

USA SWIMMING

2020-2021 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

The intent of this document is to give athletes and coaches an overview of the 2020-2021 National Team selection criteria. Any questions can be directed to Lindsay Mintenko at lmintenko@usaswimming.org

GENERAL CRITERIA

- ❖ All team members must be registered USA Swimming members in good standing.
- ❖ The athlete must be eligible to represent the U.S. in International Competition.

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Team will be announced August 18, 2020

- ❖ All members of the 2019-2020 National Team (selection criteria below) will automatically qualify for the 2020-2021 National Team unless they have officially retired from swimming by submitting the official retirement form to USADA.
- ❖ Times must be achieved at a USA Swimming or FINA sanctioned event
- ❖ Relay lead-offs, time- trials, swim-offs, performances from mixed gender heats, and intermediate splits will not be included. *
- ❖ Times from Prelims, Semi-Finals and Finals (A, B, C and D) only will be used.
- ❖ Times from “approved meets” or “observed swims” will not be considered.
- ❖ All times are Long Course meters.

- ❖ Additional qualifiers will be added in two phases:
 - In both phases the slowest qualifying time in each event on the original 2019-2020 National Team roster will be used as a cutoff time for the 2020-2021 National Team roster
 - Phase 1:
 - Qualifying performances from September 1, 2019 to March 17, 2020 will be added to the roster on August 17, 2020
 - Any athlete who equals or betters the slowest qualifying time in each event on the original 2019-2020 National Team roster from September 1, 2019 to March 17, 2020 will be added to the 2020-2021 roster in that event. This includes athletes not currently on the 2019-2020 National Team and athletes who are on the 2019-2020 National Team in other events
 - For an athlete to be added to the 2020-2021 roster his/her qualifying time(s) must be in the database on usaswimming.org by 8/1/2020
 - Phase 2:
 - Qualifying performances from August 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 will be added to the roster on January 4, 2021

- Any athlete who equals or betters the slowest qualifying time in each event on the original 2019-2020 National Team roster from August 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 will be added to the 2020-2021 roster in that event
- This includes athletes not currently on the 2019-2020 National Team and athletes who are on the 2019-2020 National Team in other events
- For an athlete to be added to the 2020-2021 roster his/her qualifying time(s) must be in the database on usaswimming.org by 12/31/2020

* For phase 2 only, USA Swimming sanctioned time trials will be eligible for 2020-2021 National Team selection.

❖ Roster adjustments:

- No athletes will be removed from the 2019-2020 National Team roster regardless of how many new athletes qualify in any individual event
- Adjustments to the 2019-2020 roster will be:
 - An athlete who was not named to the 2019-2020 National Team qualifies in one or more events
 - An athlete who is already on the 2019-2020 National Team qualifies in an additional event
 - An athlete who is already on the 2019-2020 National Team improves his/her time in that event

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- ❖ The six athletes with the highest usaswimming.org World Rankings in individual Olympic Events from the combined results of all USA Swimming or FINA sanctioned meets.
- ❖ Relay lead-offs, time trials, swim-offs and intermediate splits will not be included.
- ❖ Times from Prelims, Semi-Finals and Finals (A, B, C and D) only will be used.
- ❖ Times from “approved meets” or “observed swims” will not be considered.
- ❖ The National Team roster will be selected according to the world rankings at www.usaswimming.org as of as of September 3rd, 2019 at 8 am Mountain Time.
- ❖ Times swum from January 1, 2019 through, and including, August 25, 2019 will be considered for selection to the National Team roster.
- ❖ If an athlete’s time is not in the world rankings at usaswimming.org database it is up to the athlete to contact USA Swimming with a proof of time by August 31, 2019.
- ❖ **World Rankings Powered by USA Swimming is available at www.usaswimming.org > Times >Data Hub > World Rankings Powered by USA Swimming**