2027 Mixed Duet Trials Criteria
October 28, 2026

There will be 2 athletes, one male and one female, selected for the Mixed Duet, as well as one female athlete who will serve as the reserve.

The first step will be to do individual swims with all athletes vying for a spot in the Mixed Duet. The second step will be to find the best match for the male athlete in the Mixed Duet. Scores from Part I and Part II will be added together to create a final score and ranking.

The areas the athletes will be judged on are Artistic Impression and Execution as outlined by the World Aquatics marking scale.

Part I: All participants, including the male athlete, will perform two individual routine swims. For the individual swims, the athletes will swim one segment of the Technical Team routine and one segment of the Acrobatic routine transitions.

Part II: The next step will be to conduct swims in pairs to determine the athletes who will be named to the Mixed Duet squad.

1. Pairings of athletes, one male and one female, will be asked to perform the Technical Team routine segment and the Acrobatic routine segment in order to compare how different pairings might score in relation to one another.
2. Pairings of athletes, one male and one female, will be asked to perform a selection of two pair acrobatics in order to compare how different pairings might score in relation to one another.
    a. Athletes will perform one sustained pair acrobatic and one airborne acrobatic. Pairs will have two attempts to perform each acrobatic, both will be scored, and the highest marks will be recorded.
3. Pairings of athletes, one male and one female, will be asked to perform the Technical Mixed Duet TREs set to counts in order to compare how different pairings might score in relation to one another.

Following the completion of the trials and in preparation for the competition season, areas to be considered in addition to the criteria evaluated above include:

1. Performing in high-pressure situations, including at competition and competition simulations.
2. Element improvement and performance throughout the season.
3. Base Mark improvement and performance throughout the season.
4. Consistent effort, preparedness for and performance at practice. Preparedness includes the ability to absorb and retain new information, attention to detail, and the ability to balance responsibilities for duet in addition to team.
5. Drive, determination, work ethic, and open communication throughout the season.