

## 1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain at the 2018 European Junior Championships.

## 2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The target for this event is to provide a positive competitive opportunity in the long-term development of British junior swimmers towards future senior international success, whilst at the same time optimising the medal outcomes in Olympic individual and Olympic relay events.

## 3. SELECTION EVENT

- 3.1. Selections will be made from performances at the combined Edinburgh International / British Championships meet, Royal Commonwealth Pool, Edinburgh from 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 ('the British Championships') only, subject to clauses 6.1 & 6.3.

## 4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of 30 swimmers may be selected, subject to available funding. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development.
- 4.2. Up to two (2) places will be available in each individual Olympic event. However, where LEN permits up to four (4) entries in an individual event, the Head of Elite Development may use his complete discretion to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> spot from any swimmers selected under clauses 6.1, 6.2 or 6.3.
- 4.3. If the number of eligible qualifying athletes identified in clause 6.1 exceeds the maximum number of available places, swimmers will be selected at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development following consultation with the GB Head Coach.
- 4.4. If the number of eligible qualifying athletes identified in clauses 6.1 & 6.2, plus the additional six discretionary selections outlined in 6.3, is less than the maximum number of available places, the Head of Elite Development may increase the number of 'discretionary' places at his complete discretion, always subject to Clause 4.1.

## 5. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Boys born 2000 / 2001 / 2002 / 2003
- 5.2. Girls born 2001 / 2002 / 2003 / 2004

## 6. INDIVIDUAL EVENT SELECTION

- 6.1. All swimmers selected for either the English, Scottish, Welsh, Isle of Man or Channel Island teams for the 2018 Commonwealth Games and who comply with the age eligibility criteria set out in 5.1 & 5.2 will be selected onto the Great Britain Team provided they have recorded a time that equals or betters the Minimum Consideration Times set out in Table 1 during the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (inclusive).
- 6.2. For all other swimmers, to be eligible for selection for an individual event, a swimmer must have recorded a time that equals or betters the Minimum Consideration Times set out in Table 1 at the British Championships. The achievement of a Minimum Consideration Time does not mean the swimmer has achieved automatic selection and does not guarantee selection.
- 6.3. Subject to clause 4.4 up to six (6) places on the final team may be filled, at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development following consultation with the GB Head Coach. These discretionary selections can be made from swimmers who have not have achieved the Minimum Consideration Times listed in Table 1 at the British Championships but are deemed to be able to contribute to the Performance Objective set out in Clause 2.1. The Head of Elite Development is under no obligation to use these discretionary places.
- 6.4. All performances recorded in all rounds at the British Championships will be taken into account.

- 6.5. The Head of Elite Development reserves the right to withdraw any athlete selected for this Event if the athlete is also selected for the 2018 European Championships (which has an announcement date of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018), following consultation with the athletes' coach and GB Head Coach. In the event of a withdrawal any replacement athlete may be selected at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development in consultation with the GB Head Coach. There is no obligation on the Head of Elite Development to select a replacement. All replacements made under this clause will be notified by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

## 7. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS

- 7.1. All team members selected under clauses 6.1, 6.2 & 6.3 for individual events will be considered to be eligible for relay team selection.
- 7.2. Additional swimmers may be selected for the relay events at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development under clause 6.3.

## 8. EVENT ENTRIES

- 8.1 This policy only selects the swimmers onto the 2018 European Junior Team. The Head of Elite Development and European Junior Championship 2018 Head Coach have the responsibility to then determine individual event entries.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENT

- 9.1. The 2018 European Junior Championship Team will be announced on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**TABLE 1**

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018 MINIMUM CONSIDERATION TIMES		
FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
00:25.91	50m Freestyle	00:22.93
00:56.09	100m Freestyle	00:50.18
02:01.12	200m Freestyle	01:50.37
04:17.68	400m Freestyle	03:54.68
08:48.17	800m Freestyle	08:06.75
16:57.72	1500m Freestyle	15:33.57
01:02.59	100m Backstroke	00:55.58
02:14.06	200m Backstroke	02:01.26
01:10.66	100m Breaststroke	01:02.76
02:32.50	200m Breaststroke	02:15.28
01:00.56	100m Butterfly	00:53.66
02:13.53	200m Butterfly	01:59.93
02:16.74	200m Individual Medley	02:03.88
04:51.14	400m Individual Medley	04:25.88

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## SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

### Eligibility

Athletes must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA General Rule 2 (GR 2).
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by British Swimming. Selection Acceptance Forms will be provided by British Swimming to qualifying team members.
- G3 Be available to fulfill national team commitments.

### Team Commitments

All Team members will be required to:

- G4 Comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct. A breach of the British Swimming Code of Conduct may result in de-selection from the team.
- G5 Abide by media protocols of the British Swimming Programme. Athletes must only speak to the media about their own performances and group coaches must only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. The event Head Coach and Head of Elite Development may discuss performances of the entire team.
- G6 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the British Championships and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the Head of Elite Development.
- G7 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Head of Elite Development (including but not limited to preparation camps and staging camps). No team member will be allowed to leave a national team camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the team camp programme, this includes any external media, sponsor or social activities. Failure to attend the required activities could result in withdrawal from the team. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the Head of Elite Development.
- G8 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

### Withdrawals

- G9 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G4 to G8) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G10 Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination by British Swimming Medical staff, which may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development.
- G11 Athletes may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time following their selection. Any athlete judged to be unfit by British Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming, may be de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development.

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## Replacements

- G12 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance, subject to clause 4.1.

## Other

- G13 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group (PLG) may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

## Appeals

- G14 Any appeals against selections in relation to selection policies must be made in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available by request from Adam Clarke, Head of Performance Services via email at [adam.clarke@swimming.org](mailto:adam.clarke@swimming.org). Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.