



Aquatics GB

WORLD AQUATICS 2026 WORLD CUPS – SWIMMING PARTICIPATION ADVISORY

1. EVENTS

- 1.1. Athletes and coaches are advised that all 2026 World Cup entries for British athletes have to be submitted by an athletes' national federation (i.e. AquaticsGB). Therefore, athletes wanting to compete in any World Cup event in 2026 (subject to 1.2 below) need to formally apply for permission from AquaticsGB to participate.
- 1.2. The 2026 World Cup series will all be short course (25m) and take place in Asia, meets comprising:
 - **Meet 1 (25m)** – Baku, Azerbaijan (AZE) 1-2 October 2026
 - **Meet 2 (25m)** – Tashkent, Uzbekistan (UZB) 8-10 October 2026
 - **Meet 3 (25m)** – Astana, Kazakhstan (KAZ) 15-17 October 2026
- 1.3. AquaticsGB will not be selecting a squad to attend the above World Cup series.

2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. Athletes (and their coaches) should apply for permission by:
 - i. Sending an email to Leah Slingsby at Leah.Slingsby@aquaticsgb.com with the following details:
 - The meet(s) they wish to participate in
 - Reason for attending World Cup meet(s)
 - Individual events they wish to enter and their entry time (as per the qualification window)
 - Details from the athlete and coach of how their participation fits within their performance plan for the 2026/27 long course season
 - ii. Email requests should be accompanied by a passport scan (photo page) and passport photograph, **received by no later than 12 noon on 1st September 2026**
- 2.2. AquaticsGB is under no obligation to approve requests to participate.
- 2.3. Athletes are advised that if their application is approved:
 - They will need to make all their own logistical arrangements, including travel, accommodation etc.
 - They will need to attend the World Aquatics technical meeting for the respective meet they are attending
 - They will be responsible for any fines resulting from any withdrawals not in line with World Aquatics World Cup procedures
- 2.4. The following minimum consideration times provide a guide on the performance level that would ordinarily be required for AGB approval. Times must be included on the British Rankings (www.swimmingresults.org) and have been set since 10th June 2025.

Table 1: 2026 World Cup series - Minimum Consideration times (long course)

Female	Event	Male
25.71	50m Freestyle	22.71
56.17	100m Freestyle	50.80
2:02.73	200m Freestyle	1:50.80
4:16.87	400m Freestyle	3:56.95
8:46.65	800m Freestyle	8:11.15
16:39.96	1500m Freestyle	15:43.54
29.01	50m Backstroke	26.21
1:02.41	100m Backstroke	56.29
2:14.00	200m Backstroke	2:01.58
32.31	50m Breaststroke	28.74
1:09.66	100m Breaststroke	1:01.79
2:30.94	200m Breaststroke	2:17.01
27.78	500m Butterfly	24.87
1:00.27	100m Butterfly	53.72
2:12.32	200m Butterfly	2:00.29
2:17.01	200m Individual Medley	2:03.89
4:49.35	400m Individual Medley	4:24.89

Applications from athletes not meeting the consideration times will be considered on the strength of their submission.

Please note that the World Cup event programme has not yet been published but it is anticipated that this may not include men's 800m Freestyle or women's 1500m Freestyle. Entries for the 100m IM for all meets will only be considered for athletes who have a consideration time for an event included in Table 1.