



## 2025 Canada Summer Games Paralympic Stream & Special Olympic Swimmer Nomination

**Tour Dates: August 4-16, 2025**

**Competition Dates: August 11-15, 2025**

**Location: St. John's, Newfoundland**

**Full Team Size: 32 Athletes**

- **4 Paralympic Stream (2 per gender)**
- **4 Special Olympians (2 per gender)**

### Nomination Committee for Swimmers

- Swim Ontario Performance Programs Manager or named designate.
- 2025 Canada Games Team Ontario Swimming Head Coach.
- 2025 Canada Games Team Ontario Para Lead Coach or a named designate
- Sport Management Committee member or a named designate.
- **A representative from the Special Olympics will be consulted on all matters related to Special Olympic swimmer selection.**

### Eligible Swimmers:

- Para & Special Olympian Swimmers **Y.O.B 2000-2012**
- All Para-Swimmers must complete the [Declaration of Availability for Team Selection: Swimmer](#) no later than **April 1, 2025**
- **Competition at Canada Summer Games requires a valid Level 3 sport class or all para swimmers.**
- **All swimmers must have a valid level 3 sport class (with no review or review date of 2026 or later) completed by May 1, 2025.**
- Special Olympians must be a fully registered member in good standing with Special Olympics Ontario, Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada and be eligible to compete in the 2025 Canada Games.
- **Athletes eligible for nomination must meet the Canada Summer Games eligibility criteria, as outlined in the [Canada Games Technical Package](#).**

### Performance Window:

- **February 26 - June 15, 2025**



## Eligible Competitions for Performance Consideration

### Para Swimmers:

Ontario Age Groups	February 27-Mar 2, 2025	TPASC
Canadian Swimming Open	April 10-13, 2025	Edmonton, AB
Canadian Swimming Trials	June 6-12, 2025	Victoria, BC

### Special Olympians:

Ontario Age Groups	February 27-Mar 2, 2025	TPASC
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## Eligible Selection Events

### Para Swimmers:

- 50FR, 100FR, 200 FR (S1-S5 & S14), 400 FR (S6-S13), 50 BK (S1- S5), 100BK (S6-S14), 50 BR (S1-S3), 100BR (S4-S14), 50 FL (S1-S7), 100FL (S8-S14), 150 IM (SM1-SM4), 200IM (SM5-SM14).

### Special Olympics:

- 50FR, 100FR, 50BK, 100BK, 50BR

## Selection Process

- Swimmers must meet eligibility requirements in order to be eligible for selection.**
- A long list of the highest ranking cumulative performances will be created once the performance window closes.**

### Para Swimmers

- Two (2) Female and Two (2) Male** swimmers with the highest cumulative scoring in three (3) different events shall be nominated to the team in the Paralympic stream.
- The **Canadian Para Swimming Points Calculator** will be utilized for this selection
- In the event of a tie, the swimmer with the highest score in their 4th event shall be nominated. If there is still a tie, the 5th event shall be utilized in the tie breaking process

### Special Olympics

- Two (2) Female and Two (2) Male** Special Olympics Ontario swimmers with the highest point total from all events based on order of finish shall be nominated using the following points system: **1st place: 5 points, 2nd place: 2 points, 3rd place: 1 point**



- In the event of a tie the Canadian Para Swimming Points Calculator will be used to determine the single highest scoring swim – using the S-14 Performance Thresholds, this process will be used until the tie is broken.

#### **Alternates**

##### **Para Swimmers:**

- The next highest ranked individual performances up to two (2) swimmers per gender will be designated as alternates.
- Alternates will be considered for selection by the Nomination Committee if a team position becomes available.

##### **Special Olympians:**

- Up to three (3) swimmers per gender will be identified as alternates based on the performance rankings outlined in the nomination process.
- Alternates will be considered for selection by the Nomination Committee if a team position becomes available.

#### **Para and Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy**

- The Para and Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy recognizes the challenges that exist in Para and Special Olympics sport and the level of participation needed to ensure meaningful and quality competition. Should the para and/or Special Olympics athlete quota permitted to each team not be filled by each jurisdiction, the Para and Special Olympics Athlete Reallocation Policy will be followed to allocate additional para and/or Special Olympics athletes to the competition.
- Allocation of additional spaces for swimmers will be made by Canada Games
- Additional swimmers will be pulled from the pool of eligible alternates.

#### **Event Entries: Para Swimmer**

- All individual entries and relays will be determined by the Canada Games Coaching staff in collaboration with Swim Ontario technical staff.
- Swimmers will be expected to race all events in the designated Paralympic event program

#### **Event Entries: Special Olympics**

- All individual entries will be determined by the Canada Games Coaching staff in collaboration with Swim Ontario technical staff.
- Swimmers will be expected to race all events in the designated Special Olympics event program.



### Team Selection Timelines

- **Athlete selection and confirmation process will begin immediately following the close of the performance window.**

### Team Nomination Process

- **Athletes must confirm acceptance of their nomination to the Canada Games Team to [Stu McLean](#) by the date defined in the nomination document.**
- **Once confirmed, the four(4) para swimmers and four(4) Special Olympics swimmers will be announced to represent Team Ontario at the 2025 Canada Summer Games.**

### Appeals Process

- Appeals are restricted to the alleged failure of the nomination committee to reasonably apply the nomination criteria.
- Appeals of a decision of the nomination committee must be made within 7 days of the date of nomination.
- Appeals must be made in writing to the CEO of Swim Ontario.
- There is an appeal application fee of \$750.00 that is payable with the notice of appeal prior to any appeal being considered. This appeal application fee is non- refundable.

### Team Ontario Team Initiatives

- Nominated swimmers are expected to make themselves available for the following team initiatives.
  - Canada Games Team Camp: July 14, 2025
  - Canada Games Pre-Competition Staging: August 4-8, 2025
- **The Canada Games requires athletes to share rooms with other athletes and the athletes are housed separate from parents and guardians. As a result, Swim Ontario prepares athletes for this experience during its Team Initiatives by replicating these conditions. Being able to share a room with another swimmer and away from their parents is a mandatory requirement for selected athletes.**



## **Expected Conduct**

- Nominated swimmers and their parents/guardians are expected to comply with the Swim Ontario Code of Conduct, behavioural standards set by the Canada Games Coaching Staff and any Code of Conduct in place at the Canada Games. Failure to comply with these standards of behaviour could result in an athlete's removal from the Canada Games Team and further discipline in accordance with Swim Ontario policies and procedures.

## **Amendments and Unforeseen Circumstances**

- In the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, as determined by the Swim Ontario Nomination Committee, the committee shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, considering factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.

## **Changes to this Document**

- The Swim Ontario Nomination Committee reserves the right to make changes to this document at its discretion. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all potential Canada Games Team Ontario members and published on the Swim Ontario website forthwith.