

EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL 2015

TBILISI, GEORGIA, 26th JULY – 1st AUGUST

SELECTION POLICY



1. PERFORMANCE TARGET

1.1 The target for this meet is to provide a positive competitive opportunity in the long-term development of a small group of British junior swimmers, as one of a variety of Olympic sports that will comprise the British Team (TeamGB) competing at this multi-sport event.

2. SELECTION TRIALS

2.1 Selections will be made from performances at the British Swimming Championships, London Aquatics Centre, 14th – 18th April 2015 (the 'Trials').

3. TEAM SIZE

3.1 A team size of 16 athletes, comprising 8 females and 8 males will be selected. This is a British Olympic Association (BOA) team event; following the Trial a list of athletes will be nominated by British Swimming to the BOA for ratification.

4. AGE ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Boys born 1999/2000

4.2 Girls born 2001/2002

5. SELECTION

5.1. Up to 10 places (5 male and 5 female) will be filled by the fastest eligible swimmer (4.1 and 4.2) based on performances in the EYOF or open final at the Trials for the following events:- 200m Freestyle, 200m Backstroke, 200m Butterfly, 200m Breaststroke, and 400m Individual Medley.

5.2. If, in 5.1, a swimmer places secures their selection place in more than one event, that swimmer will be selected and the Head of Performance Pathway will use his sole discretion to fill the remaining place(s).

5.3. All additional places up to the team size and gender split outlined in 3.1 will be filled at the sole discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway.

5.4. The Head of Performance Pathway will use his sole discretion to determine the final individual and relay entries.

5.5. For the competition itself, all event entries will be made at the absolute discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway.

6. OTHER ELIGIBILITY

6.1 Only athletes who provide information in full as requested by the British Olympic Association (BOA) for the European Youth Olympic Festival will be eligible for nomination.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT

7.1 The nominations for the European Youth Olympic Festival team will be notified on or before Friday 26th June 2015.

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA General Rule 2 (GR 2). The BOA in consultation with FINA and the EOC will decide on any question of eligibility (having regard to all eligibility criteria including as set by the BOA, British Swimming, FINA, the EOC and/or BEGOC) and the BOA's decision shall be final.
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline to be imposed 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 fulfill all team commitments from the time of nomination through to the Games.

TEAM COMMITMENTS

All Team members will be required to:

- G6 Comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct and the BOA's Team Members Agreement. A breach of the British Swimming Code of Conduct or the BOA Team Members Agreement may result in de-selection from 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 Head of Performance Pathway and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team. Swimmers must also comply with the BOA Media rules as set out in the Team Members Agreement, for the dates specified therein.
- 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 Head of Performance Pathway.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Head of Performance Pathway (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 following consultation with the BOA. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the National Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming, FINA, EOC and BOA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the European Youth Olympic Festival 2015.

WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G6 to G10) they may be withdrawn from the team following consultation with the BOA.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their nomination by British Swimming and prior to the end of the delegation registration process ("DRP") must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination (which may include fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests) by British Swimming Medical staff, which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway following consultation with the BOA.

REPLACEMENTS

G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team prior to the DRM will be considered at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway following consultation with the BOA if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance. Where athletes are de-selected from the Team by the BOA following the end of the DRP, any replacement decisions shall be made by the BOA (in consultation with British Swimming) in accordance with the EOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

OTHER

G14 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

APPEALS

G15 Any appeals against non-selection prior to the DRM must be made to British Swimming 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. Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.

G16 Any appeal in respect of a decision by the BOA not to select or to de-select a nominated athlete shall be made to, and dealt with by, the BOA in accordance with the BOA's appeals policy.