



TEAM FIJI SWIMMING

ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA



In accordance with the Charter of the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), FASANOC holds both the authority and responsibility to select athletes and officials to represent Fiji at the 2026 Commonwealth Games to be held between **23 JULY TO 2 AUGUST 2026**

Under Article 8.2.n of the FASANOC Charter, FASANOC is empowered to establish the minimum standards required for selection to represent Team Fiji.

This Athletes Selection Criteria has been developed in partnership with the relevant National Federation in accordance with the FASANOC Athlete Minimum Selection Criteria Policy specific for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.

This Athlete Selection Criteria is to ensure the selection of the best possible athletes capable of delivering medal-winning performances across the various sports and made in accordance with the established team size limits and guided by FASANOC's commitment to ensuring transparency, fairness, and performance excellence.

Call to Action:

1. National Federations (NF) are required to circulate this Athlete Selection Criteria to all athletes with the potential to be considered for the final team.
2. All athletes listed in the NF squad must review and sign the Athlete Acknowledgement Form that they have read, understood and accepted this Athlete Selection Criteria

SELECTION CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. ATHLETE GENERAL CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY

1.1. Eligibility

- a) Citizenship - be in possession of a Fiji Passport for travel.
- b) Passport should be valid until after 9 January 2027
(*travel requirement 6 months after closing ceremony*)

1.2. Obligations

- a) Complete all entry and contractual documentation including the FASANOC Team Members Agreement
- b) Comply with the rules and regulations of FASANOC, the Games Committee and the IF and WADA as may be modified and applied by the Games Committee to ensure that the overriding principles of the Games are observed
- c) Comply with the age regulations as stipulated by the relevant IF.
- d) Be willing and able to do the activities and duties required to meet FASANOC's sponsorship obligations.

1.3. Character and Discipline

- a) Must be of good character and must possess qualities that comply with FASANOC values of Excellence, Respect, Integrity and Commitment. Past disciplinary records with Team Fiji will be taken into account.
- b) Must be of good repute with no disciplinary issues with their NF.
- c) Not currently be disqualified or suspension by FASANOC, Games Committee, IF or World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- d) Should have no police record, immigration issues that may cause him/her to be unable to travel abroad for the relevant Games or any pending investigations against them.
- e) Any current/open police records, as well as past records will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

1.4. Medical Assessment and Injury Monitoring

All nominated athletes must submit to medical and physical assessments and examinations as follows:

- a) All athletes must report any injury, medical condition or medication/treatment of an injury or medical condition to the Team Fiji appointed medical personnel, where it has an impact on the athletes' ongoing training plan.
- b) All athletes must provide any information required by Team Fiji in relation to a medical or physical assessment, injury or medical condition.
- c) All athletes must comply with set physical and medical assessments as required by Team Fiji.
- d) Comply with any subsequent outcomes or instructions from the Team Fiji Medical Team.

1.5. Anti-Doping

- a) Must abide and comply with the rules and procedures of the World Anti-Doping Agency, Oceania Regional Anti-Doping Organization (ORADO) and Drugs Free Sport Fiji (DFSF) or applicable legislation under the Laws of Fiji.
- b) Must refrain from using illegal substances and supplements as prohibited by the rules

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of any relevant charter or constitution, policies or guidelines of the IOC, CGF, PGC, IFs and FASANOC.

- c) Must have not breached the WADA Code within the previous 24 months from the Opening Ceremony.

2. ATHLETE MINIMUM PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT

As per the FASANOC ATHLETE MINIMUM SELECTION CRITERIA POLICY the Athlete:

- a) Must have competed nationally in an open competition or at a credible regional or international event in the last 2 years.
- b) Be the best available athlete ranked within the Top 3 of their NF National Ranking for the competition in the event being entered.
- c) Where applicable, have met the Commonwealth Games Federation and International Federation Minimum Qualification Standard OR qualified by invitation subject to meeting the requirements (a) and (b) above.
- d) Where applicable, hold an Oceania ranking within the Top 8 of their events OR
- e) Competed and finished in the Top 4 in a recognized regional competition in the last 12 months.
- f) Team sports must have qualified by achieving the Qualification Standard set by the Commonwealth Games Federation or International Federation.

3. ATHLETE QUOTA

Selection of athletes is strictly based on the team size limit. The following athlete quota has been allocated.

Male	Female
4	4



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4. MINIMUM QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

An Athlete must achieve the following minimum performance standards to be eligible for selection.

- Meeting the minimum performance standard does not guarantee selection.

Standards = minimum time/distance/weight/ height/ranking/skill level/fitness VO2 Max/etc.

