
SWIMMING CRITERIA FOR 22nd WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025
SINGAPORE 27 July – 3 August 2025

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. Only athletes registered with and in good standing with SSA will be considered for selection.
- 1.2. Selected athletes must be South African Citizens, in possession of a valid South African passport (valid until February 2026) and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.3. To be eligible for selection a swimmer must participate at the SSA Trial Event 9 – 13 April 2025 (official South African 22nd World Aquatics Championships swimming trials) that will be held in Port Elizabeth.
- 1.4. Athletes who have attained the World Aquatics 'A' Qualification Time Standard in Olympic events, at the Official South African 22nd World Aquatics Championships 2025 Swimming Trials, may be considered for selection.
- 1.5. All athletes must be available for relay selection.
- 1.6. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the 22nd World Aquatics Championships in Singapore from 27 July – 3 August 2025.
- 1.7. All athletes must be available for the full duration of any pre 22nd World Aquatics Championships camps, which may be scheduled (exact dates and venues to be confirmed once logistical arrangements have been finalized).
- 1.8. Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.9. Selected Team Members must abide by the SSA Code of Conduct as appended to the SSA Constitution and agree to and sign the SSA Athlete / Official Agreement for 22nd World Championships 2025.
- 1.10. The SSA Executive Committee reserves the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria. The final team selection is subject to approval by the SSA Executive Committee.



2. Individual Events

- 2.1. At the Trial Event, 1st and 2nd placed finalists, swimmers who achieve an “A” qualifying time in an Olympic event will automatically be selected.
- 2.2. Should one or both of the first two placed finalists not achieve an “A” qualifying time, athletes with the fastest “A” times in the heats of that event will be considered for selection, provided that they swim in the final of that event.
- 2.3. If there are no “A” Qualifiers in an Olympic event at the trials, the first swimmer in the final achieving a “World Aquatics B” Qualifying Time Standard, may be considered for selection, to satisfy transformation and gender objectives.
- 2.4. If no athletes achieve the qualifying criteria at the Trial Event, athletes who have participated at the trials and fulfilled the World Aquatics Qualifying criteria and are ranked in the World Aquatics GMS with an “A” or “B” qualifying time, may be selected according to their World Aquatics points ranking.

3. Relays

3.1. Freestyle Relays

- 3.1.1. Any swimmer achieving “A” or “B” qualifying times in the 100m and 200m freestyle finals at the trials will be considered for selection.

3.2. Medley Relays

- 3.2.1. Athletes achieving “A” qualifying times in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly events, in the finals of these events at the trials, will be considered for selection.
- 3.2.2. Athletes achieving “World Aquatics “B” Qualifying Time Standards in the finals in the 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and 100m butterfly events, where there is no “A” qualifier, may also be considered for selection.

4. Funding

This will be a partially self-funded tour. Team Members will be funded according to their level of performance.

QUALIFYING TIME STANDARDS

2025 WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS “A” & “B” Times

	Men's Standard		Women's Standard	
B – 1 entry	A – 2 Entries		A – 2 Entries	B – 1 entry
22.82	22.05	50 m Freestyle	24.86	25.73
50.03	48.34	100 m Freestyle	54.25	56.15
1:50.43	1:46.70	200 m Freestyle	1:58.23	2:02.37
3:56.14	3:48.15	400 m Freestyle	4:10.23	4:18.99
8:05.06	7:48.56	800 m Freestyle	8:34.62	8:52.63
15:33.46	15:01.89	1500 m Freestyle	16:24.56	16:59.02
25.99	25.11	50 m Backstroke	28.22	29.21
55.83	53.94	100 m Backstroke	1:00.46	1:02.58
2:02.20	1:58.07	200 m Backstroke	2:11.08	2:15.67
28.29	27.33	50 m Breaststroke	30.75	31.83
1:01.84	59.75	100 m Breaststroke	1:06.87	1:09.21
2:14.88	2:10.32	200 m Breaststroke	2:25.91	2:31.02
24.18	23.36	50 m Butterfly	26.23	27.15
53.58	51.77	100 m Butterfly	58.33	1:00.37
2:00.59	1:56.51	200 m Butterfly	2:09.21	2:13.73
2:03.22	1:59.05	200 m Ind. Medley	2:12.83	2:17.48
4:26.49	4:17.48	400 m Ind. Medley	4:43.06	4:52.97