



CRITERIA FOR SELECTING ALTERNATES FOR JAMAICA NATIONAL TEAMS (FOR REGIONAL COMPETITIONS ONLY) FOR SWIMMING (including Open Water)

1. These criteria will apply to all National Team Selection for Swimming (including Open Water), save and except where the selection rules for the relevant competition does not allow for the selection of alternates.
2. 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. An “Alternate” is a competitor selected in accordance with these rules to compete as a substitute for an athlete who:
 - a. Is an Automatic Qualifier (as defined below);
 - b. But is unavailable to represent Jamaica at the relevant event for which National Team Selection is being considered; and
 - c. At least 48 hours prior to the final date for submission of entries to the organizers of the upcoming competition, the ASAJ has confirmed information that the Automatic Qualifier will not be available to compete at the relevant competition.
 - d. For the purposes of these guidelines, an “Automatic Qualifier” is an athlete who, based on the rankings of all athletes registered with the ASAJ with times recorded during the qualifying period, satisfies the original criteria for National Team Selection.
4. To be eligible for selection, an Alternate must:
 - a. Satisfy the minimum qualification time standards established by the ASAJ for the relevant National Team Selection.
 - b. Satisfy all other criteria established for automatic selection, save and except for the ranking criteria used to select Automatic Qualifiers or if the athlete was an Automatic Qualifier, he/she was not originally selected for the team due to rules relating to team size.
5. An Alternate may be selected based on the rules for individual events and for relays.
6. Automatic Qualifiers who are not selected to the original team due to team size limitations shall be named as Alternates first before other Alternates are considered. This could possibly apply to Goodwill Swimming Championships or the CARIFTA Aquatics Championships, for example. Alternates who qualify by this means will be ranked and published at the time of the original team selection and substitutions for Automatic Qualifiers who become unavailable must follow the established order in which the Alternates are ranked.
7. For the selection of other Alternates, the Hy-Tek rankings must be reseeded by omitting the unavailable Automatic Qualifier(s). The highest ranked Alternate(s) (based on Rule 4 above) is to be selected to fill the vacancy that arose due to the unavailability of the Automatic Qualifier(s). Where there’s a tie, the tie is broken by implementing the ASAJ tie break rule applicable to the particular competition, or if there’s no such applicable rule, selecting the athlete with the highest AQUA points. If two or more athletes have the same number of AQUA points, all of those athletes should be selected.
8. Alternates are to be selected no sooner than 48 hours prior to the final date for submission of entries.

9. Alternates cannot be selected to substitute for Alternates. In other words, Alternates are only selected to substitute for Automatic Qualifiers. However, where Automatic Qualifiers were not named to the original team due to restrictions on team size but were named as first Alternates, such Automatic Qualifiers may communicate their unavailability at a later date (up to 48 hours prior to the deadline for submission of the final team to the competition organizers), at which time the name(s) of such Automatic Qualifier(s) shall be removed from the list of available athletes and the rankings may be reseeded to facilitate the selection of further Alternates.
10. All alternates and team members must be ratified by the ASAJ Council.
11. The final publication of the National Team for the relevant competition is to include the names of all Automatic Qualifiers and Alternates.