



USA SWIMMING

NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM

VISION STATEMENT

"The National Junior Team Program will strengthen the future performance of the United States Olympic Swimming Team"

2023-2024 National Junior Team (Pool) Selection Summary

The National Junior Team roster will be selected from eligible athletes according to long course meter times achieved between January 1, 2023 through and including September 10, 2023.* Only times loaded into the USA Swimming SWIMS Database by September 11, 2023 at 9:00AM (MT) from USA Swimming sanctioned and World Aquatics approved competitions will be considered. World Aquatics 2022-2023 approved competitions can be found here: [Qualifying | AQUA Official \(fina.org\)](#)

*Times will be considered from prelims, semi-finals and A, B, C, and D finals
Relay lead-offs, time trials, and intermediate splits WILL NOT be considered.

This Selection Summary applies only to the National Junior Team (Pool), and all references to the National Junior Team in this document refer to the National Junior Team (Pool).

General Criteria

All Athletes Must:

- *Be registered USA Swimming members in good standing at the time of the qualifying performance and at the time of selection.
- *Be eligible to represent the USA in international competition as of September 10, 2023.
- *Be 18 years or younger on December 31, 2023.
- *Complete and submit the application for a USA Swimming-required criminal background check within five days of being named to the National Junior Team or within five days of turning 18-years-old (whichever is earlier). Athletes will not be allowed to participate in certain activities if they have not passed the background check by the time of that activity, so Athletes are encouraged to submit the application as soon as possible. If an Athlete fails a background check, then he or she may be removed from the National Junior Team.

Additional Criteria

- * Athletes will be considered regardless of their year/grade in high school, college, or university as long as all other requirements are met.
- * Athletes who have competed in an individual event at the Olympic Games are not eligible for selection to the National Junior Team.
- * Athletes who have competed in an individual event at the World Championships (LCM and SCM) and Pan Pacific Championships are not eligible for the National Junior Team in the calendar year following the competition. (For example, athletes who swam an individual Olympic event at the 2023 World Championships are not eligible for the 2023-24 National Junior Team.) Athletes who have competed as a relay only swimmer at the World Championships (LCM and SCM) and Pan Pacific Championships are eligible for the National Junior Team selection, provided they have not been named to the 2023-2024 National Team. Athletes who have competed in an Individual or relay event at the Pan American Games and the European Under 23

Championships are eligible for selection to the National Junior Team in the calendar year following the competition, provided they have not been named to the 2023-2024 National Team.

* Athletes selected to the National Team may not be selected to the National Junior Team.

* Athletes will remain named to the National Junior Team until August 31, 2024, unless revoked as provided below.

* USA Swimming reserves the right to revoke an athlete's position on the National Junior Team if the athlete (i) is no longer a member in good standing, (ii) fails a background check, or USA Swimming obtains information on an athlete that, if uncovered in a background check, would cause an athlete to fail a background check, (iii) uses drugs or other illegal substances while part of the National Junior Team, (iv) commits a doping offense as determined by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency or the World Anti-Doping Agency, (v) commits a violation of the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements, or (vi) violates the USA Swimming Code of Conduct. The athlete may have the right to challenge the decision to revoke his or her position on the National Junior Team, either before the USOPC-designated arbitration agency or before the USA Swimming National Board of Review.

Performance Criteria

To be selected to the National Junior Team, athletes must meet the General Criteria and Additional Criteria. The team will then be selected based on the following Performance Criteria and the Selection Process below. If there is a tie under any of the below Priorities between two or more athletes, all athletes involved in the tie will be selected to the National Junior Team under that priority.

Priority 1: The two athletes with the fastest times in each individual Olympic Event.

Priority 2: The athletes with the third and fourth fastest times in the 100-meter and 200-meter Freestyle.

Priority 3: The athletes in each individual Olympic Event who achieve a time equal to or better than the following Time Standards who have not been previously named to the Team using Priorities 1 and 2. The Time Standards are 4% over the combined average of the medal winning times from the 2016 and 2020 Olympics and the 2019 and 2022 World Championships.

