



BLP16.1.1 CARIFTA

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by the Aquatics Sports Association of Jamaica to select swimmers to the Carifta Swimming Championships.

Final selection must be ratified by the ASAJ Council.

2. Swimmer Eligibility

- a) Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ a minimum of three weeks prior to the start of the final local qualifying meet.
- b) A swimmer must be able to represent Jamaica in accordance to the eligibility rules set out by World Aquatics (Part 1. 3.1.1) and hold a Jamaican passport which does not expire within 6 months of the competition
- c) Non-citizens may also be entered if they have resided in the country for at least one year before the entry deadline and have not represented another country during this period. Swimmers must provide "proof of residency" documents, such as proof of club membership, school attendance, or affiliation with an organization within Jamaica as per the Carifta Summons.
- d) 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.

3. Qualifying Period

- a) Times swum on or after July 1 of the year prior to the competition until the final day of the last local

qualifying meet will be considered. Any meet that includes July 1 in its competition schedule, whether starting on that date or before will be fully recognized for qualification and all performances from that meet will be eligible. Times must be swum in a long course meet sanctioned by the ASAJ or other World Aquatics recognized bodies.

- b) Tables with the time standards will be posted by July 1 each year

4. Qualifying Times

- a) The “A” qualification standard which is based on the 6th place median of the last three years in all individual events.
- b) The “B” qualification standard which is based on the 8th place median of the last three years in all individual events.
- c) For the 800m or 1500m events, “B” qualification standard will be based on the 8th place median over the last three years or the qualifying time listed in the CARIFTA summons. Whichever is faster.

5. Selection Criteria

Priority #1: Automatic Selection

- a) Swimmers will be selected in following order of priority:
 - 1. Swimmers achieving the “A” qualification standard in one or more event while being ranked 1st or 2nd
 - 2. 11-12 Swimmers achieving the “B” qualification standard in one or more event while being ranked 1st or 2nd
 - 3. 13 & Over swimmers achieving the “B” qualification standard in one or more event while being ranked 1st or 2nd

Priority #1a: Tiebreaker (Age Group)

In the event that the number of qualifiers in an age group exceeds eight (8) in one gender, which is the maximum allowed as per the Summons, swimmers will be ranked according to the following:

Swimmers who have achieved the “A” qualification standard while being ranked 1st or 2nd will be selected first. If more than eight (8) swimmers meet this A-standard criterion, swimmers will be ranked and selected based on the following steps:

- 1. The number of events where they have achieved the qualification standard AND are ranked 1st or 2nd.
- 2. If a tie still exists, World Aquatics (AQUA) Points from the swimmer's fastest qualifying event will be used as the final tiebreaker

If there are remaining spots after the selection of all eligible “A” standard swimmers, **swimmers who have achieved the “B” qualification standard and are ranked 1st or 2nd will be considered next.** In cases where the number of eligible “B” standard swimmers exceeds the number of remaining spots, selection will be based on:

1. The number of qualifying events achieved AND are ranked 1st or 2nd followed by
2. If a tie still exists, AQUA points from the swimmer’s fastest qualifying event.

Priority #1b: Tiebreaker (Team)

In the event that the number of qualifiers for Carifta exceeds thirty-six (36), which is the maximum allowed as per the Summons, swimmers will be ranked according to the following:

1. **Swimmers who have achieved the “A” qualification standard** while being ranked 1st or 2nd will be selected first.
2. **Swimmers in the 11-12 age group who have achieved the “B” qualification standard** while being ranked 1st or 2nd will be considered only after all “A” standard swimmers have been selected.
3. **Swimmers in the 13-14 and 15-17 age groups who have achieved the “B” qualification standard** while being ranked 1st or 2nd will be considered only after all “A” standard swimmers and 11-12 swimmers who have achieved the “B” qualification standard have been selected

If the number of swimmers eligible under Section 1b.3 exceeds the number of remaining spots, these swimmers will be ranked according to the following criteria.

1. The number of qualifying events achieved AND are ranked 1st or 2nd followed by
2. AQUA points based on the swimmer’s fastest event in which they have met the qualification requirements.

Priority #2: Relays

- a) In the event that there are still available slots on the team after the selection of all automatic qualifiers and an age group has three (3) or four (4) swimmers who have automatically qualified. One additional swimmer may be selected to complete a relay team. Relay teams must be generated using Hy-Tek and must include swimmers who have already been selected to the team as part of the composition.
- b) The proposed relay team as calculated by Hy-Tek must be projected to match or better the median

6th place time for the relay event over the past three (3) years to be eligible. Only the fastest possible combinations based on official times will be used to determine relay composition. Only swimmers who appear in the fastest possible combinations will be selected.

- c) Swimmers who appear in the most combinations will be prioritized. In the event of a tie, AQUA points for the relevant stroke and distance will be used as the final tiebreaker. The additional swimmer must have achieved at minimum the “B” qualification standard in at least one (1) individual event to be eligible for selection.

6. Event Selection

- a) Swimmers are expected to swim the events that they have qualified for
- b) For all individual events, the fastest eligible athlete that meets the selection time for that event shall be given priority. The remaining available spots for each event shall be allocated to the fastest athlete that meets the selection time for that event.
- c) In the scenario in which there are less than the maximum number of swimmers in an event who have obtained the required qualifying time; preference shall be given to athletes with the fastest non qualifying time.

7. Rankings

- a) Rankings will be produced using times from the ASAJ Hytek database
- b) It is the athlete's responsibility to submit times from non-ASAJ sanctioned meets to the ASAJ for entry into the ASAJ database. In order to be included for eligibility and ranking any such times must be submitted by 11:59pm of the final day of the qualification period. Official times from the competition must be submitted along with supporting documentation from the meet results.

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