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A. EVENT INFORMATION

1. EVENT OVERVIEW

The hosts for World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026, the government of People's Republic of China and the China Swimming Association, have established an Organising Committee, which shall be in charge of the preparation and organisation of the competitions under the control and supervision of World Aquatics.

The events will be held in Beijing, People's Republic of China (CHN).

Official Training 27 – 30 November 2026

Competition 1 – 6 December 2026

2. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

World Aquatics Members should communicate with the respective teams of the Organising Committee of the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) Beijing 2026 as detailed below:

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3. VENUE INFORMATION

The competition will take place in the Beijing National Aquatics Centre (Water Cube), venue of the Swimming, Diving, and Artistic Swimming competitions during the Olympic Games in 2008.

The 50-metre competition and warm-up pools from Olympic Games Beijing 2008 will be converted into mainly short course (25m) pools.

B. COMPETITION INFORMATION

1. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Individual events	Men	Women
Freestyle	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m
Backstroke	50m, 100m, 200m	50m, 100m, 200m
Breaststroke	50m, 100m, 200m	50m, 100m, 200m
Butterfly	50m, 100m, 200m	50m, 100m, 200m
Individual Medley	100m, 200m, 400m	100m, 200m, 400m

Team Relays	Men	Women	Mixed
Freestyle	4x100m 4x200m	4x100m 4x200m	4x50m
Medley	4x100m	4x100m	4x50m, 4x100m

2. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The Championships will be staged over six days with heats in the morning sessions, starting at 10:00 local time, and the semi-finals and finals in the evening sessions, starting at 19:00 local time, except on the final day (6 December 2026) when the evening session will begin at 18:00 local time.

Please note that the competition schedule is subject to change.


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DATES	01/12/2026	02/12/2026	03/12/2026	04/12/2026	05/12/2026	06/12/2026
VENUE	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Beijing National Aquatics Center (Water Cube)	10:00 - 400m Freestyle W 100m Backstroke W 100m Backstroke M 50m Butterfly W 50m Butterfly M 200m IM W 200m IM M 4x100m Freestyle Relay W 4x100m Freestyle Relay M 1500m Freestyle M (Timed final)	10:00 - 100m Freestyle W 100m Freestyle M 100m Breaststroke W 100m Breaststroke M 800m Freestyle W (Timed final) 4x50m Medley Relay MX	10:00 - 50m Backstroke W 50m Backstroke M 200m Butterfly W 200m Butterfly M 100m IM W 100m IM M 400m Freestyle M 4x200m Freestyle Relay W	10:00 - 4x50m Freestyle Relay MX 200m Breaststroke W 200m Breaststroke M 100m Butterfly W 100m Butterfly M 4x200m Freestyle Relay M 1500m Freestyle W (Timed final)	10:00 - 400m IM W 400m IM M 50m Freestyle W 50m Freestyle M 50m Breaststroke W 50m Breaststroke M 800m Freestyle M (Timed final) 4x100m Medley Relay MX	10:00 - 200m Freestyle W 200m Freestyle M 200m Backstroke W 200m Backstroke M 4x100m Medley Relay W 4x100m Medley Relay M
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	W - Women M - Men MX - Mixed IM - Individual Medley					

Heats	Semi-Finals	Final
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3. AWARDS AND SCORING

Awards are distributed as per the World Aquatics Competition Regulations Part One, 11 Awards, By way of derogation from those provisions, the following adjustments will apply solely for the purposes of one-time trial format at these World Aquatics Swimming Championships featuring ten-lane semi-finals and finals, including timed finals, for individual events.

11.1.1.2 Diplomas will be awarded to all eight ten finalists in each individual event and to the first eight finalists in relay events. In swimming relays when one or more preliminary rounds are swum, medals will be awarded to the swimmers who were members of the first three (3) placed teams and who participated in one or more preliminary rounds and/or the final.

11.1.1.3.1 Individual events using 8 10 lanes (places 1 to 16 20): 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 points.

4. PRIZE MONEY

The prize money for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) Beijing 2026 will be based on the following allocation.

4.1 Prize Money Pool

The total prize money is **USD 2,025,000** for the best ranked swimmers in individual events and for the best ranked relay teams in relay events as set out below.

The prize money will be equally distributed to men and women for both individual athletes and relay teams from 1st place to 8th place. There is no prize money for those that finish in 9th and 10th places.

Individual & Relay Events	
1 st place	USD 10,000
2 nd place	USD 8,000
3 rd place	USD 7,000
4 th place	USD 6,000
5 th place	USD 5,000
6 th place	USD 4,000
7 th place	USD 3,000
8 th place	USD 2,000

4.2 Distribution of prize money in case of tie

In the event of a tie, the prize money for the tied positions will be divided equally. For example, if there is a tie for 3rd place, the prize money for both 3rd and 4th places will be combined, split evenly, and awarded to both tied competitors. The next position will then be 5th place.

