



2026 Zone Select Camp Selection Criteria

General Criteria:

All athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the 2026 Zone Select Camps.

- ❖ Athletes must be registered USA Swimming members at the time of the qualifying performance and at the time of the camp.
- ❖ Athletes must be registered USA Swimming athlete members in good standing.
- ❖ Athletes must be US citizens & have not represented any other World Aquatics Federation at a World Aquatics Championships, World Aquatics Junior Championships, or Olympic Games.
- ❖ Athletes must be eligible to represent Team USA.
- ❖ Eligible athletes will be the respective ages at the time of the qualifying swim:
 - Girls: 12-13
 - Boys: 13-14
- ❖ Athletes who have previously attended a Zone Select Camp, National Select Camp, National Team and/or National Junior Team camp are not eligible.
- ❖ Athletes who have represented USA Swimming internationally in a pool competition are not eligible for camp.

Selection Criteria:

USA Swimming will host two Zone Select Camps. One camp to host the Eastern and Southern Zone, and the second camp will host the Western and Central Zone.

Each camp will consist of 60 athletes. Athletes will be selected by the following method:

- ❖ The fastest available athlete in each Olympic pool event per zone
 - Zone 1- 14 events (28 athletes, top male and female swimmer)
 - Zone 2- 14 events (28 athletes, top male and female swimmer)
- ❖ Then, 2 female and 2 male athletes will be selected based on their Rank Score for each camp.

Rank Score:

- ❖ Rank Scores are the sum of each athlete's event ranking for their competition category (gender) and camp age group.
 - For example, Athlete A, who is 2nd in the 50 Free, 2nd in the 100 Free and 8th in the 200 Free for their single age would have a rank score of 12.
 - Athlete B, who is 2nd in the 100 Breast, 2nd in the 200 Breast, and 7th in the 400 IM for their single age would have a rank score of 11, and thus be selected over Athlete A.
- ❖ Rank score selection will be conducted according to each camp's geographical region. The top 12-13-year-old female from each Zone, and the top 13-14-year-old male will be selected to attend the Zone Select Camp using the Rank Score.



Additional Information:

- ❖ Doubles will be resolved by placing the athlete in their highest HY-tek power point event.
- ❖ The pool event qualifying period is January 1, 2025, until August 31st, 2025.
- ❖ Athletes are selected based on Long Course Meter pool swims. Short Course Yards (SCY) events will not be considered.

