

2026-2027 Open Water National Team

Selection Summary



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****Team will be announced by September 1, 2026***

Performance Criteria

USA Swimming will name up to 6 men and 6 women to the 2026-2027 USA Swimming Open Water National Team using the following Priorities:

- ❖ Priority #1 – The top 4 finishing Available Swimmers in the 10K Event at USA Swimming’s Open Water Nationals held in Sarasota, FL on April 2, 2026 (“Open Water Nationals”). If there is a tie for the fourth-place spot on the Team, USA Swimming will select all athletes in the tie.
- ❖ Priority #2 – Any Available Swimmer that earns a medal in the 10K Event at the Pan Pacific Championships held August 10, 2026, in Long Beach, CA¹. All swimmers earning medals will be added to the Team, even if the Team then exceeds the maximum of 6 men and/or 6 women.
- ❖ Priority #3 – The top finishing Available Swimmer in the 5K Event at Open Water Nationals, held in Sarasota, FL on April 4, 2026. If there is a tie, USA Swimming will select all athletes in the tie, even if the Team then exceeds the maximum of 6 men and/or 6 women.
- ❖ Priority #4 – The 5th place finishing Available Swimmer in the 10K Event at Open Water Nationals. If there is a tie, USA Swimming will select all athletes in the tie, even if the Team then exceeds the maximum of 6 men and/or 6 women.
- ❖ Priority #5 – The 6th place finishing Available Swimmer in the 10K Event at Open Water Nationals. If there is a tie for the last spot(s) on the Team, USA Swimming will select all athletes in the tie, even if the Team then exceeds the maximum of 6 men and/or 6 women.
- ❖ If there are not enough athletes that meet these limitations for USA Swimming to select a full team of 6 men and/or 6 women, USA Swimming will not select a full team.

Available Swimmers: General Criteria

- ❖ Athletes must be registered USA Swimming members in good standing at the time of the qualifying competition, at the time of selection, and throughout their term on the National Team. An athlete may be suspended from the National Team if they do not remain in good standing, including membership requirements and adherence to the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Movement, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol, the World Anti-Doping Agency’s Code, and any USA Swimming, U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, World Aquatics, or International Olympic Committee rules and regulations. If an athlete who has qualified for, but has subsequently been suspended from, the National Team is reinstated, or their suspension is reduced, by a court or body with competent jurisdiction such that the athlete becomes eligible during all or a portion of the term of the

¹ It is USA Swimming’s understanding that there will only be two medalists per country at the Pan Pacific Championships, even if the top three finishers are all from the U.S. However, if three medals are in fact awarded to Available Swimmers from the U.S., all three will be selected to the team.

2026-2027 National Team, their National Team suspension will be lifted, in accordance with the order from the court or body. If an athlete who was otherwise eligible for selection to the National Team but was not in good standing at the time of selection due to any type of suspension or ineligibility determination, and the suspension or ineligibility determination is later overturned or reduced by a court or body with competent jurisdiction during the term of the 2026-2027 National Team such that the athlete would have been eligible at the time of selection to the National Team, the athlete will be added to the team, in accordance with the order from the court or body. In any of the above scenarios where an athlete is added or reinstated to the National Team, no athlete will be removed as a result of that addition.

- ❖ Athletes must be eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition at the time of selection and throughout their time on the National Team. If an athlete changes their sport nationally and is no longer eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition, they will be removed from the National Team and will not be replaced.
- ❖ Athletes aged 18 and over must apply for a USA Swimming criminal background screen within five days of being named to the National Team (or of turning 18 if this occurs during an athlete's tenure on the National Team) and must satisfactorily pass the background screen within 30 days.