4.3 Prize for a new World Record

Prize money will also be awarded to swimmers who establish a new World Record during the Championships.

World Records (each) USD 25,000

4.4 Prize for a Swimming World Cup 2026 and World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) – Beijing 2026 Double Crown

Additional prize money will be awarded to swimmers who win the same event at all three stops of the Swimming World Cup 2026 series and the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) – Beijing.

Double Crowns (each)	USD 15,000
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4.5 Payment of prize money

Prize money will be paid by World Aquatics directly to the respective Member Federation only after all laboratory doping control test results have been received.

C. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. RULES

The Championships will be held under the [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#) in force at the time of the Championships. By way of derogation from the relevant provisions under Part Two, the following adjustments will apply solely for the purposes of this one-time trial format featuring ten-lane semi-finals and finals, including timed finals, for individual events. For the avoidance of doubt, relay events will be swum using eight (8) lanes in heats and finals.

3.1 For the Olympic Games, heats, semi-finals, and finals should be swum using eight (8) lanes. For the World Aquatics Championships, the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships, and the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m), heats, semi-finals and finals may be swum using ten (10) lanes and semi-finals and finals should be swum using eight (8) lanes.

3.4.1 Based on the times achieved by the Athletes in the semi-finals (or, if a direct final is held, the Athletes' entry times), the fastest eight ten (8 10) Athletes will qualify for the final.

3.4.2.2. If the event is longer than 200m in distance (including relays) and seven (7) Athletes have been seeded into a final that is being held in a ten (10) lane pool, and two (2) Athletes are equally seeded in the rankings for the eighth place in that final, both Athletes will be seeded into that final (lane zero (0) will also be used, with the two (2) Athletes assigned lane eight (8) or lane zero (0) by random draw).

3.4.2.3. If the event is longer than 200m in distance (including relays) and seven (7) Athletes have been seeded into a final that is being held in a ten (10) lane pool, and three (3) Athletes are equally seeded in the rankings for the eighth place in that final, all three (3) Athletes will be seeded into that final (lanes zero (0) and nine (9) will also be used, with the three (3) Athletes assigned lane eight (8) or lane zero (0) or lane nine (9) by random draw).

In all individual events, a swim-off between the tied Athletes may be held to determine which Athlete will compete in the semi-final and/or final.

2. SUBSTITUTION, WITHDRAWAL AND APPEAL

2.1 Substitution

At the Team Leaders' Meeting, changes to sport entries from the list of registered Athletes may be made. A representative of each competing Member Federation must attend in full the Team Leaders' Meeting. Failure to do so will result in a fine of one hundred (100) Swiss Francs for the relevant Member Federation.

2.2 Withdrawal

An Athlete or team that has earned qualification to a semi-final or final but does not wish to compete in that semi-final or final must withdraw within thirty (30) minutes after the end of the preceding qualifying round.

If an Athlete or team withdraws from the competition after the Team Leaders' Meeting or withdraws from a semi-final or final more than thirty (30) minutes after the end of the preceding qualifying round, the relevant Member Federation must pay to World Aquatics a fine of one hundred (100) Swiss Francs (in respect of an individual Athlete) or two hundred (200) Swiss Francs (in respect of a relay team).

2.3 Appeal

Grounds of appeal

There are no grounds for appeal other than the following:

In Swimming: Any decision of a Referee as to the consequence of an Athlete's rule infraction.

Appeal Procedure

In order to be considered a valid appeal, the appellant must complete the official Appeal Form and submit it to the specified World Aquatics representative (who will be specified at the start of the competition).

The Appeal Form must be submitted within the following timelines:

Swimming: Within thirty (30) minutes of completion of the relevant event.

The appellant must submit with the Appeal Form a deposit of five hundred (500) United States dollars (or an equivalent amount in the local currency in the country in which the competition is being held).

The appeal must fall within one or more of the grounds of appeal at Article 12.2 of the Part One in the [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#).

The World Aquatics representative will communicate the appeal to the Chairperson of the Jury of Appeal, who will review the appeal and determine its validity as soon as reasonably possible following its submission.

If the Chairperson of the Jury of Appeal determines that the appeal is invalid, the matter will not proceed further and the deposit will be forfeited. If the Chairperson of the Jury of Appeal determines that the appeal is valid, the appeal will be communicated to the Jury of Appeal for determination. The decision by the Chairperson of the Jury of Appeal regarding validity is final. The Jury of Appeal will render a final reasoned decision on a valid appeal as soon as reasonably practical.

