

Jersey Amateur Swimming Association

Island Games Selection Policy and Qualification Standards for Faroes 2027

Background

Jersey has a long and proud history of participation at the Island Games and the local governing body of swimming, the Jersey Amateur Swimming Association ("JASA"), has consistently sent a highly competitive team. This selection policy document exists to ensure that the process of team selection is clear to all and that it is fair to all.

The intended outcome of the Selection Policy and Qualification Standards is to prioritise selection of swimmers capable of making an individual final and then give preference to those best placed to make a podium. Strength across the range of individual events will also increase the likelihood of team medal success within the relays.

1. Eligibility

1.1. Registration

Any swimmer seeking selection must return a JASA Registration Form, Athlete Code of Conduct form and non-refundable¹ deposit to the Team Manager (TM) not later than 31st August 2026. Forms for completion will be distributed by the Team Manager to Jersey Swimming Club and Tigers Swimming Club not later than 21st June 2026.

Clubs are asked to consider swimmers who may currently be temporarily residing outside of the Island.

1.2. Residential Status

Swimmers must be regarded as a Jersey resident as defined by the Island Games Association. This definition requires the athlete to:

- a) have been born in Jersey
- b) have lived permanently in the Island for at least twelve months prior to commencement of the Island Games 2027 and continues to live in Jersey on the same basis until the date of competition.
- c) normally be a resident of Jersey, but is following a programme of study, involved in military service or is regarded as temporarily training outside the Island.

¹ Deposits are payable immediately upon registration close date and will become non-refundable after 31st August 2026 other than non-selection or medical certification.

1.3. Acceptance

A written acknowledgement will be sent by the TM to all swimmers who have correctly completed the registration requirements by 20th September 2026.

2. Preparation

2.1. Training records

All swimmers will need to maintain a monthly training log from 1st September 2026, including details of all swims at designated Short Course (25 metre pool) and Long Course (50 metre pool) meets.

Adequate fitness to complete five days of intensive competition is a fundamental consideration for team selection. Swimmers achieving a qualifying time early in the season will be expected to sustain performance training regime through to the Island Games event in July 2027.

Swimmers regularly failing to complete adequate basic training without acceptable explanation will be deselected and deposit forfeited.

2.2. Accountability

Each swimmer has a personal responsibility to ensure their training log is agreed and signed by their Club's Head Coach at the end of every calendar month. They must forward this to the Team Manager for collation and review within 14-days of month-end. For those who ultimately make the team this process will continue up to Faroes 2027 competition.

3. Qualification

From this point on it is necessary that all of the requirements under Eligibility and Preparation are met and continue to be met through to the end of Faroes 2027.

3.1. Team Size

The intention is that the team should consist of 8 male and 8 female athletes. In total therefore the team size will be a maximum of 16.

All team members will need to meet all the relevant (minimum) qualification criteria. The team size may therefore be less than 16 athletes but the anticipated minimum is 6 male and 6 female.

3.2. Qualifying Swims

All Qualifying Swims under the Short Course standards must be achieved in a Short Course Metres (SCM) pool in a Swim England (or equivalent home association) Level 2 or Level 3 licensed meet.

All Qualifying Swims under the Long Course standards must be achieved in a Long Course Metres (LCM) pool in a Swim England (or equivalent home association) Level 1 or Level 3 licensed meet.

Swims completed during the period commencing 1st June 2026 and ending on 1st April 2027 or at conclusion of the 2027 JASA Island Championships, whichever is later, will count towards qualification.

Complete information on all qualifying swims must be notified to the Team Manager.

Conversion of Long Course Yards or Short Course Yards swims is not permitted.

3.3. Competition Swims

Each competitor must swim a minimum of four qualifying Meets during the qualification period - two during the period 1st June 2026 to 31st December 2026 and two during the period 1st January 2027 to 1st April 2027 or 2027 JASA Island Championships, whichever is later. A qualifying meet is one which meets the criteria set out at clause 3.2 of this paper

3.4. Medal Times

Tables in Section 8 set out the bronze Medal Time ('MT') for each event based on an average of the last three Island Games.

3.5. Qualification Standard

JASA has set a minimum Qualification Standard ('QS') for each event based on an expectation this will be sufficient to make the final of each event once at Island Games. The Qualification Standard has been set with reference to an average of 6th place at a range of previous Island Games

The Qualification Standards can be found in Section 8 of this document. Athletes should note that achieving the Qualification Standard does not guarantee selection.

