



SWIMMER AND COACH SELECTION CRITERIA

2026 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships - Pool

Tour Dates:	Friday August 7 th – Sunday August 16 th , 2026		
Competition Dates:	Wednesday August 12 th – Saturday August 15 th , 2026		
Location:	Final Preparation:	Irvine, USA	August 7 th – 11 th , 2026
	Competition:	Irvine, USA	August 12 th – 15 th , 2026
Team Size:	Maximum of 26 female and 26 male Swimmers		
Team Leader:	Swimming Canada High Performance Director will be the Team Leader		
Head Coach:	Swimming Canada Associate High Performance Director will be appointed Head Coach		
Team Coaches:	Up to eight Team Coaches will be appointed.		
Selection Event:	2026 Canadian Swimming Trials, Montreal, CAN, July 5 th – 9 th		

I. INTRODUCTION

The Pan Pacific Swimming Championships four Charter Nations are Australia, Canada, Japan and the United States. The Charter Nations determine the Championship's structure and rules. Other countries outside of LEN (European Swimming) are invited to enter the event

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by Swimming Canada to select Swimmers to the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships Pool Team subject to the qualification requirements outlined by the Pan Pacific Charter Nations. In addition, this document sets out the criteria to identify Coaches and Support Staff eligible to be appointed to the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships Pool Team.

II. SWIMMER ELIGIBILITY

1. Only Swimmers identified by these criteria will be considered for selection. The following conditions must be satisfied to be eligible for selection to the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships Pool Team:
 - a. A Swimmer must be able to represent Canada in accordance with the eligibility rules set out by World Aquatics ([Part 1 – 3.1.1](#)), and Swimming Canada's Rules ([Part 1 - 5.1.1](#))
 - b. Where a Swimmer is a Canadian citizen permanently residing outside of Canada, they must be registered directly with Swimming Canada or with a Swimming Canada registered swim club in accordance with Swimming Canada eligibility rules ([Part 1 – 5.1.1.7 or 5.1.1.8](#)).
 - c. A Swimmer must hold a Canadian passport as of June 15, 2026 which expires no earlier than February 18, 2027.
 - d. A Swimmer must declare themselves available for selection prior to June 15, 2026, using the Swimmer Declaration of Availability [form](#). Any Swimmer who does not declare themselves available by this deadline may not be considered for selection to this Team.
 - e. Selected Swimmers must sign the current Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement by July 31, 2026. Where the Swimmer is under the age of 18 years, the Swimmer's parent or guardian will be



required to co-sign the Agreement. The Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement will be provided to the Swimmer upon selection.

III. SELECTION PROCESS RULES

1. The following statements outline the rules used in the selection process.
 - a. Only performances in Pan Pacific Championships Events are eligible for selection purposes.
 - b. Selection does not guarantee specific event entry. Individual entries will be determined by the Team Leader and Head Coach. Relay team composition will be determined by the Head Coach and the Appointed Relay Coaches, with approval from the Team Leader. Specific relay meetings will be arranged to communicate decisions on the team.
 - c. All selected Swimmers are eligible to be considered in relay team composition.
 - d. Mixed relays will be made of swimmers selected to the team through the selection criteria priorities.
 - e. Results achieved in a Time Trial or as an intermediate distance in an individual event will not be considered eligible for selection purposes.
 - f. If selection is declined, the performances of the declining Swimmer at the Selection Event will be disregarded for the purpose of these Criteria.
 - g. Where referenced in this document, 2025 World Rankings as of December 31, 2025 obtained from the World Aquatics website will be used.

IV. SELECTION CRITERIA – SWIMMERS

Priority 1:

From the results of the Selection Event, the fastest eligible swimmer from the A final will be selected.

Priority 2:

From the results of the Selection Event, the four fastest eligible Swimmers in the Women's 100m Freestyle and Men's 100m Freestyle in the A finals and the four fastest eligible Swimmers in the Women's 200m Freestyle and Men's 200m Freestyle in the A Finals. Selections under this Priority 2 shall be inclusive of those selected in Priority 1.