SWIMMING	Event	Male	Female	Mixed
Freestyle	50m	24.79	27.99	
	100m	55.01	1:01.30	
	200m	2:00.93	2:13.06	
	400m	4:20.92	4:39.07	
	800m	8:56.04	9:34.78	
	1500m	17:12.29	18:11.35	
Backstroke	50m	27.92	31.84	
	100m	1:01.17	1:07.73	
	200m	2:12.69	2:25.99	
Breaststroke	50m	30.76	34.57	
	100m	1:07.43	1:16.03	
	200m	2:28.77	2:43.08	
Butterfly	50m	26.40	28.96	
	100m	58.62	1:05.42	
	200m	2:10.82	2:24.42	
Individual medley	200m	2:15.16	2:29.53	
	400m	4:47.51	5:13.45	
Relay	4x100m Freestyle			
	4x200m Freestyle			
	4x100m Medley			
Mix Relay	4x100m Freestyle			
	4x100m Medley			

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5. SELECTION EVENT

List all the relevant and compulsory events that the athlete needs to be aware of.

The NF will hold at least two trials to select its Games Team – indicate the Compulsory events

Date	Event Name (Competition, Training Camp/Fitness trial)	Compulsory (✓)
TBC	FASANOC Periodic Health Examination	✓
8 – 14 May 2026	Tier 1: 2026 Oceania Championships Suva, Fiji	✓
1 Oct 2025 – 14 May 2026	2026 World Aquatics sanctioned LC Swimming competitions within Selection Qualifying Period where results are accessible in Hy-Tek CI file format. This covers competitions in New Zealand/Australia/USA and any other country affiliated to World Aquatics	
3 – 5 April 2026	Tier 2: 2026 Fiji Aquatics LC Open National Championships	
1 Jan – 14 May 2026	Tier 3: 2026 Fiji Aquatics LC Grand Prix series + any additional LC competitions	

6. ATHLETE ATTENDANCE

Athletes are required to attend the following events to be eligible for final selection.

Valid reasons should an athlete be unable to attend any of the below.

Event (training camp, fitness test, etc)	Minimum attendance	Valid Reason for non-achievement
Squad Camps (Locally based athletes)	1/2	Non-attendance for ONLY a valid extenuating circumstance such as sickness, injury and bereavement leave, must be justified, supported by evidence and communicated to FA Executives prior to the event for their consideration, verification and decision. A deemed invalid reason will render a swimmer ineligible for selection
Fitness Tests (Locally based athletes)	2/3	Non-attendance for ONLY a valid extenuating circumstance such as sickness, injury and bereavement leave, must be justified, supported by evidence and communicated to FA Executives prior to the event for their consideration, verification and

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		decision. A deemed invalid reason will render a swimmer ineligible for selection
2026 Fiji Aquatics LC Grand Prix Series & Open National Championships (Locally based athletes)	2/4	Non-attendance for ONLY a valid extenuating circumstance such as sickness, injury and bereavement leave, must be justified, supported by evidence and communicated to FA Executives prior to the event for their consideration, verification and decision. A deemed invalid reason will render a swimmer ineligible for selection
Combined training sessions (Locally based athletes)	50%	Non-attendance for ONLY a valid extenuating circumstance such as sickness, injury and bereavement leave, must be justified, supported by evidence and communicated to FA Executives prior to the event for their consideration, verification and decision. A deemed invalid reason will render a swimmer ineligible for selection
2026 Oceania Championships Suva, Fiji	100%	Not applicable

7. OVERSEAS BASED ATHLETES' REQUIREMENT

Any overseas based athletes must submit the following information to the respective NF for verification

1. Competition plans
2. Competition Results. Overseas based swimmers who are eligible for selection are requested to submit to the FA Technical Consultant, copies of official World Aquatics approved qualification event Long Course LC meet results in Hy-Tek CI file format evidencing their results during the Selection Period no later than 14 May 2026
3. Coaches Report. Club coaches must provide a comprehensive report for each eligible swimmer short listed for selection showing the swimmer has been active in swimming and training, and whose attendance to training has been at 90% and above during the period 01 January to 14 May 2026 (To note that training attendance for short listed eligible swimmers is based on their individual training schedule and not on the wider general training schedule of their club). Coaches Reports must be submitted to the FA Secretary by no later than 14 May 2026 before release to the FA Selection Committee. Submission of quality coaches report is MANDATORY



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and failure to submit will render the swimmer ineligible for selection

8. ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

In addition to the above Requirement, Athletes must also meet the following Criteria:

Fiji Aquatics Team Commitments

All swimmers selected will be required to:

- (i) Sign and abide by Fiji Aquatics Athletes Agreement, Fiji Aquatics Code of Conduct including Competitor's "Declaration" confirming eligibility and availability
- (ii) Comply with all applicable Fiji Aquatics Rules, Code of Conduct, Directions and World Aquatics rules for Anti-Doping Policy
- (iii) Conform to all Fiji Aquatics policies and protocols regarding team preparation and participation including but not limited to training attendance, performance, camps & activities plus, accommodation and meals
- (iv) Make themselves available for all team activities designated by Fiji Aquatics
- (v) Be willing and able to do the activities and duties required to meet Fiji Aquatics sponsorship Obligations
- (vi) Undergo FASANOC periodic health examinations that confirms the swimmer to be fully fit and healthy (mentally, physically and emotionally)
- (vii) Keep in the best possible mental and physical condition to the highest possible standard
- (viii) Refrain from betting/gambling - No athlete is to bet or gamble in relation to their sport performance (or cause anyone to bet or gamble on their behalf), nor in any way participate in, assist or support such betting or gambling

