

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1 This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the 2020 European Open Water Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The target for this event is to optimise medal outcomes in the 10km races at the 2020 European Open Water Championships and to provide international experience for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

3. TEAM SIZE

- 3.1 Up to a maximum of six (6) athletes will be selected for the 2020 European Open Water Championships, subject to available funding. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director (NPD).
- 3.2 A maximum of three (3) athletes per individual event and one relay team per nation can be selected.

4. SELECTION TRIALS

- 4.1 10km selections will be made from performances at the 2020 LEN Cup 10km in Eilat, Israel, 8th March 2020 (the 'selection race').
- 4.2 A British Swimming squad of up to four (4) athletes will be funded to attend the selection race (2020 LEN Cup 10km in Eilat, Israel, 8th March 2020). This squad will be selected at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead. The British Swimming Marathon Lead may consider athletes 2018 and 2019 open water performance history pursuant to the Performance Objective (clause 2.1).
- 4.3 Consideration will be given to other British athletes, up to a maximum of two (2) athletes, who may want to enter the selection race on a self-funded basis. Athletes are advised that race entries must be made by British Swimming and any request from an athlete to enter on a self-funded bases must be made by email to bernie.dietzig@swimming.org by no later than Friday 5th December 2019. Self-funded places will be assigned at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead in consultation with the NPD, in consideration to clause 2.1 and the minimum performance standards set out in Table 1 below (which athletes will need to have achieved since 1st December 2018).

Table 1 – Minimum performance standards for self-funded places

FEMALE		EVENT	MALE	
Long course	Short course		Long course	Short course
8:55.00	8:42.00	800 Freestyle		
		1500 Freestyle	15:59.00	15:31.00

5. SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1. The top British male and top British female finishers at the selection race (2020 LEN Cup 10km in Eilat, Israel, 8th March 2020) will be selected. Remaining selections up to the maximum team size (clause 3.1) and entries permitted (clause 3.2) will be selected at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead in consultation with the NPD.
- 5.2. British Swimmers who have been selected for the 2020 Olympic Qualifier (Fukuoka, Japan, 30th and 31st May) may compete at the 2020 LEN Cup 10km in Eilat (8th March 2020). Their attendance will not count towards the maximum team size and they will not be considered for selection to the 2020 European Open Water Championship.

6. NOTIFICATIONS

- 6.1. Athletes selected for a funded place in the squad to compete at the selection race will be notified by 18th November 2019
- 6.2. Athletes selected for a self-funded place in the squad to compete at the selection race will be notified by 10th December 2019.
- 6.3. Athletes selected to represent Great Britain at the 2020 European Open Water Championships will be announced on 12th March 2020.
- 6.4. In the event that the selection race is cancelled, all swimmers will be selected at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead in consultation with the NPD, GB Head Coach and Head of Elite Development.

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).
- 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 Marathon Lead may discuss performances of the entire team.
- G6 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the point of selection and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the Marathon Lead.
- G7 Commit fully to a training programme approved by the Marathon Lead, from the date of selection to the competition.
- G8 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Marathon Lead (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 Marathon Lead.
- G9 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

WITHDRAWALS

- G10 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G4 to G9) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G11 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time following their selection must notify British Swimming immediately. Failure to notify the British Swimming CMO immediately of an injury or illness may result in de-selection.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team, normally at the discretion of the Marathon Lead. In exceptional circumstances, the British Swimming CMO may refer his opinion to a panel of the British Swimming Performance Leadership Group for decision if, in the opinion of the British Swimming CMO or his designate, they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff.

REPLACEMENTS

- G13 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Marathon Lead if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance, subject to clause 3.1.

OTHER

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

APPEALS

G15 Any appeals against selections in relation to selection policies must be made 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.