



## **SELECTION CRITERIA 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games**

### **Eligibility**

1. A swimmer must be a Jamaican citizen and be the holder of a valid Jamaican Passport. The swimmer must be able to represent Jamaica in accordance with the eligibility rules set out by World Aquatics by the registration deadline outlined in point 3.
2. Swimmer must comply with all other World Aquatics eligibility, including anti-doping.
3. Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ no less than 3 weeks before the final date of the qualifying period and be the holder of a valid Jamaican Passport (expiring no earlier than January 31, 2027).
4. Swimmers must turn 14 years old on or before December 31, 2026.
5. If a swimmer is unavailable to participate in the competition, it is their duty to notify the ASAJ in writing (email or letter) prior to the formal convening of the Selection Committee for team selection. Any swimmer who submits such notice of unavailability will be removed from the rankings and deemed ineligible for selection.
6. Swimmers selected to represent Jamaica at the 2026 Commonwealth Games are ineligible for selection to the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games due to the scheduling overlap between both competitions and the prioritization of Jamaica's participation at the Commonwealth Games as the higher tier event.

### **Qualification Period**

1. Qualification Period is as followed:
  - 1) **April 1, 2025 – April 19, 2026**
  - 2) Times must be achieved in a long course (50m) competition sanctioned by the ASAJ or by a World Aquatics recognized governing body.

### **Qualifying Times**

1. Qualifying Times for the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games are as listed under Appendix A.

## **Selection Process**

1. As outlined in the Competition Summons, Jamaica is entitled to enter **two (2) male and two (2) female swimmers**. If fewer than two swimmers per gender meet the Qualifying Standard, remaining positions will be determined based on highest World Aquatics Points in any Olympic event provided the swimmer is ranked 1st or 2nd in that event.
2. If more than two swimmers achieve the qualifying standard (per gender), swimmers will be ranked by:
  - 1) Highest World Aquatics Points from each swimmer's best Olympic event in which they have achieved the Qualifying Standard and are ranked 1st or 2nd in that event.
  - 2) The top two swimmers per gender based on this ranking are guaranteed selection to the team.
3. Confirmation of Additional Swimmers if Total Entries Exceed 200 Athletes  
Per the Competition Summons, if the total entries across all countries exceeds 200 athletes, the Organizing Committee will conduct a quota-based ranking to reduce the field to 200 athletes. This process is based on World Aquatics Points.
  - 1) Any swimmer ranked beyond the top two per gender will receive provisional selection only, pending confirmation by the Organizing Committee. Final confirmation for these additional swimmers will be issued no later than May 15, 2026, in accordance with the Summons.
4. For each individual event at the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games, the ASAJ may enter a maximum of two (2) swimmers per event.

## **Rankings**

1. Rankings will be produced using times from the ASAJ Hytek database.
2. It is the athlete's responsibility to submit times from non-ASAJ-sanctioned meets to the ASAJ for entry into the ASAJ database. To be included for eligibility and ranking, all such times must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on the final day of the qualification period. Submissions must include the official meet results and any supporting documentation verifying the time.

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**APPENDIX A:**  
**Qualifying Standards**

**Women**

50m Freestyle	26.31
100m Freestyle	58.09
200m Freestyle	2:08.59
400m Freestyle	4:32.61
800m Freestyle	9:13.94
1500m Freestyle	18:12.60
50m Backstroke	30.49
100m Backstroke	1:05.79
200m Backstroke	2:22.98
50m Breaststroke	34.27
100m Breaststroke	1:14.00
200m Breaststroke	2:45.71
50m Butterfly	27.91
100m Butterfly	1:02.14
200m Butterfly	2:27.75
200m Individual Medley	2:23.36
400m Individual Medley	5:09.43

**Men**

50m Freestyle	23.35
100m Freestyle	50.62
200m Freestyle	1:57.93
400m Freestyle	4:04.59
800m Freestyle	8:49.68
1500m Freestyle	17:02.94
50m Backstroke	26.70
100m Backstroke	59.13
200m Backstroke	2:06.37
50m Breaststroke	28.85
100m Breaststroke	1:03.68
200m Breaststroke	2:22.88
50m Butterfly	24.74
100m Butterfly	55.29
200m Butterfly	2:06.45
200m Individual Medley	2:09.11
400m Individual Medley	4:55.75