4. Selection process for team places (see also the separate Athlete Guidance)

JASA will give priority to swimmers in the top two places in any one event, with added emphasis where one or both lie within a medal time

4.1. Registration / Preparation / Qualification

Swimmers will need to satisfy all the requirements set out within this policy document.

4.2. Top Two

Place first or second in any one individual event. Should that yield more swimmers than places available, the best performance, in percentage terms, (from any one event) relative to an event Medal Time will take precedence. If places are still available, then selection will come from;

4.3. 100 Freestyle

The team will then be made up of the fastest four 100 metre freestyle swimmers with a minimum Qualifying Standard in that event and to the extent not already selected. A 100-metre freestyle swimmer without a Qualifying Standard in that event, will not take precedence over an otherwise qualified swimmer but sitting outside of the top two in any event.

4.4. Discretion

In the unlikely event of team places still being available the JASA Executive may then, in exceptional circumstances, look to the next fastest 100 Freestyle swimmers without a Qualifying Standard.

Should it not be possible to fulfil the team using the laid down Selection Policy and Qualifying Standard process, the JASA Executive reserves the right to consider alternative options, including sending a smaller team.

4.5. Tied team place

In the unlikely event of a place being tied on percentages the calculation will be extended from two decimal places to three, or more as is needed.

4.6. Notification

The Team Manager will ensure regular communication with club coaches throughout the qualifying period with the intention that these be notified to at least all swimmers who are registered. The actual team will be announced within one week of the end of the 2027 JASA Island Championships.

4.7. Agreement and Publication of the Team

To agree the team, the Team Manager will confirm to the JASA Executive the intended swimmers as soon as possible after the 2027 JASA Island Championships (expected in April 2027). JASA will allow itself several days to review all information presented by the Team Manager before announcing the team. In particular, JASA will want prior confirmation from the Team Manager that Head Coaches of all relevant clubs are fully satisfied that the Team Manager is in possession of all relevant information on which to reach a decision.

Once announced the team is considered as finalised, save for the policy on reserves.

Once selection has been confirmed by the JASA Executive, the Presidents of all

relevant clubs will be advised of the full team for onward communication within their respective clubs.

4.8. Reserves

The Team Manager, in consultation with a club Head Coach, and agreement of the JASA Executive may consider sending a reserve swimmer should a team member become unavailable, and / or failure to meet the ongoing requirements of the Qualification Standard.

5. De-selection

5.1. Anti-doping

Athletes suspended by their Governing Body because of ongoing or concluded anti-doping violation allegations will not be considered for selection and, if previously selected will be de-selected from the team.

5.2. Form and Fitness Issues – Injury Management

Where form and fitness issues are identified at or after selection, a fitness test may be used to determine that the athlete can perform to the level required for the Games. The format will be determined by JASA after discussion with the Head Coach, Team Manager and head coach from the relevant club. This will be specific to swimming and the athlete's condition and may include input from relevant medical staff. Any selection or de-selection decision, following such a test, will be final.

5.3. Code of Conduct

Athletes registering for consideration during the qualifying period will be required to always meet the JASA Island Games 2027 Athlete Code of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in the Athlete being de-selected.

6. Appeals

6.1. Informal notification and resolution

In the first instance it is the role of the Team Manager and his / her team to resolve any unforeseen issues that may arise. In the unlikely event of that not proving possible the expectation is that issues can be brought to the JASA Executive for a final ruling.

6.2. Making an appeal

An appeal against non-selection is entirely a matter for the Athlete, the Athlete's swimming club and JASA.

In the first instance, appeals must be made in writing to the President of the Athlete's swimming club. The relevant club President will then pass the appeal to

the Team Manager. Direct appeals to the Head Coach, Team Manager or JASA by athletes or their families will not be considered.

- 6.3.** Appeals shall only be considered if they address the selection process as set out in this document, clarification of fact or provision of new and relevant information or evidence. Grounds for appeal do not include eligibility, health or times achieved outside of the periods identified within this policy document.

7. Appointment of team staff

7.1. Team Manager

Andrew Godden has been appointed Team Manager for Faroes 2027. Andrew can be reached on teammanager@jerseyasa.com

7.2. Team Coach

A Faroes 2027 Head Coach will be appointed by JASA before 31st December 2026.

