

Main International Competitions for the 2026/27 Season

Name	Venue/Date	Age Group
World SC Championships	Beijing, China 1 st to 6 th December 2026	Open
GSSE 2027 (MOC Event)	Monaco 17 th to 22 nd May 2027	Open
COMEN Swimming Cup 2027	TBC June 2027	Girls born 2012 - 2014 Boys born 2011 - 2013
European Aquatics U23 Swimming Championships	Istanbul 16 th to 18 th June 2027	Men & Women born 2004 to 2008
European Junior Championships	Croatia 29 th June to 4 th July 2027	Boys & Girls born 2009 - 2013
World LC Championships	Budapest 10 th to 18 th July 2027	Open
European Youth Olympic Festival – EYOF (MOC Event)	Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy 24 th July to 1 st August 2027	Boys & Girls born 2012 - 2013
FISU World University Games	Chungcheong, Korea 1 st to 12 th August 2027	Open
World Junior Championships	TBC August 2027	Boys & Girls born 2009 - 2013

Other Competitions might be added once they are announced and evaluated to fit within the ASA's short and long-term plans

World Aquatics Short Course Championships 2026

1st to 6th December 2026 - Beijing

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, Continental & World Championships of the following years and Olympics 2028.
2. **Selection Period** Selections will be made from individual event performances at ASA approved competitions between the 1st September 2026 to 8th November 2026. Athletes will be notified of their selections in the week following the end of the selection period.

3. **Athletes Selection**

Achieving an A or B Qualification time according to the World Aquatics Criteria (<https://resources.fina.org/fina/document/2026/02/16/2bee1e7b-bb50-4d97-855a-650661073eb0/Qualification-World-Aquatics-Swimming-Championships-25m-Beijing-2026.pdf>) guarantees a place on the team

Remaining places, up to the maximum team size determined under clause 4 will be selected as follows: The top female and top male ranked athletes who achieve a minimum of 750 World Aquatics Points at either a Long Course or a Short Course event during the selection period will be eligible for selection.

Should any of the top athletes from each gender not accept the selection, the ASA reserves the right to consider the next ranked athletes irrespective of gender.

4. **Team size** Up to a maximum of 1 female and 1 male athlete will be selected for the WASCC 2026. Should there be more than 1 female or 1 male athlete who achieve the minimum number of World Aquatics Points, the top athlete from each gender will be selected for participation. There is no obligation on the ASA to select 2 athletes and the total Team Size will be subject to available funding.
5. **To be eligible for selection**, swimmers must achieve their points in the Heat or Final of the respective event at the ASA approved competitions during the selection period.
6. **Athletes eligibility**
 - be a Maltese citizen
 - be a registered ASA member of the 2026-2027 seasons
 - be available to fulfil National Team commitments
 - following a consistent training programme endorsed by the Swimming Technical Director

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Games of the Small States of Europe 2027

17th to 22nd May 2027 - Monaco

Criteria to be provided by the Maltese Olympic Committee

COMEN Swimming Cup 2027

June 2027 – TBC

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 2029 and Olympics 2032 levels.

2. **Eligibility**

Boys born 2011-2013 (14-16 years old)

Girls born 2012-2014 (13-15 years old)

Additionally, Swimmers must:

- be a Maltese citizen.
- be a registered ASA member of the 2027-2028 season.
- be available to fulfil National Team commitments.

3. **Team size:** 4 male and 4 female athletes will be selected for the COMEN Cup 2027.

4. **Selection Trials.** Selections will be made from individual event performances at the 34th Easter International Swim Meet & National Championships which will be held between the 31st March and 3rd April 2027. This event will be known as the 'Selection Trials'. Athletes will be notified of their selections by the 17th April 2027.

If for reasons beyond the ASA's control, it is not possible to identify the rankings following the 3rd April, the ASA would consider the rankings by the 3rd 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 2026 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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European Aquatics U23 Swimming Championships 2027

16th to 18th June 2027 - Istanbul

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 Continental & World Championships of the following years, Olympics 2028 and GSSE 2029.

2. **Selection Period** Selections will be made from individual event performances at ASA approved competitions between the 1st January 2027 to 3rd April 2027. Athletes will be notified of their selections in the week following the end of the selection period.

3. Athletes Selection

The top 2 female and top 2 male ranked athletes who achieve a minimum of 700 World Aquatics Points at either a Long Course or a Short Course event during the selection period will be eligible for selection.

Should any of the top 2 athletes from each gender not accept the selection, the ASA reserves the right to consider the next ranked athletes irrespective of gender.

4. **Team size** Up to a maximum of 2 female and 2 male athletes will be selected for the WAC 2027. Should there be more than 2 female or 2 male athletes who achieve the minimum number of World Aquatics Points, the top 2 athletes from each gender will be selected for participation. There is no obligation on the ASA to select 4 athletes and the total Team Size will be subject to available funding.

5. **To be eligible for selection**, swimmers must achieve their points in the Heat or Final of the respective event at the ASA approved competitions during the selection period.

