

**OPEN WATER SWIMMING SELECTION CRITERIA FOR
2026 PAN PACIFIC GAMES
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, USA 10 AUGUST 2026**

1. Eligibility

- 1.1. Only athletes registered with and in good standing with SSA will be considered for selection.
- 1.2. Selected athletes must be in possession of a South African passport valid until **MARCH 2027** and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality.
- 1.3. Swimmers, under 18 years, must be in possession of an unabridged birth certificate.
- 1.4. Members selected to the team must abide by the SSA Code of Conduct as appended to the SSA Constitution and agree to and sign SSA Athlete / Official Agreement for the Pan Pacific Games 2026.
- 1.5. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the **2026 PAN PACIFIC OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, USA 10 AUGUST 2026.**
- 1.6. All athletes who wish to be eligible for selection must fully commit to all aspects of the Swimming South Africa preparation plan for the 2026 Pan Pacific Open Water Swimming Championships.
- 1.7. To be eligible for selection, a swimmer must participate at the:
 - 1.7.1. 2026 SA National Open Water Swimming Championships (official South African Swimming Trials), that will be held at the Marina Martinique, Jeffery's Bay, EC, from 6 - 8 March 2026.
 - 1.7.2. The top 4 ranked male and female swimmers in the 10km will be eligible for selection.



- 1.8. The SSA Executive Committee reserves the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.
- 1.9. Team selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.10. The SSA Executive Committee will ratify the final selection.

2. Funding

This is a totally self-funded tour, the approximate cost will be R55000.00 excluding the cost of visas and travel insurance.