

## BLP16.1 SWIMMING - General

The selection process for National Swim Teams is divided into two phases; qualification and team selection. In the qualification phase, the names of swimmers who have met the qualification requirement along with other relevant data (eg times) will be gathered. The final team selection will be undertaken by the Selection Committee whose decision will be submitted to Amateur Swimming Association of Jamaica (ASAJ) Council for ratification.

After ratification by the ASAJ Council, the names of swimmers selected for representation at the CAC Games, Commonwealth Games, Pan American Games, Olympic Games, etc., will be submitted to the Jamaica Olympic Association (JOA), who has final authority in Jamaica, over those events.

As the ASAJ may not have access to all meet results, it is important that Coaches and Managers of swimmers who have qualified, ensure that the relevant documentation providing proof of qualification is submitted prior to the selection deadline. The ASAJ will make every effort to collect performance data on swimmers but the final burden rests with the swimmer.

The ASAJ is committed to selecting and preparing the best team available for each competition. Swimmers are urged to remain fit, sharp and prepared to represent Team Jamaica. In cases where a qualifying time was achieved more than four (4) months before the selection meeting is held, the Selection Committee may request written confirmation from the coach that the swimmer has maintained an acceptable level of performance and training to justify consideration to represent the country in the competition in question. Should the Selection Committee believe that there is sufficient evidence to indicate that a swimmer is no longer capable of achieving the qualifying time in competition, such evidence shall be documented and submitted to Council for consideration.

The following guidelines will apply:

1. All times must be verified.
2. When using the US Time Standard as qualifying criteria, the appropriate course chart for the year in question will be used.

### BLP16.1.1 CARIFTA

1. Final Selection must be ratified by the ASAJ Council.
2. Swimmer must be a Jamaica Citizen or resident in Jamaica no less than 12 months prior to the entry deadline of the meet.
3. Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ a minimum of three weeks prior to the start of the final local qualifying meet.
4. Times swum on or after July 1 of the year prior to the competition will be considered. Meets that are not fully contained within the qualification period but fall on a boundary date will be included.
5. Times must have been swum in a long course meet sanctioned by the ASAJ or other FINA recognized body.
6. Swimmer must qualify in at least two (2) events.
7. Swimmer must be ranked in 1st or 2nd place in the event in which the standard is achieved.
8. Qualifying times:
  - a. Latest TUSS AA time standards.
  - b. The 8th place median of the last three years in events where there are no TUSS standards.

- c. Tables with the time standards will be published by September 1 each year.
9. In the event that only three individuals have qualified in an age group, a fourth swimmer will be selected to be a part of a relay team whose combined times as determined by Hy-Tek, would match or better the 3rd place median for the event for the last three years.

#### BLP16.1.2 CCCAN

1. Final Selection must be ratified by the ASAJ Council.
2. Swimmer must be a Jamaican Citizen or resident in Jamaica no less than 12 months prior to the entry deadline of the meet.
3. Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ a minimum of three weeks prior to the start of the final local qualifying meet.
4. Times swum January 1 or after in the year of competition will be considered for 11-14 swimmers.
5. Times swum up to twelve months prior to the start of the competition will be considered for 15 & over swimmers. Meets that are not fully contained within the qualification period but fall on a boundary date will be included.
6. Times must have been swum in a long course meet sanctioned by the ASAJ or other FINA recognized body.
7. Swimmer must qualify in at least two (2) events.
8. Swimmer must be ranked in 1st or 2nd place in the event in which the standard is achieved.
9. Qualifying times:
  - a. Latest TUSS AAA times standards
  - b. The 8th place median of the last three years in events where there are no TUSS standards.
  - c. Tables with the time standards will be published by September 1 each year.
10. In the event that only three individuals have qualified in a category, a fourth swimmer will be selected to be a part of a relay team whose combined times as determined by Hy-Tek, would match or better the 3rd place median for the event for the last three years.

#### BLP16.1.3 UANA CUP

1. Final Selection must be ratified by the ASAJ Council.
2. Swimmer must be a Jamaica Citizen or resident in Jamaica no less than 12 months prior to the entry deadline of the meet.
3. Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ a minimum of three weeks prior to the start of the final local qualifying meet.
4. Times swum between June 1 and November 30 of the year prior to the competition will be considered. Meets that are not fully contained within the qualification period but fall on a boundary date will be included.
5. Times must have been swum in a long course meet sanctioned by the ASAJ or other FINA recognized body.
5. Swimmer must qualify in at least one (1) event.
6. Swimmer must be ranked in 1st or 2nd place in the event in which the standard is achieved.
7. Qualifying times:
  - a. Latest TUSS AAAA times standards

- b. The 8th place median of the last three years in events where there are no TUSS standards.  
*In 2019 it will be simply the 8<sup>th</sup> place for 2018 and in 2020 it will be the mean of the 8<sup>th</sup> place times for 2018 and 2019*
- c. Tables with the time standards will be published by September 1 each year.

