



SELECTION CRITERIA

2026 Commonwealth Games

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 A swimmer must be a Jamaican citizen and be the holder of a valid Jamaican Passport. The swimmer must be eligible to represent Jamaica in accordance with the eligibility rules set out by World Aquatics by the registration deadline outlined in Section 1.3.
- 1.2 Swimmers must comply with all other World Aquatics eligibility requirements, including anti-doping regulations.
- 1.3 Swimmers must be registered with the ASAJ no less than three (3) weeks before the final date of the qualification period and be the holder of a valid Jamaican Passport (expiring no earlier than January 31, 2027).
- 1.4 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. Any swimmer who submits such notice will be removed from the rankings and deemed ineligible for selection.
- 1.5 Swimmers selected to represent Jamaica at the 2026 Commonwealth Games are ineligible for selection to the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games due to scheduling overlap between both competitions and prioritization of the Commonwealth Games as the higher-tier event.

2. Qualification Period

- 2.1 The qualification period is as follows:
April 1, 2025 – April 19, 2026.
- 2.2 Times must be achieved in a long course (50m) competition sanctioned by the ASAJ or by a World Aquatics recognized governing body.

3. Qualifying Times

- 3.1 Qualifying Times for the 2026 Commonwealth Games are listed in Appendix A.

4. Selection Process

- 4.1 Swimmers will be ranked based on their best Olympic event in which they have achieved the Qualifying Standard and are ranked first (1st), second (2nd), or third

(3rd) using a percentage performance calculation relative to the published Qualifying Standard, to two (2) decimal places.

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

Lower percentage represents better performance.

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

- 4.2 If two swimmers remain tied following application of the percentage calculation, the tie will be broken using the highest World Aquatics Points.
- 4.3 For each individual event at the Commonwealth Games, the ASAJ may enter a maximum of three (3) swimmers per event.

5. Athlete Allocation

- 5.1 Jamaica has been guaranteed a minimum of two (2) athletes, allocated as one (1) male and one (1) female.
- 5.2 Should Jamaica be awarded additional athlete slots, allocation shall be managed as follows:
 - 5.2.1 If an even number of additional slots is awarded, the slots shall be divided equally between male and female athletes.
 - 5.2.2 If an odd number of additional slots is awarded, the slots shall be divided as evenly as possible between male and female athletes, with the remaining one (1) slot allocated to the highest overall ranked eligible athlete regardless of gender, based on the established percentage performance ranking.

6. Rankings

- 6.1 Rankings will be produced using times from the ASAJ HyTek database.
- 6.2 It is the athlete's responsibility to submit times from non-ASAJ sanctioned meets to the ASAJ for inclusion in the database no later than 11:59 p.m. on the final day of the qualification period, supported by official meet results and any supporting documentation verifying the times.

7. Entries

- 7.1 Entries will be submitted by the ASAJ following the selection of athletes based on the agreed Qualifying Standards.
- 7.2 Once an athlete has been selected in the event(s) in which they achieved the Qualifying Standard, they may be considered for entry into additional events under the following conditions:

- 7.2.1 The entry is permissible under the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Athlete Allocation System.
 - 7.2.2 Spaces are available.
 - 7.2.3 Following consultation between the ASAJ and the Jamaica Olympic Association, it is confirmed that the athlete's primary focus remains on the event(s) for which they qualified and/or any relay events to which they have been assigned.
- 7.3 Final decisions regarding additional event entries shall be made following consultation between the ASAJ, the athlete's personal (home) coach, and, where required, the appointed Head Coach for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

8. Amendments

- 8.1 This document is subject to change to comply with competition regulations issues by the JOA and the CGF.

APPENDIX A: Qualifying Times

	Women		Men
50m Freestyle	25.97	50m Freestyle	22.86
100m Freestyle	56.92	100m Freestyle	50.30
200m Freestyle	2:07.67	200m Freestyle	1:49.56
400m Freestyle	4:32.31	400m Freestyle	3:58.44
800m Freestyle	8:53.50	800m Freestyle	8:49.68
1500m Freestyle	18:12.60	1500m Freestyle	16:21.80
50m Backstroke	30.06	50m Backstroke	25.98
100m Backstroke	1:05.24	100m Backstroke	56.41
200m Backstroke	2:19.35	200m Backstroke	2:05.93
50m Breaststroke	33.26	50m Breaststroke	28.56
100m Breaststroke	1:12.97	100m Breaststroke	1:02.76
200m Breaststroke	2:43.98	200m Breaststroke	2:22.37
50m Butterfly	27.42	50m Butterfly	24.21
100m Butterfly	1:00.60	100m Butterfly	54.24
200m Butterfly	2:20.18	200m Butterfly	2:06.41
200m Individual Medley	2:22.34	200m Individual Medley	2:08.02
400m Individual Medley	4:29.70	400m Individual Medley	4:51.65