



2025 Zone Select Camp Selection Criteria

General Criteria:

All athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the 2025 Zone Select Camps.

- ❖ Athletes must be registered USA Swimming members at the time of the qualifying performance and at the time of the camp.
- ❖ Athletes must be a registered USA Swimming athlete member in good standing.
- ❖ Athletes must be US citizens & have not represented any other World Aquatics Federation at a World Aquatics Championships, World Aquatics Junior Championships, or Olympic Games.
- ❖ Eligible athletes will be the respective ages at the time of the qualifying swim:
 - Girls: 12-13
 - Boys: 13-14
- ❖ Athletes who have previously attended a Zone Select Camp, National Select Camp, National Team and/or National Junior Team camp are not eligible.
- ❖ Athletes who have represented USA Swimming internationally in a pool competition are not eligible for camp.

Selection Criteria:

In 2025, USA Swimming will host two Zone Select Camps. One camp to host the Eastern and Southern Zone, and the second camp will host the Western and Central Zone. Additional details are provided on page 2.

Each camp will consist of 60 athletes. Athletes will be selected by the following method:

- ❖ The fastest available athlete in each Olympic pool event per zone
 - Zone 1- 14 events (28 athletes, top male and female swimmer)
 - Zone 2- 14 events (28 athletes, top male and female swimmer)
- ❖ Then, 2 female and 2 male athletes will be selected based on their Rank Score for each camp.

Rank Score:

- ❖ Rank Scores are the sum of each athlete's event ranking for their competition category (gender) and single age.

-For example, Athlete A, who is 2nd in the 50 Free, 2nd in the 100 Free and 8th in the 200 Free for their single age would have a rank score of 12.

-Athlete B, who is 2nd in the 100 Breast, 2nd in the 200 Breast, and 7th in the 400 IM for their single age would have a rank score of 11, and thus be selected over Athlete A.

- ❖ Rank score selection will be conducted according to each camp's geographical region. The top 12-year-old and 13-year-old female, and the top 13-year-old and 14-year-old male will be selected to attend the Zone Select Camp using the Rank Score.



Additional Information:

- ❖ Doubles will be resolved by placing the athlete in their highest HY-tek power point event.
- ❖ The pool event qualifying period is September 1st, 2023 until August 31st, 2024.
- ❖ Athletes are selected based on Long Course Meter pool swims.

Details on the 2025 selection criteria changes:

USA Swimming will offer combined Zone Select Camps in 2025, with the Western and Central camps and the Southern and Eastern camps each combining. Selecting athletes based on individual pool events over IMX scores was based on historic performance throughput from the Zone Select Camp to the National Select Camp, National Junior Team, and National Team. The USA Swimming data team researched athlete progression through the camp system over the last ten years to assist in decision-making. USA Swimming will invest the resources made available by combining the camps in coach education and further development opportunities available at the camps.

The Rank Score gives an opportunity for additional athletes to attend the camp who excel at three individual events. The Rank Score selection considers all athletes eligible for the camp and is not limited to one athlete per Zone, like the individual event selection procedure.

