2026 PanAm Age Group Championships

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 2026 PanAm Age Group Swimming Championships. Final selection must be ratified by the ASAJ Council.

2. Swimmer Eligibility

a) Swimmers must be registered with the ASAJ no later than three (3) weeks prior to the commencement of the final local qualifying meet and must be in good standing.

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 completion of the competition.

c) 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.

d) Swimmers selected to represent Jamaica at the 2026 Commonwealth Games and the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games are ineligible for selection to the 2026 PanAm Aquatics Swimming Championships.

3. Qualifying Period

July 1, 2025-May 17, 2026

Times must be swum in a long course meet sanctioned by the ASAJ or other World Aquatics recognized bodies.

4. Qualifying Times

Qualifying Times for the 2026 PanAm Aquatics Age Group Swimming Championships are as listed under Appendix A.

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, 2nd or 3rd in at least one individual event
2. Swimmers who achieve the "B" qualification standard in the 13-15 and 16-18 Age Groups and are ranked 1st, 2nd or 3rd in at least one individual event

Tiebreakers

The maximum number of qualifiers in an age group will be eight (8) per gender for a maximum team size of forty-eight (48). In the event that the number of qualifiers in an age group exceeds eight (8), 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, 2nd or 3rd will be considered first.

If more than eight (8) 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 A qualification standard AND are ranked 1st, 2nd or 3rd will be given priority
2. 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 in the 13-15 and 16-18 Age Groups and are ranked 1st, 2nd or 3rd 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, 2nd or 3rd 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

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.

2026 PanAm Age Group Time Standards
Ages as of December 31, 2026

Girls		13-15	Boys	
A	B	Event	A	B
28.21	28.57	50m Freestyle	25.75	26.27
1:02.51	1:03.82	100m Freestyle	56.44	57.25
2:17.78	2:20.24	200m Freestyle	2:06.99	2:09.12
4:56.41	4:58.77	400m Freestyle	4:32.89	4:36.18
10:18.87	10:31.10	800m Freestyle	9:40.99	9:58.17
19:38.88	20:09.40	1500m Freestyle	18:42.45	18:54.91
32.53	33.13	50m Backstroke	30.09	31.08
1:12.12	1:14.21	100m Backstroke	1:05.00	1:06.77
2:39.50	2:44.66	200m Backstroke	2:27.21	2:30.90
37.30	38.15	50m Breaststroke	33.43	34.64
1:23.63	1:26.54	100m Breaststroke	1:15.02	1:16.51
3:02.47	3:08.31	200m Breaststroke	2:43.98	2:47.81
30.42	30.83	50m Butterfly	27.56	27.77
1:09.86	1:11.38	100m Butterfly	1:01.72	1:03.06
2:52.62	3:00.79	200m Butterfly	2:26.84	2:34.28
2:40.19	2:43.79	200 IM	2:27.10	2:30.97
5:47.86	5:57.94	400m IM	5:17.24	5:27.57

Girls		16-18	Boys	
A	B	Event	A	B
27.34	27.74	50m Freestyle	24.10	24.49
1:00.03	1:01.50	100m Freestyle	52.90	53.55
2:14.43	2:16.91	200m Freestyle	1:58.34	1:59.32
4:49.22	4:52.16	400m Freestyle	4:20.65	4:24.19
10:01.47	10:13.31	800m Freestyle	9:10.49	9:14.58
19:36.80	19:57.17	1500m Freestyle	17:11.85	17:28.62
31.59	32.41	50m Backstroke	28.12	28.32
1:09.03	1:11.94	100m Backstroke	1:01.82	1:02.95
2:34.94	2:40.35	200m Backstroke	2:20.01	2:24.62
35.58	36.57	50m Breaststroke	30.92	31.26
1:21.45	1:23.04	100m Breaststroke	1:08.51	1:10.06
2:55.47	3:07.41	200m Breaststroke	2:32.37	2:36.93
29.48	30.00	50m Butterfly	25.89	26.31
1:06.84	1:08.93	100m Butterfly	56.97	57.60
2:41.16	2:43.33	200m Butterfly	2:15.73	2:20.85
2:36.59	2:40.19	200 IM	2:16.91	2:20.95
5:53.24	5:57.30	400m IM	4:58.67	5:04.58

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1:21.45	100m Breaststroke	1:08.51
2:55.47	200m Breaststroke	2:32.37
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1:06.84	100m Butterfly	56.97
2:41.16	200m Butterfly	2:15.73
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