decisions about additional events will be finalized by SAQ in consultation with the selected National Head Coach and Technical Director, in line with WA rules.

WA Rule on additional events: "Swimmers having achieved only one (1) "A" or one "B" entry time are entitled to enter one (1) additional event. The additional individual event must be in an event where no other swimmer from the same National Federation has been entered."

Coaches Selection

SAQ will nominate the Head Coach for the WA Swimming Championships (25m) 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 4 swimmers with a maximum of 2 coaches per club/training facility. Coaches must be registered as NROC and CoachSAQ members to be selected.

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

1. World Ranking of qualified swimmers – Top 20 (2 per country)
2. Number of swimmers that have achieved the individual 'A' Time Standard.
3. Number of swimmers that have achieved the individual 'B' Time Standard.
4. If there are more coaches placing swimmers on the team than the ratio of coaches permits (1 : 4), then a coach priority list will be determined via swimmer's best individual event World Aquatics Ranking (September 1 2025 – August 31 2026).

- 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 have demonstrated capacity whilst representing with National and SAQ appointed competition and camp staff.

Team Size

- SAQ intends to send the maximum team quota by gender.
- SAQ shall not be obliged to take a full team of two athletes per event should a qualifying athlete not be available for selection, quota of 26 per gender is filled, or due to budget restraints.
- The selection of athletes that have met all the eligibility and Performance Requirements will be announced by November 2026.
- SAQ will post the event depth chart on the SAQ website post the selection meets as soon as available.

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.

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Table 1 – World Aquatics Time Standards

Qualifying Time Standards (25m)

Women			Men	
B (+3.5 % of A)	A		A	B (+3.5 % of A)
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

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