Priority 3:

All remaining Swimmers who have achieved a 2025 World Aquatics AQUA "A" standard ([Appendix A](#)) at the Selection Event will be ranked according to the 2025 World Rankings (as outlined in III g) above). Swimmers will be selected in rank order to a maximum of 24 female Swimmers and 24 male Swimmers, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1 and 2.

Priority 4:

Where spaces remain open, all 2nd place finishers will have their performances at the Selection Event ranked as a percentage, calculated to two decimal places, of the 2025 World Aquatics AQUA "A" standard ([Appendix A](#)). Swimmers will be selected in rank order to a maximum of 24 female Swimmers and 24 male Swimmers, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1,2 and 3.



Priority 5:

The Swimming Canada Selection Committee has the discretion to select additional eligible swimmers on the recommendation of the Swimming Canada High Performance Director to a maximum of 26 female Swimmers and 26 male Swimmers, inclusive of those Swimmers selected in Priority 1,2,3 and 4.

V. TIE BREAKING – Swimmers

1. Where there is a tie in the Swimmer selection process from performances at the Selection Event, the tied Swimmers' preliminary times at the Selection Event, in that same individual event will be utilized to break the tie.
2. Where there is a tie in the 1500 m Freestyle Timed Final event, the tied Swimmers' results at the Selection Event in the 800m Freestyle will be utilized to break the tie.
3. Where there is a tie in the 800m Freestyle Timed Final event, the tied Swimmers' result at the Selection Event in the 1500m Freestyle will be utilized to break the tie.
4. In the instance where the tie cannot be resolved by applying point 1,2 and /or 3 the Swimming Canada High Performance Director, in consultation with the Swimming Canada Selection Committee, shall determine a tie breaking method, which shall be applied.

VI. COMPETITIVE READINESS – Swimmers

1. "Competitive readiness" is defined as the ability of the Swimmer to achieve equal or superior performance(s) at the scheduled event, as compared to the performance(s) the Swimmer achieved in qualifying.
2. Swimmers who do not remain competitively ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the Team. Swimmers and their Personal Coach are required to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the competition to the Swimming Canada High Performance Director in writing via email.
3. The final decision on competitive readiness will be made by the Swimming Canada High Performance Director once selection is completed. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director will have absolute discretion about what factors they will consider in making the final decision.
4. In the case of injury or illness, the Swimming Canada High Performance Director will consider recommendations made by the National Team Physician in making the final decision.
5. Injured or ill Swimmers may be subject to a proof of readiness test to be determined by the Swimming Canada High Performance Director in consultation with the Swimmer's Personal Coach. This test will consist of a controlled performance such as a competition or observed test or trial. These Swimmers will not travel with the Team until this requirement has been satisfied. If it is determined that the Swimmer is not competitively ready once onsite at the event, they may be asked to return home immediately.



VII. REMOVAL OF A SWIMMER FROM TEAM

1. Swimming Canada may, at any time, disqualify a Swimmer from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or remove a Swimmer after selection based on current or past behavior of the Swimmer that is inconsistent with the Swimming Canada Athlete Agreement. A copy of this document is available upon request.
2. A Swimmer will be removed from being considered for selection to the Canadian Team or removed after selection if they are found to be in violation of any anti-doping policy or procedure as outlined by Swimming Canada, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

VIII. COACH ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible for appointment a Coach must:
 - a. have been a resident in Canada and duly employed as a swimming Coach by a Swimming Canada affiliated organization for 90 days prior to the first day of the Selection Event;
 - b. be a fully registered coach and member in good standing with the Canadian Swim Coaches Association (CSCA) and Swimming Canada by 1st day of month preceding Selection Event;
 - c. be a minimum NCCP Senior Coach Level 3 Trained and have completed Portfolio Part A or be a Chartered Professional Coach with the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada by 1st day the of month preceding the Selection Event.
 - d. if a valid Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) or a valid Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), is not on file with Swimming Canada, provide a valid (E-PIC) or VSC in accordance with Swimming Canada's Screening Policy, upon appointment.
 - e. have signed and submitted the Swimming Canada Screening Disclosure Form, upon appointment.
 - f. have completed all of the following required training programs prior to 1st day of June 2026.
 - Respect in Sport Activity Leader training or CAC Safe Sport Training module
 - 2026 True Sport Clean online training, annually¹
 - 2026 Role of the Athlete Support Personnel online course, annually ²
 - Signed the CCES Contract to expressly acknowledge they are subject to the anti-doping rules of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP), current version.
 - g. have declared themselves available for appointment prior to June 15, 2026, using the Coach Declaration of Availability [form](#). Any Coach who does not declare themselves available by this deadline may not be considered for appointment to this event.
 - h. hold a passport that is valid for travel to the USA and visa processing within Canada, and which expires no earlier than February 18, 2027.
 - i. abide by the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) Agreement and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code and have never had a violation of either the CADP Agreement or WADA Code.
2. All Coaches identified by these criteria must become a member of the Professional Coaching Department of the Coaching Association of Canada by 1st day of June, 2026, preceding the selection event, either as a Chartered Professional Coach or as a Registered Coach.

