

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1 This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the 2019 European Junior Open Water Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The target for this event is to optimise medal outcomes and to provide international competition experience for athletes on a trajectory for marathon podium performance at Paris 2024 and beyond.

3. SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1. The Great North Swim Elite 5km, Lake Windermere (8th June 2019) will be the selection race, subject to clause 5.2 below.
- 3.2. If the event the selection race (Great North Swim Elite 5km, Lake Windermere, 8th June 2019) is cancelled, all swimmers will be selected at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead in consultation with the Head of Elite Development.

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1 Up to a maximum of 10 athletes will be selected for the 2019 European Junior Open Water Championships.
- 4.2 There is no obligation on British Swimming to select 10 athletes and the total team size will be determined by the National Performance Director (NPD) at his complete discretion.
- 4.3 One relay team per nation and up to three (3) males and three (3) females in each age group can be selected, specifically:
- i. athletes born 2004/2005 in the 5km race
 - ii. athletes born 2002/2003 in the 7.5km race
 - iii. athletes born 2000/2001 the 10km race

5. SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1. The first male swimmer and first female swimmer in each age group (as detailed in 4.3.i, 4.3.ii and 4.3.iii) will be selected.
- 5.2. Additional discretionary selections may be made by the British Swimming Marathon Lead at his complete discretion in consultation with the Head of Elite Development, subject to 2.1 and 4.1 above. Discretionary selections will only be considered for the age groups outlined in 4.3ii and 4.3iii. In reaching discretionary selections the Marathon Lead may consider open water performances over the course of the 2018-2019 seasons (1st January 2018 to 15th July 2019) and an athlete's potential to represent Great Britain at senior open water level.
- 5.3. All selected athletes will be eligible for team relay selection.

6. SELECTION NOTIFICATION

- 6.1 Selected athletes will be notified by 12th June 2019.

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA rule GR2.
- G2 Have completed a selection acceptance form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline stated by British Swimming. 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 fulfil all team commitments from the time of nomination through to the championships.
- G4 Comply with any other FINA eligibility criteria from time to time, including in respect of nationality and/or anti-doping.

TEAM COMMITMENTS

All Team members will be required to:

- G5 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.
- G6 Adhere to all prescribed travel arrangements which might involve different travel dates to other members of the team.
- G7 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 Marathon Swimming Lead may discuss performances of the entire team. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation selection-related matters until authorised to do so by the Team Leader/Marathon Swimming Lead.
- G8 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the selection trials and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the National Performance Director and/or Marathon Swimming Lead.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Marathon Swimming Lead (including but not limited to preparation camps and staging camps). 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 National Performance Director and/or Marathon Swimming Lead.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G5 to G10) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time following their selection must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Marathon Lead in consultation with the Head of Elite Development. In the event of injury or illness athletes may be deselected if they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff as determined by the British Swimming Chief Medical Officer or his designate.

REPLACEMENTS

- G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Marathon Swimming Lead in the best interest of the overall team performance.

OTHER

- G14 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may reasonably selection policies, within reason at its discretion.
- G15 The National Performance Director and Marathon Swimming Lead will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2018 European Junior Open Water Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the Championships.

APPEALS

- G16 Any appeals against non-selection must be made to British Swimming in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available online at <https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/swimming/selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/> or by request from Adam Clarke, Head of Performance Services via email at 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.