

2026-2027 Open Water National Junior Team

Selection Summary



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****Team will be announced by September 15, 2026***

Performance Criteria

USA Swimming will name up to 6 men and 6 women Available Swimmers not already named to the 2026-2027 Open Water National Team, to the 2026-2027 USA Swimming Open Water National Junior Team using the following Priorities:

- ❖ Priority #1 – The best four finishing Available Swimmers from the USA Swimming 10K Event at USA Swimming’s Open Water Nationals held in Sarasota, FL on April 2, 2026 (“10K 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 #2 – The top finishing Available Swimmer in the Junior 5K Event at USA Swimming’s Open Water Nationals held in Sarasota, FL on April 3, 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 #3 – The 5th highest finishing Available Swimmer in the 10K Event 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 #4 – The 6th highest finishing Available Swimmer in the 10K Event 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

All athletes must:

- ❖ Not have already been named to the 2026-2027 Open Water National Team.
- ❖ Be registered USA Swimming members in good standing at the time of selection and throughout their term on the Open Water National Junior Team (“NJT”). USA Swimming may suspend an athlete from the Open Water NJT 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 IOC rules and regulations. If an athlete who has qualified for, but has subsequently been suspended from, the Open Water NJT 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 2026-2027 Open Water NJT, their Open Water NJT suspension will be lifted, in accordance with the order from the court or body. If there is an athlete who was otherwise eligible for selection to the Open Water NJT 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 Open Water NJT such that the athlete would have been eligible at the time of selection to the Open Water NJT, the athlete will be added to the Open Water NJT, 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 Open Water NJT, no athlete will be removed as a result of that addition.

- ❖ Be eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition as of September 1, 2026 and must remain eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition throughout the time on the Open Water NJT. If an athlete changes their sport nationality and is no longer eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition, they will be removed from the Open Water NJT and will not be replaced.
- ❖ Be 18 years or younger on December 31, 2026.
- ❖ Complete and submit the application for a USA Swimming-required criminal background check within five days of being named to the Open Water NJT if 18 years of age or older, or within five days of turning 18-years-old if already on the Open Water NJT at that time. 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.
- ❖ Athletes will be considered regardless of their year/grade in high school, college, or university, if all other requirements are met.