7.3. Other appointments

The final complement of team staff attending the Games will be determined by JASA nearer to the Games.

8. Qualification Standard

The relevant standards are listed on the next page and split as Short Course (metres) and Long Course (metres).

8.1. Short Course (metres)

FEMALE			DISTANCE	EVENT	MALE		
Short Course					Short course		
<i>Podium</i>	<i>Podium Potential</i>	Development 2011 born or later			Podium	Podium Potential	Development 2011 Born or later
26.74	27.01	27.28	50	FREE	22.97	23.43	24.58
58.08	59.22	1.00.36	100	FREE	50.94	51.96	54.41
2.03.69	2.06.11	2.08.54	200	FREE	1.52.32	1.54.52	1.57.83
4.25.06	4.30.25	4.35.45	400	FREE	3.59.29	4.03.98	4.11.30
9.08.45	9.19.21	9.29.96	800	FREE	8.19.09	8.28.88	8.38.66
17.26.41	17.46.93	18.22.10	1500	FREE	15.51.28	16.09.94	16.41.91
29.54	30.12	31.82	50	BACK	26.21	26.73	28.02
1.03.97	1.05.32	1.08.23	100	BACK	56.61	57.59	1.00.23
2.17.46	2.20.15	2.24.56	200	BACK	2.04.31	2.07.96	2.12.84
33.18	33.51	36.65	50	BREAST	29.43	30.02	32.49
1.10.96	1.11.67	1.17.28	100	BREAST	1.03.04	1.05.32	1.08.54
2.37.37	2.40.23	2.46.78	200	BREAST	2.19.93	2.22.71	2.28.20
28.29	29.19	29.92	50	FLY	25.25	25.74	27.02
1.02.25	1.03.48	1.07.80	100	FLY	55.83	56.60	59.98
2.20.02	2.23.98	2.27.90	200	FLY	2.04.37	2.06.81	2.14.63
1.06.07	1.07.39	1.08.71	100	IM	56.90	58.64	1.00.24
2.21.50	2.24.28	2.27.05	200	IM	2.06.10	2.08.53	2.14.96
4.59.64	5.05.51	5.15.32	400	IM	4.28.26	4.33.52	4.44.46
4.25.98 (1.06.49)			4x100 IM		3.54.68 (58.67)		
3.57.29 (59.32)			4x100 Free		3.32.25 (53.06)		

8.2. Long Course (metres)

FEMALE			DISTANCE	EVENT	MALE		
Long Course					Long Course		
<i>Podium</i>	<i>Podium Potential</i>	Development Born 2011 or later			Podium	Podium Potential	Development Born 2011 or later
27.51	27.77	28.03	50	FREE	23.86	24.30	25.41
59.50	1.00.61	1.01.73	100	FREE	52.55	53.54	55.92
2.06.46	2.08.83	2.11.21	200	FREE	1.55.36	1.57.50	2.00.73
4.30.30	4.35.39	4.40.50	400	FREE	4.05.07	4.09.65	4.16.81
9.18.88	9.29.44	9.40.01	800	FREE	8.30.50	8.40.08	8.49.66
17.45.92	18.06.08	18.40.66	1500	FREE	16.12.66	16.30.93	17.02.26
30.21	30.78	32.40	50	BACK	26.96	27.47	28.72
1.05.21	1.06.54	1.09.40	100	BACK	58.01	58.96	1.01.55
2.19.86	2.22.15	2.26.80	200	BACK	2.06.96	2.10.53	2.15.32
34.11	34.43	37.50	50	BREAST	30.47	31.04	33.44
1.12.71	1.13.40	1.18.90	100	BREAST	1.05.00	1.07.21	1.10.35
2.40.69	2.43.49	2.49.90	200	BREAST	2.23.64	2.26.35	2.31.71
28.95	29.83	30.50	50	FLY	25.99	26.46	27.71
1.03.46	1.04.66	1.08.90	100	FLY	57.17	57.92	1.01.20
2.22.26	2.26.16	2.30.00	200	FLY	2.06.88	2.09.27	2.16.90
			100	IM			
2.24.26	2.26.99	2.29.71	200	IM	2.09.18	2.11.55	2.17.84
5.04.29	5.10.07	5.19.75	400	IM	4.33.44	4.38.60	4.49.35