If the Jury of Appeal upholds the appeal (in full or in part), the deposit will be returned to the appellant, and the appropriate remedy or course of action will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Jury of Appeal. If the Jury of Appeal dismisses the appeal, the deposit will be forfeited.

Appointment of the Jury of Appeal

The Jury of Appeal will be composed of three (3) members, one (1) of whom will be the designated Chairperson. The three (3) members will be appointed by the President or Executive Director (whichever is available).

Jury of Appeal members must not serve on a Jury of Appeal if they have a conflict of interest. Jury of Appeal members declare any possible conflicts of interest in advance of their appointment, and have an ongoing obligation to declare any possible conflicts of interest that may arise (including, but not limited to, having business relations with or being of the same nationality as an appellant). If a possible conflict of interest arises, the Executive Director will determine whether a conflict exists and whether the member should be recused.

Prior to the competition, the Bureau will appoint a fourth individual to act as a standby Jury of Appeal member in the event that an appointed Jury of Appeal member recuses himself/herself due to a conflict of interest.

The Jury of Appeal rules of procedure

The Jury of Appeal may determine its own procedure. It may (for example) consult video footage, documents and witnesses when considering the appeal, and/or consult any other potentially impacted party, in person or in writing.

Decisions of Referees will be afforded a significant degree of deference. The Jury of Appeal will not substitute its view of the appealed matter for that of the Referee, unless the appellant presents clear evidence that the Referee's decision was made arbitrarily, irrationally, or in abuse of the discretion afforded to the Referee.

Each member of the Jury of Appeal will have one (1) vote and decisions will be made by majority.

The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final.

For the avoidance of doubt, possible breaches of the eligibility rules are not subject to appeal pursuant to the Article 12 of the Part One in the [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#) and are matters for investigation by the Aquatics Integrity Unit.

3. SWIMWEAR AND ADVERTISING

All competitors of the Championships shall abide by the Article 7. Advertising and other identifications of the Part One in the [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#).

3.1 Swimsuits

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 30cm² when worn. Where one-piece suits are used, two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be permitted, one (1) above the waist and one (1) below the waist of a maximum size of 30cm² each when worn. These two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall not be placed immediately adjacent to each other. Where two-piece suits are used, the two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be placed on one (1) piece each.
- One (1) sponsor's logo of a maximum of 30cm² when worn.
- One (1) flag and one (1) country name or code of a maximum size of 50cm² when worn. Repetitions of the national flag, elements thereof or, the colours of the national flag, included as a design element of the swimsuit, shall not be considered under this rule.

3.2 Swimming Caps

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 20cm² (when the cap is not being worn) on the front.
- The World Aquatics Partner logo from Yakult shall be printed on the right side of the cap.
- The World Aquatics Partner logo from Yakult shall be 20cm² (H22.5mm x W90mm) in size (when the cap is not being worn). Whenever the swimming cap is white, the Yakult logo should measure exceptionally at H15mm x W95mm.
- The World Aquatics Partner logo from Yakult shall be printed in red (Pantone:199C) on a white background (box).
- One (1) flag and country name (code) of the size of 32cm² may be printed on the left side of the cap when worn.
- The athlete's name of the size of 20cm² may also be printed on the left side of the cap.
- If two caps are worn, both must comply with these regulations.

3.3 Pool deck equipment

- A maximum of three (3) advertising identifications (including manufacturer logo) with a maximum size of 40cm² each when worn for any of the clothing items, and a maximum of two (2) advertising identifications (including manufacturer logo) with a maximum size of 6cm² each for any of the accessories and equipment items. The list of clothing items and accessories is available at Article 7.12 of the Part One in the Competition Regulations.
- Additionally, one (1) National Federation or NOC logo identification per item with a maximum size of 40 cm² for clothing items and 6 cm² for accessories may be displayed.

3.4 Competitors Bibs

- Each competitor at World Aquatics Swimming Championships must wear on the chest over their tracksuit such advertising as supplied by World Aquatics when being introduced prior to the start of each event and during the medal ceremony
- A Competitor removing the Bib before being presented at the start of an event or before completion of the medal ceremony may be disqualified.

4. ANTI-DOPING

Urine and blood samples will be collected during the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) Beijing 2026 for the purpose of doping controls. The doping controls will be done in accordance with the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules and the World Anti-Doping International Standards, which can be consulted [here](#). The operations will be supervised and coordinated by the International Testing Agency (ITA).

The list of prohibited substances can be consulted [here](#). For reminder, all athletes are strictly responsible for any prohibited substance found in their sample and it is particularly important for them to check any medication they take against the prohibited list. Additionally, all athlete support personnel are responsible to be knowledgeable about anti-doping regulations and procedures.

