

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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