"Our Home Is Water"

COMEN Mediterranean Swimming Cup 2026
Belgrade – 19th to 21st June 2026

Selection policy

1. **The objective for this event** is to provide a meaningful and beneficial competitive opportunity to further the long-term development of Maltese swimmers towards senior international success at GSSE 2027 and Olympics 2028 levels.

2. **Eligibility**
   Boys born 2010-2012 (14-16 years old)
   Girls born 2011-2013 (13-15 years old)

   Additionally, Swimmers must:

   - be a Maltese citizen.
   - be a registered ASA member of the 2025-2026 season.
   - be available to fulfil National Team commitments.

3. **Team size:** 4 male and 4 female athletes will be selected for the COMEN Cup 2026.

4. **Selection Trials:** Selections will be made from individual event performances at the 33rd Easter International Swim Meet which will be held between the 1st and 4th April 2026. This event will be known as the 'Selection Trials'. Athletes will be notified of their selections by the 18th April 2026.

   If for reasons beyond the ASA's control, it is not possible to identify the rankings following the 4th April, the ASA would consider the rankings by the 4th April to be the rankings according to which the final selection is made.

5. **Athletes Selection (Individual Events)**

The top 4 male and top 4 female ranked athletes by World Aquatics Points achieved during the Selection Trials who are eligible for participation will be selected. Should any of the top 4 swimmers from each gender not accept the selection, the ASA reserves the right to consider the next ranked swimmers irrespective of gender. It is not necessary that all 4 gender places are filled if the ASA deems that the level of the next ranked swimmers are not matching the level of this competition.

6. **Funding**

The ASA will fund up to 2 coaches who will be accompanying the swimmers and €375 for each swimmer. Swimmers who are included in the MOC Youth Scheme will be eligible to claim the remaining funds for expenses used to participate in this competition.

7. **Coach selection.**

The ASA will nominate up to 2 accompanying Coaches. Selection will be made according to the following priority:

1. coaches having the most number of **qualified swimmers**.
2. coaches having swimmers obtaining the highest number of LC World Aquatics points 2024 in one race at the Selection Trials.

IMPORTANT – Participation to this competition will be based on the confirmation that 2 Coaches will be available to travel with the swimmers to the competition.

Coach Selection will be made following the conditions and benefits stipulated in the latest version of the ASA's National Team Staff Selection & Remuneration Policy.

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