Swimmer Performance / Selection Criteria

Based on the requirements for identifying our best possible swimmers to represent Fiji, the following criteria's have been established for selection;

With the understanding that rankings and events may impact final selection, Four Male and Four Female swimmers will be selected based on the following -

- (i) Male or Female swimmer, 16 years or older that achieves the highest LC WA points between 01 October 2025 – 14 May 2026. The swimmer must have achieved a minimum of 600 LC WA points in one event and must have achieved a minimum of 550 LC WA points in another event
- (ii) Must have produced consistent top LC times during the Selection period 01 October 2025 to 14 May 2026



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(iii) No converted Short Course or Yards times will be used for ranking and selection

(v) Club coaches must provide a comprehensive report for each eligible swimmer short listed for selection showing the swimmer has been active in swimming and training, and whose attendance to training has been at 90% and above during the period 01 January to 14 May 2026 (To note that training attendance for short listed eligible swimmers is based on their individual training schedule and not on the wider general training schedule of their club). Coaches Reports must be submitted to the FA Secretary by no later than 14 May 2026 before release to the FA Selection Committee. Submission of quality coaches report is MANDATORY and failure to submit will render the swimmer ineligible for selection

(vi) All locally based swimmers are required to attend all local competitions, squad camps and fitness tests during the period 01 January – 14 May 2026. Non-attendance for ONLY a valid extenuating circumstance, such as sickness, injury and bereavement leave, must be justified, supported by evidence and communicated to FA Executives prior to the competitions, camps and fitness tests. A deemed invalid reason will render a swimmer ineligible for selection

(vii) All swimmers eligible for selection, either locally or overseas based, MUST attend the 2026 Oceania Championships in Fiji

(viii) While the FA Executive Board strives to support all athletes, it reserves the right to withdraw an athlete if behavioral concerns arise that compromise Team standards, safety or integrity. Behavioral concerns advised of in Team Manager and Coach reports from prior competitions will be taken into consideration



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9. ATHLETE SELECTION PERIOD & TIMELINE

Key Timeline Elements	Date/Timeline
Athlete Selection Period Start Date	1 October 2025
Athlete Selection Period End Date	14 May 2026
NF Selection & Appeals process Start Date	22 May 2026
NF Selection & Appeals process End Date	23 May 2026
NF Final Name Submission to FASANOC	25 May 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC Selection Justification Committee (SJC) review	2 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC SJC Team Justification process	3-4 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC EB approval	5-9 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC BOM approval	10-11 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC Public Announcement	12 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC Appeals Period	13-14 June 2026 (tentative)
FASANOC Sport Entries deadline	16 June 2026

10. ATHLETE WITHDRAWAL

FASANOC reserves the right to remove or dismiss an athlete from Team Fiji at any time:

1. Due to injury or illness, as certified by an approved medical practitioner that is likely to keep him or her from competing or
2. who breaches this Team Fiji Athletes Selection Criteria and/or Team Fiji's Team Members Agreement following an appropriate hearing.

Should an athlete withdraw from the team following the team announcement, the NF may request to consider a replacement which can only be done:

3. if the athlete was on the initial long list.
4. if the athlete meets the minimum selection criteria
5. if before 40days from the Opening Ceremony
6. upon approval by FASANOC Executive Board

11. NATIONAL FEDERATION SELECITON COMMITTEE

The NF will appoint a Selection Committee; the make-up of the Committee is at the discretion of the NF but a minimum of 3 members are strongly recommended.

The Selection Committee Members must declare any conflict of interest, i.e. family members and must follow good governance and clear guidelines on how this conflict is managed.

List the NF selection Committee below:

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| 1. Roberta Leca | 2. Salaseini Lele |
| 3. Jeetender Rai | 4. Grace Smith |
| 5. Sharon Smith | 6. Marlene Vuniwaqa |

7. Rosemary Rova.....

12. APPEALS PROCESS

As per FASANOC’s Selection Justification Policy, “athletes and team officials have an opportunity to appeal their cases if they feel they have been unfairly deprived of the opportunity to represent their sport/country as a member of a Fiji representative Team under the jurisdiction of FASANOC.

The appellant shall appeal in writing, clearly stating their reasons for the appeal. The appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary General/CEO of FASANOC at Fiji Olympic House within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made. Any athlete or official wishing to submit an appeal to the FASANOC APPEALS TRIBUNAL shall do so on the clear understanding that the decision of the Appeals Tribunal shall be binding on all parties.”

FASANOC will accept written appeals lodged at Fiji Olympic House or emailed to ceo@fasanoc.org.fj (Subject: COMMONWEALTH GAMES APPEAL)



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ENDORSEMENT

FASANOC in formal partnership with the National Federation, has reviewed and officially approves the athlete selection criteria for the upcoming games. This collaborative endorsement ensures the criteria are robust, transparent, and aligned with our shared high-performance objectives

Lucy Erasito, President Fiji Aquatics  15/12/2025

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National Federation *Signature* *Date*

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Selection Justification Committee *Signature* *Date*
[Insert Name and Position]

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FASANOC *Signature* *Date*
[Insert Name and Position]



