



## **Goodwill 2026 Criteria (11&Over)**

### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this document is to set out the criteria that will be used by the Aquatic Sports Association of Jamaica (ASAJ) to select swimmers for the Goodwill 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 with the eligibility rules set out by World Aquatics (Part 1. 3.1.1) and hold a Jamaican passport that does not expire within six months of the competition.
- c) Non-citizens may be entered if they have resided in Jamaica for at least one year prior to the entry deadline and have not represented another country during this period. Proof of residency must be submitted (e.g. club membership, school attendance or organizational affiliation).
- 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 from December 1st of the year prior to the competition up to the weekend of the final local qualifying meet will be considered. Any meet that includes December 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.
- b) Times must have been achieved at a Short Course Meters (SCM) or Long Course Meters (LCM) meet sanctioned by the ASAJ or other World Aquatics-recognized bodies.

## **4. Qualifying Times**

### **a) "A" Qualification Standard**

The "A" qualification standard is based on the 4th place median of the last three years in all individual events.

### **b) "B" Qualification Standard**

The "B" qualification standard is based on the 8th place median of the last three years in all individual events.

c) The tables with qualifying times will be published by October 1st each year.

## **5. Qualification**

### **Definitions**

- **"Qualifying event"** refers to all individual events that will be contested at the competition
- **"Qualification standard"** refers to the published time standards as outlined in section 4

### **Priority #1: Automatic Qualifiers**

Swimmers will be selected in the following order:

1. Swimmers who achieve the "A" qualification standard and are ranked 1st or 2nd in at least one individual event
2. Swimmers who achieve the "B" qualification standard and are ranked 1st or 2nd in at least one individual event

### **Tiebreakers**

In the event that the number of qualifiers in an age group exceeds four (4) which is the maximum allowed as per the Summons, swimmers will be ranked and selected according to the following criteria:

### **a) "A" Standard Swimmers**

Swimmers who have achieved the "A" qualification standard and are ranked 1st or 2nd will be considered first.

If more than four (4) swimmers meet this A-standard criterion, swimmers will be ranked and selected based on the following steps:

1. Swimmers with a greater number of events where they have achieved the qualification standard AND are ranked 1st or 2nd will be given priority
2. If still tied, swimmers with a greater number of 1st place rankings where they have achieved the qualification standard will be prioritized
3. If a tie still exists, World Aquatics (AQUA) Points from the swimmer's fastest qualifying event will be used as the final tiebreaker

## **b) "B" Standard Swimmers**

Swimmers who have achieved the "B" qualification standard and are ranked 1st or 2nd will be considered only after all eligible "A" standard swimmers have been evaluated and selected.

Swimmers meeting the B qualification standard and are ranked 1st or 2nd in a qualifying event will be considered to fill any remaining spots.

Selection among B-standard swimmers follows the same method as outlined in section (a) above and is applied only among eligible B-standard athletes

## **Priority #2: Relays**

a) In the event that only two or three individuals have qualified in an age group, additional swimmer(s) will be selected to complete relay teams. Relay teams must be generated using Hy-Tek and must include all swimmers who have already been selected to the team via Priority #1.

b) Only the fastest possible combinations based on official times will be used to determine relay composition.

c) Only swimmers who appear in the fastest possible combinations will be selected. All relay events must be considered equally with no prioritization of specific relay events. The swimmer(s) will be prioritized based on how many of these fastest relay combinations they appear in.

d) In the event of a tie, AQUA points for the relevant stroke and distance will be used as the final tiebreaker.

e) The additional swimmer(s) must have achieved at minimum the "B" qualification standard in at least one (1) individual event to be eligible for selection.

## **6. 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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