4.1 Mandatory Anti-Doping education course prior to participation

Athlete

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, any athlete participating in World Aquatics Events must, prior to participation, have successfully completed the eLearning Anti-Doping Education course "[International-Level Athletes Education Program](#)" or a course developed by their respective NADO and recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit).^{*} Any athlete who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to compete and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

Team Official: Coach, Head Coach, Chef de Mission, Team Leader, or Support Staff

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, anyone registered as a team official—including coach, head coach, chef de mission, team leader, support staff—for World Aquatics Events must, prior to participation, have successfully completed the eLearning Anti-Doping Education course "[Coaches of High Performance Education Program](#)" or a course developed by their respective NADO and recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit).^{*} Anyone who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

Team Official: Doctor, Medical Professional, Massage Therapist, or Physiotherapist

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, anyone registered as a team official—including doctor, medical professional, massage therapist, physiotherapist—for World Aquatics Events must, prior to participation, have successfully completed the eLearning Anti-Doping Education course “[ADEL for Medical Professional's Education Program](#)” or a course developed by their respective NADO and recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit).^{*} Anyone who has not met this requirement will not be eligible to participate and thus will not have their accreditation activated.

*** AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit) Recognised NADO Education Programs**

Please refer to the list of anti-doping education programs from National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) whose certifications are recognised by the AQIU [here](#). These certifications will be accepted as fulfilling the mandatory anti-doping education requirements for all World Aquatics competitions.

Steps to Complete the ADEL Certification

Please follow these instructions in order to complete the ADEL course:

Step 1:

Access the eLearning course webpage [here](#).

Step 2:

Click on “Register here” and follow the steps to register an account.

Step 3:

Sign in to the new account just created.

Step 4:

Based on the category, select the course “**International-Level Athletes Education Program**”, “**Coaches of High-Performance Education Program**” or “**ADEL for Medical Professional's Education Program**”, click on ‘Start Learning Now’, and complete the course to obtain at least 80% at the final exam at the end of the course. You can do the course again if you do not achieve 80% the first time. The athletes’ course is available in twenty-three languages, the coaches’ course in seventeen languages, and the medical professionals’ course is offered in three languages. Each course takes up to 2-3 hours to complete. The courses can also be accessed through the “**ADEL by WADA**” mobile application.

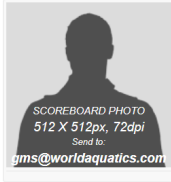
Step 5:

Once the course has been successfully completed, download the certificate of completion, and send it to your World Aquatics Member. The ADEL guidelines to download the certificate can be found [here](#). In case of any queries that may arise regarding downloading the certificate, you may also reach out to ADEL Helpdesk at [here](#).

Step 6:

The World Aquatics Member must upload the certificate of completion of each athlete on their respective GMS profile [here](#) (in the Sport tab).

General
Travel Documents
Contact
Sport
Athlete Bio
Club Affiliation
Uniform
Companions
Emails
History
Documents

Scoreboard Photo


Club
Club Country
Select Country
Coach

Biography
Biography ID
National Federation ID

Anti-Doping Education Certificate (ADEL)

Certificate image or PDF

Choose...

Note: In order to avoid any issues, Members should not wait until their teams are finalised to inform their athletes and team officials about this requirement. Rather, they should ask all athletes and team officials who could potentially participate in the event to complete the course immediately.

Athletes and team officials are encouraged to renew their certifications every four years to stay up to date with the latest anti-doping regulations and procedures.

For any questions regarding this requirement, please contact info@aquaticsintegrity.com

4.2 World Records and World Junior Records

As per the World Aquatics Doping Control Rules, any Athlete equalling or breaking a World Record or World Junior Record in Swimming, shall be tested immediately after the race, or at the latest, 24 hours after the race. If not selected for doping control after the race, it is the sole responsibility of the athlete(s) to come to the doping control station to request being tested.

4.3 Continental or National Record

Should an Athlete equal or break a continental or a national record, it is the sole responsibility of the athlete(s) to check whether the rules of their Continental Organization or Members require a negative doping control in order to recognize the record. If this is required, the athlete must go to the doping control station to request a doping control test. This test will have to be paid by the athlete or their Member.

4.4 Meat Contamination

The AQIU would like to share a precautionary advisory regarding meat consumption during the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) Beijing 2026.

In certain regions of the world, there is a risk of local food being contaminated with prohibited substances as part of the production process. Steroids may sometimes be used to promote growth in cattle and other animals bred for meat in specific countries, including China. Anabolic steroids are prohibited for athletes at all times.

If consumed, these substances may appear in anti-doping tests.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has warned that substances such as clenbuterol, ractopamine, zilpaterol, and zeranol (or their metabolites) may be used as growth promoters in animal production. Therefore, athletes are encouraged to understand the risks of consuming meat while in China, and where possible seek alternative sources of protein such as plant-based options or fish.

