ALL INDIA SPORTS COUNCIL OF THE DEAF

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE INDIAN SWIMMING TEAM

7th World Deaf Swimming Championships 2027

Lublin, Poland | 26 June–3 July 2027

Proposed Selection Criteria and Minimum Qualification Standards (MQS)

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1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for selection to represent India at the 7th World Deaf Swimming Championships 2027, a swimmer must satisfy the following requirements:

1.1. Athlete Licence

The swimmer must hold a valid World Deaf Swimming Championships Athlete Licence for the 2027 season, as required by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD).

1.2. International Classification

The swimmer must hold an eligible international Sport Class and have one of the following Sport Class Statuses, as specified by the ICSD: Confirmed (C); or Review (R) with a Fixed Review Date. The applicable classification requirements shall be confirmed in the official ICSD World Deaf Swimming Championships 2027 Circular or Information Package.

1.3. Participation in Recognised Competitions

The swimmer must have participated in at least one ICSD-approved or recognised swimming competition during the qualification period specified by the ICSD for the 2027 Championships.

1.4. Achievement of the Minimum Qualification Standard

The swimmer must achieve the officially prescribed Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) in the respective individual event and/or relay event at an ICSD-recognised competition conducted in a 50-metre Olympic-size swimming pool, within the qualification period announced by the ICSD.

1.5. Sports Authority of India Performance Criterion

In addition to achieving the official MQS, the swimmer must record a performance equal to or better than the eighth-place finishing time in the corresponding event at the 6th World Deaf Swimming Championships 2023, in accordance with the applicable Sports Authority of India (SAI) selection guidelines. For relay events, the applicable qualification and performance criteria shall be determined in accordance with the officially approved selection policy.

2. SELECTION PROCEDURE

2.1. Athlete Quota

The number of swimmers selected to represent India shall be subject to the athlete quota allocated to India by the ICSD and the applicable event-entry limits for the 7th World Deaf Swimming Championships 2027.

2.2. Direct Selection

If the number of eligible swimmers achieving the prescribed MQS is within the applicable athlete quota, all such swimmers may be selected directly, provided that they also satisfy the SAI performance criterion specified in Clause 1.5 and meet all other eligibility requirements.

2.3. Selection When the Quota Is Exceeded

If the number of eligible swimmers exceeds the applicable athlete quota, the final selection shall be determined by the duly constituted Selection Committee in accordance with the approved selection criteria, applicable Government of India guidelines, and any additional selection procedures formally notified by AISCD.

2.4. Relay Selection

Where an MQS is prescribed for a relay event, the four best eligible swimmers for the respective relay combination shall be considered for selection, subject to the applicable athlete quota and event-entry rules. If necessary, selection trials may be conducted to determine the final relay team. Relay selection shall take into account the relevant individual performances, relay combination, and compliance with the approved selection criteria.

3. SELECTION TRIALS

3.1. Conduct of Trials

Selection trials shall be conducted, if required, under the supervision of a duly constituted Selection Trials Supervision Committee.

3.2. Final Selection Authority

The final selection of swimmers against the applicable athlete quota shall be made by the duly constituted Selection Committee, in accordance with Government of India guidelines and the approved selection policy, based on the recommendations of the Selection Trials Supervision Committee.

3.3. Publication of Notice

The date, venue, and detailed schedule of the selection trials shall be published on the official AISCD website at least one month in advance. The notification shall also be circulated by email to all affiliated State Units.

3.4. Competition Rules

The selection trials shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable ICSD World Deaf Swimming Championships Competition Rules and the relevant swimming regulations in force at the time of the trials.

3.5. Eligibility to Participate in Trials

Only swimmers who have achieved the prescribed MQS within the approved qualification period shall be eligible to participate in the selection trials, subject to verification of their eligibility and supporting documents.

4. PROPOSED DATES, DURATION AND VENUE OF SELECTION TRIALS

4.1. Proposed Dates

If required, the selection trials are proposed to be held during the last week of January 2027, approximately one month before the applicable deadline for submission of the final offline entries to

AISCD. The final dates shall be announced after confirmation of the entry deadline and the availability of the proposed venue.

