

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR 2025 WORLD AQUATICS ARTISTIC SWIMMING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

March
2025

SGB, Singapore 11th July – 3rd August 2025 and 2026 Squads

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR SSA ARTISTIC SWIMMING TEAMS 2025 AND
TALENT SQUADS 2026

NB These criteria will apply for selection to ALL international events identified for 2025 and 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 for at least 6 months after the end date of the chosen competition and have chosen South Africa as their Sport Nationality. A copy of the athlete's passport must be submitted with entries for SA National Championships/SSA Level 3 2025.
- 1.3. Swimmers (under 18 years) must be in possession of an unabridged birth certificate. A copy of the athletes unabridged birth certificate must be submitted with entries for SA National Championships/SSA Level 3 2025.
- 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 the SSA Athlete / Official Agreement for the event they are selected to attend.
- 1.5. Athletes must be available to travel to and compete at the specified event.
- 1.6. **To be eligible for selection for 2025 International events swimmers must compete at 2025 SA National Championships or SA Level 3 Championships, as well as participate in the trial events. International events identified for 2025 – World Aquatics Championships, Singapore. World Aquatics Youth Artistic Swimming Championships, Greece. Primoje Cup, Croatia.**
- 1.7. To be eligible for selection for Preparation Squads for 2026 International events swimmers must compete at 2025 SA National Championships or SA Level 3 Championships, as well as take part in the trial events. To be eligible for final selection for 2026 International events swimmers will be required to compete at



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2025 SA Nationals Age group Championships, 2026 SA Nationals Championships, as well as participate in further trial events for 2026 World Aquatics Junior Artistic Swimming Championship.

- 1.8. The scores achieved by athletes at the above competitions will be considered for selection.
- 1.9. Selection will be done in accordance with the athlete's work ethic, physical readiness and suitability with regard to team dynamics and compatibility.
- 1.10. All athletes must be available for team events.
- 1.11. All athletes must be available and committed to training camps, training objectives, and continued assessment protocols, as set in place by the SSA Artistic Swimming Technical Committee prior to departure.
- 1.12. Selection will be in accordance with the SSA Transformation Policy in relation to demographic and gender equity where applicable.
- 1.13. The SSA Executive Committee reserves the right to amend these criteria and circulate such amended criteria.

2. **Age Group and Team Size**

2.1. **Team Size**

- 2.1.1. Maximum number of athletes that may be selected is at the discretion of the technical committee and will depend on the standard achieved at the above events.

2.2. **Age Groups:**

- 2.2.1. Age of the swimmer will be as at the 31 December 2025 for 2025 Teams.

Age of the swimmer will be as at the 31 December 2026 for 2026 Preparations Squads

- 2.2.2. Swimmers (Female and Male):



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2.2.2.1. Senior 15+ (Female and Male)

2.2.2.2. Junior 15-19 (Female) and 15-20 (Male)

2.2.2.3. Youth 13 -15 (Female) and 13-16 (Male)

3. Individual Events

- 3.1. Any athlete/s wanting to be considered for solo or duet must compete in the respective event in the correct age category at 2025 SA National Championships.

4. Team Events

- 4.1. Athletes must participate in at least 1 routine event at 2025 SA National Championships. 2026 selection for teams, athletes will be required to participate at 2025 SA National Championships/SSA Level 3, 2025 SA National Age Groups and 2026 SA National Championships.
- 4.2. Junior and Senior athletes must participate in the technical team trials and splits trials event.

Youth athletes must participate in the figures event and the splits trials event.

Youth athletes aged 15 on 31 December 2025 may participate in Junior and Senior trial events to be considered for selection for Junior or Senior Teams.

Youth athletes aged 15 on 31 December 2026 may participate in Junior and Senior trial events to be considered for selection for Junior or Senior Preparations Squads for 2026.



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12&U Level 3 athletes wanting to be considered for 2026 International teams must participate in Youth figures and the splits trials event at 2025 SA National Championships.

- 4.3. The final team will only be selected after intensive training with regard to team compatibility and matters relating to team-spirit build up.
- 4.4. A swim through may be utilized to determine the final team selection.

5. Funding

- 5.1. All teams selected will be self-funded.



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