



## SELECTION GUIDANCE FOR THE 2017/18 PARA-SWIMMING ACADEMY SQUAD

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Athletes meeting the qualification criteria as set out below will be considered for the Para-Swimming Academy Squad (PSAS) for a 12 month period from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

### SETTING THE SCENE

The PSAS is the entry level to the British Para-Swimming World Class Programmes, the squad will facilitated the transition and confirmation period from the Home Nation talent programmes into the World Class Programme.

Athletes selected for the PSAS are seen as potentially possessing the skills and ability to progress onto a British Para-Swimming World Class Podium Potential (WCPP) Programme. They should be on an upward and progressive performance profile and clearly demonstrate that they are capable of bridging the gap to WCPP.

The PSAS will provide the athlete with the additional support to what they are already receiving through their Home Nation Talent programme, this may include additional camps, home programme visits and competitions.

### SQUAD QUALIFICATION PROCESS

1. A long list of potential athletes to achieve the below criteria will be compiled in July and invited to complete an application form to be considered for selection.
2. Athletes will be identified for the 2017/18 PSAS based on performances at the below competitions:
  - British Summer Championships 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 – Sheffield
  - British Para-Swimming International Meet 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Sheffield
  - Swim England Summer Nationals 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – Sheffield
  - Welsh Summer Championships 31<sup>st</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017 – Swansea
  - Scottish National Open Championships 29<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 – Glasgow
3. All applications will then be reviewed alongside the individual's year on year performance progression and world ranking starting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 in their event(s).
4. Once the above stages have been completed then a squad place maybe offered to an athlete.
5. Additional athletes may be invited to apply for the PSAS at the discretion of the Performance Pathway Manager (PPM).
6. All final selections will be made by the World Class Programmes Selection Panel (WCPSP).

## **SQUAD CRITERIA**

- Athletes will only be considered for invitation to the PSAS providing they have either a World Para Swimming (WSP) or British Swimming classification (S1-S13 inclusive), WPS or INAS-FID Classification (S14).
- Athletes must be registered to a swimming club affiliated to Swim England, Scottish Swimming, Swim Wales and be eligible to represent Great Britain at the Paralympic Games.
- Only Athletes from within the age range 10–19 years (S6-S1, SB5-SB13 SM6-SM13) and 10 to 23years (S1-S5, SB1-SB5, SM1-SM5) of age inclusive (age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017) will be eligible for consideration.
- Only times achieved in WSP events that are published in the WSP Swimming rulebook for WSP Regional, World or Paralympic Games may be considered.
- Any change in an athlete's classification at any time for whatever reason during the year will result in a review of the athlete's place on the PSAS. If the athlete has not achieved a consideration time for their new classification within an agreed period of time (minimum 3 months from the date of classification change) the athlete will be withdrawn from the PSAS.
- Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- Only results from Electronic Timing will be considered.
- Only long course times from electronic timing will be considered

## **SQUAD REQUIREMENTS & ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Athletes must sign, agree to and adhere to the athlete responsibilities.
- Athletes must achieve and maintain trainability. Levels to be agreed by PPM, home programme liaison and/or home programme coach.
- Athletes must have an on deck home programme coach (minimum UKCC level 2) responsible for their home programme training and annual plan.
- Home programme coaches must submit annual plans, process goals in consultation with the PPM and home programme liaison coach.
- Home programme coaches must submit review documentation as and when requested by the PPM and Home Programme Liaison Coach.
- Athletes must comply with all UK Sport and British Swimming conditions/requirements including, but not limited to:
  - British Swimming Anti-Doping Control Rules and Protocols.
  - Selection Agreement and Code of Conduct.
  - British Swimming Disciplinary Code.
  - British Swimming Child Protection Procedures.

## **GENERAL**

Acceptance of invitation to the Para-Swimming Academy Squad is subject to all British Para-Swimming World Class policies and requirements.

Athletes are reminded that their place on the squad is a privilege and not a right and are expected to remain fully committed to their training.

Athletes will be reviewed at 6 months to ensure that they are continuing to progress and are still fulfilling the requirements of the PSAS. The WCPSP may remove an athlete from the PSAS if, at anytime, an athlete is no longer progressing on an upward and performance profile and fails

to identify that they are capable of bridging the gap to the WCPP and/or failure to meet Squad Requirements & Athlete Responsibilities at anytime.

There is no individual funding support as part of this squad, however where there is the option to access some funding from external partners e.g. SportsAid the Home Nations will liaise with the athletes accordingly.