4.2. Duration

The selection trials shall be conducted over two days to provide swimmers with a fair opportunity to compete in their respective events. This arrangement is intended to minimise fatigue and avoid requiring swimmers to complete all their events on a single day. The detailed event schedule shall be published in advance.

4.3. Proposed Venue

Rajgir Sports Complex, State Sports Academy, Rajgir (Sports Academy Campus), Administrative Building, Rajgir, Nalanda, Bihar 803116. Subject to approval and availability. The final venue shall be announced through the official AISCD notification.

5. MINIMUM QUALIFICATION STANDARDS AND EIGHTH-PLACE PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

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The following table reproduces the timings supplied for the men's and women's events. These timings are presented as the eighth-place performance benchmarks from the 6th World Deaf Swimming Championships 2023, pending verification against the official results.

No.	Event	Men	Women
1	50m Freestyle	00:27.99	00:29.29
2	100m Freestyle	00:56.13	01:06.82
3	200m Freestyle	02:02.59	02:24.15
4	400m Freestyle	04:25.61	05:07.03
5	800m Freestyle	09:23.72	10:40.94
6	1500m Freestyle	18:52.03	19:59.33
7	50m Backstroke	00:31.00	00:34.42
8	100m Backstroke	01:06.26	01:16.79
9	200m Backstroke	02:30.46	02:44.51
10	50m Breaststroke	00:33.07	00:44.51
11	100m Breaststroke	01:11.59	01:30.13
12	200m Breaststroke	02:41.35	03:23.32
13	50m Butterfly	00:26.77	00:30.63
14	100m Butterfly	01:01:05	01:13.86
15	200m Butterfly	02:26.71	02:50.53
16	200m Individual Medley	02:23.87	02:44.27
17	400m Individual Medley	05:06.92	06:50.57

Verification note: The supplied men's 100m Butterfly time "01:01:05" has been retained verbatim and requires confirmation of its intended format.

6. RELAY PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

The following relay timings have been retained as supplied. Mixed-relay times are shown in the mixed category rather than as separate men's and women's standards.

No.	Relay Event	Men's Team	Women's Team	Mixed Team
1	4 × 100m Freestyle Relay	04:18.14	05:05.19	—
2	4 × 200m Freestyle Relay	09:50.95	11:24.85	—

No.	Relay Event	Men's Team	Women's Team	Mixed Team
3	4 × 100m Medley Relay	04:47.09	05:47.95	—
4	4 × 100m Freestyle Mixed Relay	—	—	04:36.40
5	4 × 100m Medley Mixed Relay	—	—	05:02.18

Important clarification: The individual and relay timings in Sections 5 and 6 shall serve as eighth-place performance benchmarks only after verification. They shall not be described as the official 2027 MQS unless confirmed by the ICSD or competent authority. The official 2027 MQS, once published or formally confirmed, shall be incorporated into the final selection document.

7. ITEMS REQUIRING VERIFICATION BEFORE FINAL APPROVAL

7.1. Official MQS for 2027

Obtain the official ICSD MQS for the 7th World Deaf Swimming Championships 2027. Confirm whether the supplied individual and relay timings represent the eighth-place finishing times from 2023 or the official MQS for 2027.

7.2. Qualification Period

Insert the exact qualification start and end dates prescribed by the ICSD for the 2027 Championships.

7.3. Athlete Quota and Event Limits

Confirm India's allocated athlete quota and the applicable individual and relay event-entry limits before finalising the selection procedure.

7.4. Selection Trials Deadline

Confirm the deadline for submitting final offline entries to AISCD so that the proposed last-week-of-January 2027 selection trials can be scheduled appropriately.

7.5. Final Authority

Final selection shall remain subject to verification of eligibility, the applicable athlete quota, the approved selection criteria, and the decision of the duly constituted Selection Committee.

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