MEN	EVENT	WOMEN
22.25	50 Free	25.06
49.36	100 Free	54.64
1:48.91	200 Free	1:59.16
3:51.73	400 Free	4:09.11
7:59.32	800 Free	8:34.12
15:13.08	1500 Free	16:20.65
54.28	100 Back	1:00.74
1:58.91	200 Back	2:10.83
1:00.51	100 Breast	1:08.17
2:12.30	200 Breast	2:27.20
52.54	100 Fly	58.72
1:57.51	200 Fly	2:10.70
2:00.59	200 IM	2:13.28
4:18.37	400 IM	4:42.98

Priority 4: The third fastest athlete in each individual Olympic event not already named to the team using Priorities 1-3.

Priority 5: The fourth fastest swimmers in each individual Olympic Event not already named to the team using Priorities 1-4.

Selection Process

The National Junior Team will be selected according to the following process. A minimum of 26 men and 26 women will be selected, and a maximum of 45 men and 45 women will be selected, except in the case of a tie for the final spots on the National Junior Team, in which case the maximum of 45 men or 45 women, or both, may be exceeded according to the process set forth below.

1. All athletes who qualify under Priority 1 will be named to the National Junior Team.
2. All athletes who qualify under Priority 2 will be named to the National Junior Team, subject to the maximum of 45 men and 45 women, which will be addressed according to paragraph 6 below.
3. If, after adding the Priority 2 athletes to the National Junior Team the cap of 45 athletes for a particular gender has not been reached, all athletes in that gender who qualify under Priority 3 will be named to the National Junior Team, subject to the maximum of 45 men and 45 women, which will be addressed according to paragraph 6 below.
4. If, after adding the Priority 3 athletes to the National Junior Team the cap of 45 athletes for a particular gender has not been reached, all athletes in that gender who qualify under Priority 4 will be added to the National Junior Team, subject to the maximum of 45 men and 45 women, which will be addressed according to paragraph 6 below..
5. If, after adding the Priority 4 athletes to the National Junior Team the cap of 45 athletes for a particular gender has not been reached, all athletes in that gender who qualify under Priority 5 will be added to the National Junior Team, subject to the maximum of 45 men and 45 women, which will be addressed according to paragraph 6 below.
6. If, after applying any of the Priorities listed above, the cap of 45 swimmers in either gender or both genders will be exceeded, then the following tie-breaking procedure will be applied: each athlete's time will be calculated as a percentage of the Time Standard in the chart set forth under Performance Criteria - Priority 3 above. This percentage will be calculated by using the applicable Time Standard from the chart as the numerator and the athlete's time as the denominator, with the resulting percentage going out to two decimal places (the "Percentage Ranking"). For example, if the Time Standard in the chart above is 60 and the time swum by an athlete is 62, the athlete's Percentage Ranking will be $60/62 = 96.77\%$. Athletes will be placed in order from highest Percentage Ranking to the lowest, and athletes will be added to the team in order of the Percentage Ranking until the National Junior Team reaches 45 swimmers for that gender. Once the cap of 45 swimmers is reached, no more athletes will be added to the National Junior Team, except in the case of a tie, in which case all athletes involved in the tie will be added to the National Junior Team.
7. If after applying the five steps of the Selection Process the team size is still below 26 men or 26 women, or both, additional athletes will be invited until the National Junior Team reaches the minimum numbers for each gender. Such athletes will be selected by ranking the fifth fastest swimmers in each individual Olympic Event according to their Percentage Ranking calculated according to paragraph 6 above. Athletes will be placed in order from the highest Percentage Ranking to the lowest. Athletes will be added to the National

Junior Team in order of their Percentage Ranking until the minimum team size is reached, except in the case of a tie, in which case all athletes involved in the tie will be added to the National Junior Team.