If meat is consumed in China, AQIU recommends the following precautionary measures:

- Keep whereabouts information up to date (where applicable) to reflect travel locations and dates
- Prefer meals provided at official competition venues or designated hotels
- Avoid street vendors and temporary or untraceable food outlets
- Where possible, inquire about the source of meat and note the restaurant name and location
- Retain meal receipts and consider taking photos
- Eat with teammates when possible
- Maintain a detailed food log while travelling, which may assist any investigation in the unlikely event of an adverse analytical finding
- Be aware that certificates of meat authenticity displayed by restaurants or hotels may not meet WADA identification standards

This advisory is shared as a risk-awareness measure to support athletes and their support personnel in making informed decisions during the Championships.

5. SAFEGUARDING

World Aquatics and the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit) are committed to strengthening safe, abuse-free and respectful environments across all aquatic events.

5.1 Athletes and Team Officials (Coach, Head Coach, Chef de Mission, Team Leader, Support Staff, Doctor, Medical Professional, Massage Therapist, Physiotherapist, Media Liaison)

Anyone registered as an athlete or a team official—including coach, head coach, chef de mission, team leader, support staff, media liaison—for World Aquatics Events, is encouraged to complete the eLearning safeguarding course [Safeguarding Essentials \(Course 1\)](#) or a course recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit)*, prior to participation at the Event.

Please refer to the Safeguarding Essentials (Course 1) [Registration Guide](#) to access the course. To receive the certificate, complete the course in full. The course takes approximately one (1) hour to complete.

Note: From 1 January 2027, completion of this course will become mandatory for all participating athletes and team officials at all World Aquatics Events.

AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit) Recognised Safeguarding Courses*

The AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit) recognises safeguarding courses offered at national level, provided that the course covers, at a minimum, the core areas included within Safeguarding Essentials (Course 1) and that a nominal certificate of completion is delivered afterwards. Member Federations are invited to complete the following [form](#) should they wish to have a course reviewed and recognised by the AQIU (Aquatics Integrity Unit).

For any questions regarding safeguarding education requirements please contact info@aquaticsintegrity.com.

D. QUALIFICATION & ENTRIES

1. KEY DATES

Registration & Entries Open	17 August 2026
Preliminary Entries Close	8 September 2026
Final Nominations (Entries by name) Close	10 November 2026
Final Sport Entries Close	17 November 2026
Official Training	27* – 30 November 2026 * Training on 27 November will begin in the afternoon at a designated time
Team Leaders' Meeting	29 November 2026
Competition	1 – 6 December 2026
Departure	7 December 2026

2. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND SPORT ENTRIES

There will be three (3) successive entry steps to provide information to World Aquatics and the Organising Committee in order to register for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) Beijing 2026. All the communication between the Organising Committee and Members will be confirmed by email. All Registrations and Entries shall take place through the World Aquatics General Management System (GMS) which can be accessed by [LINK - GMS](#).

Please note that the registration for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) Beijing 2026 is to be opened on 17 August 2026.

The entry steps are as follows:

2.1 Preliminary Entries

TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE GMS BY **8 SEPTEMBER 2026, 23.59 GMT.**

The Preliminary Entry is for the purpose of confirming the participation of the World Aquatics Member and indicating to the Organising Committee the maximum number of athletes, team officials, and NF Representatives etc., which each Member intends to register for the competition. The numbers submitted must not exceed the quotas defined in Chapter D.4. Eligibility and Quota.

2.2 Final Nominations (Entries By Name)

TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE GMS BY **10 NOVEMBER 2026, 23.59 GMT.**

The Final Nominations is the final deadline to register all Athletes, Team Officials and NF Representatives, that includes all relevant data for the purposes of Accreditation, Visa free entry, possible travel details and accommodation.

All nominations must be submitted with the requested information duly and correctly completed in the World Aquatics GMS.

After this deadline it will not be possible to register any more individuals to the event. The number of registrations must not exceed the numbers submitted in the preliminary entries.

The only exception allowed until the sport entries deadline is:

- In the event of injury or illness, a participant may be replaced with another upon submission of a medical certificate.

The World Aquatics GMS will not allow more registrations, and the final list must be confirmed to World Aquatics before the sport entries deadline.

2.3 Final Sport Entries

TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE GMS **BY 17 NOVEMBER 2026, 23.59 GMT.**

All Athletes must be registered for the event(s) they will be participating in. No late entries will be accepted. Athletes with no sport entries completed on this date will be cancelled.

