

2027 VIRTUS ASIA - OCEANIA GAMES

24 February – 3 March 2027

Bangkok, Thailand

Sport Specific Selection Criteria SWIMMING

The selection criteria for the Australian team for the Asia Oceania Games in Bangkok Thailand will recognise both athlete development and high-performance objectives as key priorities.

Sport Inclusion Australia is working in partnership with Swimming Australia (SA) to coordinate the Swim team that will form part of the Australian Team attending the event.

The Thailand team will primarily focus on athlete development and international experience. Selection may prioritise athletes who demonstrate future performance potential and who would benefit from exposure to international competition as part of their progression within the international pathway.

In addition to performance outcomes, selectors may consider:

- Long-term athlete development potential.
- Readiness for international competition.
- Capacity to contribute to future national team success.
- Previous international experience
- Potential for IPC Classification.

Selection Criteria

To be considered for selection you must meet the following criteria:

- a) You are a registered, financial member in good standing of a Swimming Australia affiliated swim club; and
- b) You meet all conditions as set out in the General Selection Criteria; and
- c) You meet the Swimming qualifying standards detailed below; and
- d) Hold a current Virtus II-1, II-2, or II-3 International eligibility; and
- e) Except in exceptional circumstances athletes must turn 16 prior to 1 February 2027.

In order to be selected you must also be able to cover the costs of your participation.

Virtus International Eligibility

It is important that if you don't have a Virtus Eligibility number, that you start the process as soon as possible. The forms can be downloaded <https://sportinclusionaustralia.org.au/eligibility/> (II-1, II-2 and II-3).

Costs

The estimated costs for athletes will be between \$6500 and \$7000 (this is dependent on final details), this includes:

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| • Delegation Uniform | • Accommodation |
| • Flights from capital cities | • Ground Transport in Bangkok |
| • All Meals | • Entry Fees |
| • Virtus Levy | • Staff and Administration contribution |



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Sport Inclusion Australia will be working hard to access external funding to reduce this amount. Competition uniforms are in addition to the above.

Flights will be arranged from Capital cities. Any additional flights/travel will need to be organised by the athlete. Athletes will need some spending money for snacks, merchandise and some sightseeing. All other costs whilst in Thailand are covered by the Games organisers.

Athlete Application

If you would like to be considered for selection, please complete the online application available at:

<https://sportinclusionaustralia.supporterhub.net.au/pages/2027virtusaogamesapplication>

Applications should be submitted by no later than: **COB Friday 15 August 2026.**

If you require further information, please contact the SIA Australian Team Coordinator at

austeam@siasport.org

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Selection Policy

1) Background

- a) For the purposes of this Selection Policy:
 - i) the Team is the **Australian AO Games Team**;
 - ii) the Competition is the **Virtus Asia-Oceania Games**;
 - iii) the Competition will take place from **24 February to 3 March 2027** in **Bangkok, Thailand**;
 - iv) the team will be selected **1 September 2026**;
 - v) the **Qualifying Period** is **1 October 2025 to 15 August 2026**;
 - vi) where space exists athletes may be added to the team following the initial team selection.
- b) This Selection Policy details the process and criteria by which SIA will select athletes to the team to compete at the Competition.

2) Team composition and size

- a) When selecting the Team, SIA will select the Team in accordance with this Selection Policy.
- b) The final composition of the Team is to be determined by SIA with advice from SA.
- c) SIA under advice from SA reserve the right to add additional athletes to the Team for the express purpose of attending WPS classification, to support SA High Performance objectives or in other extenuating circumstance not covered by these selection criteria.
- d) SIA is not required to select the maximum number of athletes.

3) Athlete Selection Process and Criteria

Eligibility for selection

- a) To be eligible for selection athletes must meet the following criteria;
 - i) You are an Australian citizen; and
 - ii) You are a registered, financial member in good standing of SIA and Virtus; and
 - iii) You are a registered, financial member in good standing of an Australian Swimming affiliated club; and
 - iv) Hold or be in the process of obtaining a current Virtus International II-1, II-2 or II-3 eligibility.
- b) In addition, to be selected you must be willing to meet the costs of your participation as outlined above.

Individual Events

- c) Athletes must achieve a performance (swimming time) that is:
 - i) achieved during the Selection Period;
 - ii) achieved in any long course event at a SA approved competition; and
 - iii) equals or betters the Qualifying Time for that event listed in Appendix 1;
- d) A maximum of three (3) swimmers can be selected for any one individual event.
- e) Athletes must meet selection criteria for a minimum of 3 events to be considered for selection;
- f) If no athlete equals or betters the Qualifying Time for a specific individual event, then no athlete will be selected to the Team based purely on that specific Individual event. However, athletes selected to the Team for other Individual swimming events may be selected to compete in specific individual swimming event, subject to that athlete having met any applicable Global Games minimum entry requirements.

Criteria – Relay Events

- g) No relay only swimmers will be selected for this Team.

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Appendix 1. Australian Qualifying Standards in Swimming for the 2027 AO Games.

Minimum Qualifying Standards

MEN		EVENTS	WOMEN	
II2	II1, II3	Freestyle	II1, II3	II2
00:38,00	00:29,00	50m	00:32,10	00:47,00
01:19,00	01:08,00	100m	01:20,00	01:34,00
02:58,00	02:20,00	200m	02:52,00	03:38,00
06:39,00	05:33,00	400m	06:20,00	07:20,00
13:45,00	10:00,00	800m	13:35,00	16:00,00
26:00,00	21:00,00	1500m	27:00,00	31:00,00
		Breaststroke		
00:52,00	00:42,00	50m	00:49,00	00:56,00
01:40,00	01:30,00	100m	01:53,00	02:00,00
03:30,00	03:17,00	200m	03:55,00	04:30,00
		Backstroke		
00:44,00	00:34,00	50m	00:45,00	00:58,00
01:40,00	01:12,00	100m	01:33,00	01:52,00
03:37,00	03:01,00	200m	03:16,00	04:15,00
		Butterfly		
00:38,00	00:33,00	50m	00:45,00	00:59,80
01:30,00	01:10,00	100m	01:30,00	01:48,00
03:40,00	02:43,00	200m	03:35,00	04:10,00
		Individual Medley		
03:30,00	02:45,00	200m	03:30,00	03:55,00
07:00,00	06:01,00	400m	07:00,00	08:15,00