#### BLP16.1.4 CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GAMES

1. Final Selection must be ratified by the Jamaica Olympic Association.
2. Swimmer must be a Jamaican citizen.
3. Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ no less than 12 months prior to the competition.
4. Times swum within the time period stated by the meet summons will be considered.
5. Times must have been swum in a long course meet sanctioned by the ASAJ or other FINA recognized body.
6. Swimmer must qualify in at least one (1) event.
7. Qualifying times:
  - a. As published by the organizing committee OR
  - b. Eligible swimmers will be ranked by FINA points and the top swimmers will be selected, in the absence of published times.
8. If more swimmers achieve the qualifying standard than spaces on the team:
  - a. Swimmers achieving the A standard will be selected; thereafter
  - b. All swims achieving the B qualifying standard will be assigned FINA points and ranked in numerical order
  - c. The swimmer with the highest FINA points will be selected and move down the order until the available spaces in the team are filled

#### BLP16.1.5 YOUTH COMMONWEALTH / COMMONWEALTH GAMES

1. Final Selection must be ratified by the Jamaica Olympic Association.
2. Swimmer must be a Jamaican citizen.
3. Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ no less than 12 months prior to the competition
4. Times swum up to twelve months prior to the start of the competition will be considered.
8. Times must have been swum in a long course meet sanctioned by the ASAJ or other FINA recognized body.
5. Swimmer must qualify in at least one (1) event.
6. Qualifying times:
  - a. As published by the organizing committee OR
  - b. Eligible swimmers will be ranked by FINA points and the top swimmers will be selected, in the absence of published time.
7. If more swimmers achieve the qualifying standard than spaces on the team:
  - a. Swimmers achieving the A standard will be selected; thereafter
  - b. All swims achieving the B qualifying standard will be assigned FINA points and ranked in numerical order
  - c. The swimmer with the highest FINA points will be selected and move down the order until the available spaces in the team are filled

#### BLP16.1.6 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

1. Final Selection must be ratified by the Jamaica Olympic Association.
2. Swimmer must be a Jamaican citizen.
3. Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ no less than 12 months prior to the competition
4. Times swum within the time period stated by the meet summons will be considered.
5. Times must have been swum in a long course meet sanctioned by the ASAJ or other FINA recognized body.
6. Swimmer must qualify in at least one (1) event. Swimmer will only be allowed to swim in events where he/she has made the qualifying time.
7. Qualifying times:
  - a. As published by the organizing committee OR
  - b. Eligible swimmers will be ranked by FINA points and the top swimmers will be selected, in the absence of published times.
8. If more swimmers achieve the qualifying standard than spaces on the team:
  - a. Swimmers achieving the A standard will be selected; thereafter
  - b. All swims achieving the B qualifying standard will be assigned FINA points and ranked in numerical order
  - c. The swimmer with the highest FINA points will be selected and move down the order until the available spaces in the team are filled

#### BLP16.1.7 (YOUTH) FINA WORLD CHAMPS / (YOUTH) OLYMPIC GAMES

1. Final selection must be ratified by the Jamaica Olympic Association.
2. Swimmer must be a Jamaican citizen.
3. Swimmer must be registered with the ASAJ no less than 12 months prior to the competition
4. Times swum within the time period stated by FINA will be considered.
5. Times must have been swum at a long course meet approved as a qualification meet by FINA (see [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org))
6. Swimmer must qualify in at least one (1) event. Swimmer will only be allowed to swim in events where he/she has made the qualifying time.
7. Qualifying times:
  - a. As published by the organizing committee OR
  - b. Eligible swimmers will be ranked by FINA points and the top swimmers will be selected, in the absence of published times.
8. If more swimmers achieve the qualifying standard than spaces on the team:
  - a. Swimmers achieving the A standard will be selected; thereafter
  - b. All swims achieving the B qualifying standard will be assigned FINA points and ranked in numerical order
  - c. The swimmer with the highest FINA points will be selected and move down the order until the available spaces in the team are filled