2.4 Wild Card Entries

World Aquatics will submit the entries through the GMS for all Wild Card Athletes in the event(s) for which Wild Card Entries have been awarded, following the conclusion of the Swimming World Cup 2026 Series and confirmation and acceptance of the Wild Card Invitation. The respective National Federations of the Wild Card Athletes will remain responsible for the submission and management of any additional entries permitted under provisions set out in the following section and in the Beijing 2026 Wild Card Programme document.

3. QUALIFICATION AND STANDARD ENTRY TIMES

3.1 Qualifying periods for entry times

The qualification for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) 2026 Beijing (CHN) is set out below. Entry times will only be accepted if they have been achieved at a World Aquatics-approved qualification event, either in a 25m pool or a 50m pool, within the period **27 July 2025 - 15 November 2026**. All times achieved outside this qualifying period will not be accepted. The Standard Entry Times for the World Aquatics Championships Singapore 2025 will be applied as the standard times for 50m pool competitions.

National Federations will enter swimmers and relay teams using the times achieved at the World Aquatics-approved qualification events as the entry time for seeding purposes. Where no valid time information is recorded, the swimmer or relay team will be entered with no time.

3.2 Standard Entry Times (25m)

Women			Men	
B (+3.5 % of A)	A		A	B (+3.5 % of A)
25.18	24.33	50m Freestyle	21.19	21.93
54.88	53.02	100m Freestyle	46.89	48.53
1:59.65	1:55.60	200m Freestyle	1:43.48	1:47.10
4:14.89	4:06.27	400m Freestyle	3:42.18	3:49.96
8:44.98	8:27.23	800m Freestyle	7:42.39	7:58.57
16:37.32	16:03.59	1500m Freestyle	14:49.29	15:20.42
27.47	26.54	50m Backstroke	23.37	24.19
59.53	57.52	100m Backstroke	50.81	52.59
2:09.93	2:05.54	200m Backstroke	1:52.11	1:56.03
31.27	30.21	50m Breaststroke	26.25	27.17
1:07.24	1:04.97	100m Breaststroke	57.38	59.39
2:26.88	2:21.91	200m Breaststroke	2:06.23	2:10.65
26.62	25.72	50m Butterfly	22.43	23.22
59.41	57.40	100m Butterfly	50.15	51.91
2:13.36	2:08.85	200m Butterfly	1:53.19	1:57.15
1:01.74	59.65	100m Individual Medley	52.98	54.83
2:13.90	2:09.37	200m Individual Medley	1:55.25	1:59.28
4:47.17	4:37.46	400m Individual Medley	4:08.87	4:17.58

Explanation:

- The "A" standards for the Beijing 2026 were created by using the faster of two times from:
 - The Budapest 2024 "A" qualifying time standards; or
 - The 16th place time of the preliminary heats from the Budapest 2024

For these Championships, the standards are as follows:

Women: 6 of the Beijing 2026 "A" time standards are the Budapest 2024 "A" time standard, while 12 are based on the 16th place time of the preliminary heats from the Budapest 2024.

Men: 4 of the Beijing 2026 "A" time standards are the Budapest 2024 "A" time standard, while 14 are based on the 16th place time of the preliminary heats from the Budapest 2024.

- All "B" time standards were derived by multiplying the "A" time standards by 3.5 %.

3.3 Standard Entry Times (50m)

Women			Men	
B (+3.5 % of A)	A		A	B (+3.5 % of A)
25.73	24.86	50m Freestyle	22.05	22.82
56.15	54.25	100m Freestyle	48.34	50.03
2:02.37	1:58.23	200m Freestyle	1:46.70	1:50.43
4:18.99	4:10.23	400m Freestyle	3:48.15	3:56.14
8:52.63	8:34.62	800m Freestyle	7:48.66	8:05.06
16:59.02	16:24.56	1500m Freestyle	15:01.89	15:33.46
29.21	28.22	50m Backstroke	25.11	25.99
1:02.58	1:00.46	100m Backstroke	53.94	55.83
2:15.67	2:11.08	200m Backstroke	1:58.07	2:02.20
31.83	30.75	50m Breaststroke	27.33	28.29
1:09.21	1:06.87	100m Breaststroke	59.75	1:01.84
2:31.02	2:25.91	200m Breaststroke	2:10.32	2:14.88
27.15	26.23	50m Butterfly	23.36	24.18
1:00.37	58.33	100m Butterfly	51.77	53.58
2:13.73	2:09.21	200m Butterfly	1:56.51	2:00.59
2:17.48	2:12.83	200m Individual Medley	1:59.05	2:03.22
4:52.97	4:43.06	400m Individual Medley	4:17.48	4:26.49

3.4 Qualifying competitions

World Aquatics-approved qualification events for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) – Beijing 2026 can be found on the World Aquatics website ([LINK](#)).

