



SELECTION CRITERIA 2026 Youth Olympic Games

1. A swimmer must be a Jamaican citizen and be the holder of a valid Jamaican Passport which expires no earlier than April 30, 2027. 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 4.
2. Comply with all other World Aquatics eligibility.
3. Athletes must be a minimum of 14 years of age as at 31st October 2026 and must be a maximum age of 17 years as of 13th November 2026.
4. Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ by the registration deadline of the 2026 Neville Alexander Memorial Swim Meet.
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. Qualification Period is as follows:
3rd February 2025 – 26th April 2026
7. Qualifying times must have been achieved at a World Aquatics sanctioned LCM meet during the qualification period.
8. Qualifying Times
 - a. Qualifying Times for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games are as listed under Appendix A
 - b. In accordance with World Aquatics regulations, time trial times cannot be used for selection
9. Selection Process
 - a) The final number of swimmers selected will be based on available slots provided from the Jamaica Olympic Association (JOA). If the JOA allocation is sufficient to accommodate all qualifiers then all swimmers will be selected.
 - b) If the number of qualifiers exceed the slots provided, each swimmer's best event in which they have achieved the Qualifying Standard and is ranked 1st will be evaluated by calculating their percentage performance relative to the published Qualifying Standard, to two (2) decimal places.

Formula: **(Qualifying Standard ÷ Athlete's Time) × 100**

(Lower percentage = better performance.)

(This calculation method is used for the 2026 Commonwealth Games and the 2026 Youth Olympic Games.)

- c) If two swimmers remain tied, the tie will be broken using the highest World Aquatics Points.
- d) For each individual event at the Youth Olympic Games, the ASAJ may enter a maximum of one (1) swimmer per event.

10. 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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Appendix A - Qualifying Times

Girls	Event	Boys
27.27	50m Freestyle	24.21
59.19	100m Freestyle	53.28
2:08.59	200m Freestyle	1:56.67
4:32.59	400m Freestyle	4:06.60
9:22.99	800m Freestyle	8:36.14
30.92	50m Backstroke	27.54
1:06.08	100m Backstroke	59.64
2:23.57	200m Backstroke	2:10.90
33.97	50m Breaststroke	30.35
1:14.17	100m Breaststroke	1:06.35
2:39.70	200m Breaststroke	2:26.74
28.96	50m Butterfly	25.62
1:04.71	100m Butterfly	56.42
2:29.01	200m Butterfly	2:08.52
2:25.56	200m IM	2:12.99