¹ Annual requirement – valid January 1 to December 31

² Annual requirement – valid January 1 to December 31



3. All Coaches identified by these criteria must sign the current Swimming Canada Team Staff Agreement upon appointment. Failure to do so will render the Coach as having officially declined appointment. The Team Staff Agreement will be provided to each appointed Coach upon their respective appointment to the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships Pool Team.

IX. APPOINTMENT – Coaches

1. Up to eight Team Coaches in addition to the Head Coach will be appointed. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint coaches to the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships Pool Team.

X. APPOINTMENT – Support Staff

1. The Swimming Canada High Performance Director has the authority and sole discretion to appoint the support staff to the 2026 Pan Pacific Championships Pool Team. Support Staff includes Assistant Team Leader, Team Managers, Sport Medicine Staff, Sports Science Staff, Personal Support Coaches, Communications Staff and any other position the Swimming Canada High Performance Director deems necessary to adequately support the team.

XI. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES AND AMENDMENTS

Unforeseen Circumstances

1. Should the Swimming Canada Selection Committee determine that unforeseen circumstances have arisen during the process of applying these Criteria, the Selection Committee shall have the full and absolute discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.
2. Any such exercise of discretion shall be subject to the Canadian administrative law principles of fairness.

Amendments to this Document

3. Swimming Canada reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary. No such changes shall be made after the commencement of the Selection Event unless the changes relate to the Swimming Canada Selection Committee exercising its discretion under the “Unexpected Circumstances” provisions above.
 - a. Swimming Canada reserves the right to review and modify these Selection Criteria or decisions related to the selection process in the case of rule or policy changes from World Aquatics or the Pan Pacific Charter Nations that affect the criteria set out in this document.
 - b. Any changes to this Selection Criteria shall be communicated directly to all Swimming Canada Carded Swimmers and Coaches and published to the Swimming Canada website forthwith.



XII. APPEALS

1. The Swimming Canada “Discipline and Complaints Policy” and the Swimming Canada “Appeals Policy” govern all decisions made by Swimming Canada, including issues pertaining to selection. For a copy of these policies please contact Swimming Canada or refer to the following link:
<https://www.swimming.ca/swimming-canada-policies/>

These criteria were duly created and approved by the Swimming Canada Selection Committee, which by its terms of reference have been properly delegated to perform this task by the Chief Executive Officer of Swimming Canada.

Contact: For questions or clarification on the contents of this document, please contact Swimming Canada at hp-programs@swimming.ca



Appendix A

2025 World Aquatics AQUA "A" Standards

WOMEN		MEN
AQUA "A"	EVENT	AQUA "A"
24.86	50m Freestyle	22.05
54.25	100m Freestyle	48.34
1:58.23	200m Freestyle	1:46.70
4:10.23	400m Freestyle	3:48.15
8:34.62	800m Freestyle	7:48.66
16:24.56	1500m Freestyle	15:01.89
28.22	50m Backstroke	25.11
1:00.46	100m Backstroke	53.94
2:11.08	200m Backstroke	1:58.07
30.75	50m Breaststroke	27.33
1:06.87	100m Breaststroke	59.75
2:25.91	200m Breaststroke	2:10.32
26.23	50m Butterfly	23.36
58.33	100m Butterfly	51.77
2:09.21	200m Butterfly	1:56.51
2:12.83	200m Individual Medley	1:59.05
4:43.06	400m Individual Medley	4:17.48