3.5 Sport entries rules

Standard Entry Times A and B

- For each individual event at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) – Beijing 2026, each National Federation may enter a maximum of two (2) competitors. To enter two (2) swimmers in the same event, both of them must have achieved the “A” Standard Entry Time.
- To enter one (1) swimmer in an event, the competitor must have achieved at least the “B” Standard Entry Time.
- Swimmers having achieved only one (1) “A” or one “B” entry time are entitled to enter one (1) additional event. The additional individual event must be in an event where no other swimmer from the same National Federation has been entered.

Sport Entry with no Standard Times

National Federations may enter swimmers who have not achieved either Standard Entry Time as follows:

- With no swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to four (4) swimmers, two (2) men and two (2) women.
- With one (1) or two (2) swimmers who has achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time: National Federations may enter up to a maximum of four (4) swimmers (two (2) men and two (2) women), and with three (3) swimmers who have achieved the “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time, one (1) additional swimmer provided that both genders are represented.
- The swimmers who have not achieved a Standard Entry Time will only be permitted to enter up to two (2) individual events each.

- An individual entry for a swimmer without an “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time must be in an event where no other swimmer from the same National Federation has been entered.

Beijing 2026 Wild Card

Athletes who have obtained and accepted a Beijing 2026 Wild Card invitation through the [Beijing 2026 Wild Card Programme](#) will be entitled to participate in the individual event at the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) – Beijing 2026 for which they obtained a Wild Card Invitation. Wild Card entries will be allowed in addition to:

- the maximum quota of two (2) athletes per event per National Federation; and
- the maximum team size of twenty-six (26) athletes per gender per National Federation. This means that if a National Federation exceeds 26 athletes per gender due to the Wild Card athletes from that NF, the maximum team size will be increased to include the additional athlete(s).

A Wild Card Athlete may be entered in additional individual events provided that:

- the Athlete has achieved at least the applicable “B” Qualification Time Standard in the additional event(s) and the National Federation has no other entered athlete in the event(s); or
- the Athlete has achieved the applicable “A” Qualification Time Standard in the additional event(s) and the National Federation has only one (1) entered athlete who has achieved the applicable “A” Qualification Time Standard in the event(s).

Wild Card Athletes having achieved only one (1) “A” entry time are entitled to enter one (1) additional event. The additional individual event must be in an event where no other swimmer from the same National Federation has been entered.

Entry of Relays

Each National Federation may enter only one (1) team in each relay. The members of such entered team(s) shall comprise:

- Any swimmers entered in individual events, including Wild Card Athletes, even if they have not achieved a “A” or “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered;
- Additional swimmers as relay-only competitors, provided that they have achieved the “B” Standard Entry Time for the corresponding stroke and distance of the relay in which they are entered. Any additional swimmers must be within the maximum quota of swimmers for the event. The following quota shall apply:

One (1) Relay	Two (2) additional swimmers
Two (2) Relays	Four (4) additional swimmers
Three (3) Relays	Six (6) additional swimmers
Four (4) Relays	Eight (8) additional swimmers
Five (5) Relays	Ten (10) additional swimmers
Six (6) or more Relays	Twelve (12) additional swimmers

- The names of swimmers actually swimming on a relay must be submitted at least one hour before the start of the session in which the event is to take place, in the order in which they are to swim. The names of swimmers in medley relay events must be listed for their respective strokes.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND QUOTA

4.1 Athlete Eligibility

A competitor must be a citizen by birth or naturalisation of the nation they represent.

Passport from the nation that the athlete represents will be requested for the registration procedure. Additional documents may also be requested in specific cases according to the [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#), Part One, Article 3. Sport Nationality.

Any athlete that intends to change his/her Sport Nationality from one Member Federation to another must comply with the [World Aquatics Competition Regulations](#), Part One, Article 3.3 Change of Sport Nationality and shall request World Aquatics' approval.

4.2 Athlete Quota

The maximum number of competitors allowed from each World Aquatics Member for the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) Beijing 2026 is:

Gender	Maximum athlete quota*
Men	26
Women	26

*Wild Card Athletes do not count toward the above athlete quotas.

4.3 Team Official Quota

Individuals who are serving as Team Officials (Chef de Mission, coaches, managers, doctors, etc.) cannot serve as Technical Officials during these Championships.

Each World Aquatics Member shall be allowed to include in its delegation individuals registered under the category of "Team Officials" (coaches, managers, trainers, chaperons, etc.) and is entitled to register only one (1) Chef de Mission.

The number of Team Officials is determined by the number of competitors entering and participating, as shown below:

Number of Competitors	Maximum Number of Team Officials
1-2 competitor(s)	2
3-4 competitors	4
5-6 competitors	6
7-8 competitors	8
9-13 competitors	10
14-20 competitors	14
21-30 competitors	20
31-40 competitors	25
Over 40 competitors	30

National Federations with one or more Wild Card Athletes may be granted one (1) additional accreditation for a team official.

