



SELECTION CRITERIA

2026 Youth Olympic Games

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 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 1.4.
- 1.2 Swimmers must comply with all other World Aquatics eligibility requirements, including anti-doping regulations.
- 1.3 Athletes must be a minimum of fourteen (14) years of age as at 31st October 2026 and must be a maximum age of seventeen (17) years as at 13th November 2026.
- 1.4 Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ by the registration deadline of the 2026 Neville Alexander Memorial Swim Meet.
- 1.5 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.

2. Qualification Period

- 2.1 Qualification Period is as follows:
3rd February 2025 – 26th April 2026

3. Qualifying Times

- 3.1 Qualifying Times for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games are as listed under Appendix A
- 3.2 Qualifying times must have been achieved at a World Aquatics-sanctioned LCM meet during the qualification period.
- 3.3 In accordance with World Aquatics regulations, time trial times cannot be used for selection

4. Selection Process

- 4.1 The final number of swimmers selected will be based on available slots provided by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Jamaica Olympic Association (JOA).
- 4.2 Swimmers will be ranked based on their best eligible individual event in which they have achieved the Qualifying Standard and are ranked first (1st), using a percentage performance calculation relative to the published Qualifying Standard, to two (2) decimal places, as outlined below.

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.

- 4.3 If two swimmers remain tied following application of the percentage calculation, the tie shall be broken using the highest World Aquatics Points.

5. Athlete Allocation

- 5.1 If an even number of athlete slots is awarded, the slots shall be divided equally between male and female athletes.
- 5.2 If an odd number of athlete 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.
- 5.3 For each individual event at the Youth Olympic Games, the ASAJ may enter a maximum of one (1) swimmer per event.

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 by the applicable submission deadline, supported by official meet results and required documentation.

7. Amendments

- 7.1 This document is subject to change to comply with competition regulations issued by the Jamaica Olympic Association, the International Olympic Committee and World Aquatics.

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