6. Athletes eligibility

- be a Maltese citizen
- be a registered ASA member of the 2026-2027 seasons
- be available to fulfil National Team commitments
- following a consistent training programme endorsed by the Swimming Technical Director

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European Junior Championships 2027

29th June to 4th July 2027 – TBC

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 (boys and girls born 2009 – 2013) towards senior international success at GSSE 2029 and Olympics 2028 levels.
- 2. Selection Period** Selections will be made from individual event performances at ASA approved competitions between the 1st January 2027 to 1st May 2027. Athletes will be notified of their selections in the week following the end of the selection period.
- 3. Athletes Selection**
The top 3 girls and top 3 boys ranked athletes who achieve a minimum of World Aquatics Points at either a Long Course or a Short Course event during the selection period according to their age as per table below will be eligible for selection.

Age	Minimum WA Points for selection
14	520
15	570
16	625
17	650
18	680

Should any of the top 3 athletes from each gender not accept the selection, the ASA reserves the right to consider the next ranked athletes irrespective of gender.

- 4. Team size** Up to a maximum of 3 female and 3 male athletes irrespective of age will be selected for the EJC 2027. Should there be more than 3 female or 3 male athletes who achieve the minimum number of World Aquatics Points, the top 3 athletes from each gender irrespective of age will be selected for participation. There is no obligation on the ASA to select 6 athletes and the total Team Size will be subject to available funding.
- 5. To be eligible for selection**, swimmers must achieve their points in the Heat or Final of the respective event at the ASA approved competitions during the selection period. A Maximum of **two** swimmers can be selected in one event.
- 6. Athletes eligibility**
 - be a Maltese citizen
 - be a registered ASA member of the 2026-2027 seasons
 - be available to fulfil National Team commitments
 - following a consistent training programme endorsed by the Swimming Technical Director

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World Aquatics Long Course Championships 2027

10th to 18th July 2027 – Budapest

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 Continental & World Championships of the following years, GSSE 2029 and Olympics 2028.
2. **Selection Period** Selections will be made from individual event performances at ASA approved competitions between the 1st January 2027 to 1st May 2027. Athletes will be notified of their selections in the week following the end of the selection period.
3. **Athletes Selection**
The top 2 female and top 2 male ranked athletes who achieve a minimum of 760 World Aquatics Points at either a Long Course or a Short Course event during the selection period will be eligible for selection.

Should any of the top 2 athletes from each gender not accept the selection, the ASA reserves the right to consider the next ranked athletes irrespective of gender.
4. **Team size** Up to a maximum of 2 female and 2 male athletes will be selected for the WAC 2027. Should there be more than 2 female or 2 male athletes who achieve the minimum number of World Aquatics Points, the top 2 athletes from each gender will be selected for participation. There is no obligation on the ASA to select 4 athletes and the total Team Size will be subject to available funding.
5. **To be eligible for selection**, swimmers must achieve their points in the Heat or Final of the respective event at the ASA approved competitions during the selection period.
6. **Athletes eligibility**
 - be a Maltese citizen
 - be a registered ASA member of the 2026-2027 seasons
 - be available to fulfil National Team commitments
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European Youth Olympic Festival – EYOF
24th July to 1st August 2027 - Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy

Criteria to be provided by the Maltese Olympic Committee

FISU World University Games

1st to 12th August 2027 - Chungcheong, Korea

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 Continental & World Championships of the following years, GSSE 2029 and Olympics 2028.
2. **Selection Period** Selections will be made from individual event performances at ASA approved competitions between the 1st January 2027 to 30th May 2027. Athletes will be notified of their selections in the week following the end of the selection period.
3. **Athletes Selection**
The top 2 female and top 2 male ranked athletes who achieve a minimum of 760 World Aquatics Points at either a Long Course or a Short Course event during the selection period will be eligible for selection.

Should any of the top 2 athletes from each gender not accept the selection, the ASA reserves the right to consider the next ranked athletes irrespective of gender.
4. **Team size** Up to a maximum of 2 female and 2 male athletes will be selected for the WAC 2027. Should there be more than 2 female or 2 male athletes who achieve the minimum number of World Aquatics Points, the top 2 athletes from each gender will be selected for participation. There is no obligation on the ASA to select 4 athletes and the total Team Size will be subject to available funding.
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World Junior Championships 2027

August 2027 – TBC

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 (boys and girls born 2009 – 2013) towards senior international success at GSSE 2029 and Olympics 2028 levels.
- 2. Selection Period** Selections will be made from individual event performances at ASA approved competitions between the 1st January 2027 to 30th May 2027. Athletes will be notified of their selections in the week following the end of the selection period.
- 3. Athletes Selection**
The top 2 girls and top 2 boys ranked athletes who achieve a minimum of World Aquatics Points at either a Long Course or a Short Course event during the selection period according to their age as per table below will be eligible for selection.

Age	Minimum WA Points for selection
14	540
15	590
16	645
17	670
18	700

Should any of the top 2 athletes from each gender not accept the selection, the ASA reserves the right to consider the next ranked athletes irrespective of gender.

- 4. Team size** Up to a maximum of 2 female and 2 male athletes irrespective of age will be selected for the WJC 2027. Should there be more than 2 female or 2 male athletes who achieve the minimum number of World Aquatics Points, the top 2 athletes from each gender irrespective of age will be selected for participation. There is no obligation on the ASA to select 4 athletes and the total Team Size will be subject to available funding.
- 5. To be eligible for selection**, swimmers must achieve their points in the Heat or Final of the respective event at the ASA approved competitions during the selection period. A Maximum of **two** swimmers can be selected in one event.
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