4.4 NF Representative Quota

Concerning World Aquatics Member Representatives, the President and the General Secretary, officially recognised by World Aquatics, will be entitled to free accreditation (non-transferable).

Any other individual registered under the World Aquatics NF Representative category will be charged a fee of one hundred-fifty (150) USD for their accreditation. World Aquatics NF Representatives are NOT included in Team Official quotas and are restricted according to the quotas below.

The following quotas apply for the World Aquatics Member Representatives in addition to the President and General Secretary:

Number of Competitors	Maximum Number of Representatives outside of President & General Secretary
1-2 competitor(s)	1
3-4 competitors	2
5-6 competitors	3
7-8 competitors	4
9-13 competitors	5
14-20 competitors	6
21-30 competitors	7
31-40 competitors	8
Over 40 competitors	9

World Aquatics has final approval for all Team Official and NF Representative Accreditation requests that have been registered through the World Aquatics GMS by the registration deadline of 10 November 2026.

Quotas are not transferable from one category to another.

5. ACCREDITATION

5.1 Accreditation Principles

The quotas of team officials (coaches, team leader, Chef de Mission, medical staff, support staff, etc.) allowed by discipline are defined in [4.3. Team Official Quota](#). Participating World Aquatics Members must comply with the quotas, as in principle, World Aquatics will not allow any extra officials. Any requests for additional officials will only be considered if submitted in advance and reviewed by World Aquatics for approval on an exceptional basis. In this case, a fee of one hundred fifty (150) USD will be levied for each additional accreditation that is duly approved, with payment being required on site during the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) process.

Only persons aged of eighteen (18) or older as of the first day of the World Aquatics World Championships are eligible for accreditation as a Team official.

5.2 Venue Access

Athletes

Athletes will have access to all training venues and the competition venues where they are competing.

Team Officials and World Aquatics Member Representatives

Individuals registered in these categories will have access to all competition and training venues.

Important note: Each person must be registered under the function and role they will be fulfilling during the World Aquatics Swimming Championships (25m) Beijing 2026. If an individual will perform multiple functions, only the most senior position or the one granting the more fitting privileges (as required by the tasks the person will need to perform at the event) shall be selected upon registration.

e.g. If a Member representative Board Member is also the coach of the team, this person should be registered as a "Team Official" and "Coach" in order to have the correct access to fulfil their duties at the event.

The World Aquatics Member is entirely responsible for registering the participants with their correct functions and roles, so that the correct accreditations will be issued. World Aquatics generally does not permit changing of Category, Function and Role once the registration is approved. However, in exceptional circumstances where a change is deemed necessary and justified, World Aquatics may consider accommodating the request. In such instances, a fee of one hundred-fifty (150) USD may be applicable.

5.3 Loss of Accreditation

If your accreditation badge is lost, it must be reported immediately to the nearest security personnel from the Organising Committee. A penalty fee may be charged for the reproduction of lost accreditation badges.

E. TEAM INFORMATION

1. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

1.1 Accommodation

Accommodation requests shall be made through World Aquatics GMS following the link below observing the specific deadlines:

[General Management System \(GMS\)](#)

Detailed information on the accommodation including cancellation policy and payment schedule will be available in the Information Bulletin.

1.2 Transportation

The Beijing 2026 Organising Committee will provide transfers from/to Beijing Capital International Airport, Beijing Daxing International Airport, and Beijing Railway Station for all participants registered at the Championships, based on their flight details uploaded into the GMS. Please make sure the information is fully completed and up to date at least 48 hours before your arrival.

Failure to do so may result in no transportation being arranged by the Organising Committee and may be the responsibility of the respective Member Federation.

During the Championships, a shuttle bus service will be provided from all official hotels to/from the venue, based on a pre-determined schedule.

2. TRAVEL SUPPORT

The travel support info can be found in [GMS](#) under Event Info and Preliminary Entries tabs.

3. VISA

The Organising Committee will make the utmost effort to support ensuring the timely granting of visas to all eligible participants. A Visa support letter will be issued by the Organising Committee to the individuals who require a Visa to enter the host country once their registration is duly approved. Please make sure that the required information under the 'Visa' tab is correctly provided on the GMS.

Please refer to the Information Bulletin for further details about the Visa.

4. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Document	Expected Date of Release
Information Bulletin (Accommodation & Visa)	August 2026
Customs and Freight Guide	September 2026
Transportation Guide	October 2026
Team Leaders' Guide	October 2026

Relevant documents will be available and updated periodically on the World Aquatics [website](#).