

## 1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1 This selection policy outlines the process to nominate a team to the British Olympic Association (BOA) to represent Great Britain in the 10km marathon at the 2020 Olympic Games.

## 2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The target for this event is to optimise medal outcomes in the 2020 Olympic 10km Marathon event.

## 3. OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

- 3.1. Selections will be made in accordance with the qualification pathway published by FINA and the IOC ('QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXII OLYMPIAD – TOKYO 2020', [click here](#))
- 3.2. Selections will be made from performances at the 2020 FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier event (the 'Qualifier'), Fukuoka, Japan (30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020).
- 3.3. The first British male and first British female athlete at the 'Qualifier', will be nominated for selection subject to each achieving a top 9 finish. All selections are subject to BOA ratification.

## 4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1 As there were no British qualifiers from the 2019 World Open Water Championships there are two (2) athlete places available for selection to the 2020 Olympic Games team, comprising one (1) male selection and one (1) female selection.

## 5. SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 Selections for the 2020 FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier event (the 'Qualifier'), Fukuoka, Japan (30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020) will comprise:
  - i) The first British male and first British female finisher in the 10km Marathon event at the 2019 FINA World Championship 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July, Gwangju, South Korea.
  - ii) The first British male and first British female finisher in the 10km Marathon event at the 2020 FINA Swim World Series, Doha, Qatar (15<sup>th</sup> February 2020), ("the Selection Race"). Attendance at this event will be subject clauses 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 below.
- 5.2 In addition to the two athletes selected under 5.1i), four (4) athletes comprising two (2) male and two (2) female will be selected for the 2020 FINA Swim World Series, Doha, Qatar (15<sup>th</sup> February 2020), the 'Selection Races'.
- 5.3 The British Swimming Marathon lead will select one (1) male and one (1) female to the 2020 FINA Swim World Series, Doha, in consideration of the following (listed below in priority order):
  - i) Performances at the 2019 FINA World Open Water Championships 10km;
  - ii) Performances at FINA Marathon Swim World Series 10km events since 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2018;
  - iii) Performances at LEN 10km events since 1st October 2018.
- 5.4 Given that there are no domestic 10km Marathon swimming events prior to the Selection Races (2020 FINA Swim World Series, Doha), the final male and final female place will be offered to the winner of the 1500m freestyle (male) and 800m freestyle (female) at the 2019 Swim England

National Winter Championships (25m), 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield. If the winner of the 1500m (male) and 800m freestyle (female) has already been selected under 5.1 or 5.3, the place will be offered to the next highest finisher.

- 5.5 In the selection race (2020 FINA Swim World Series, Doha), if the first British male and/or female finisher under 5.1ii has already been selected under 5.1i, the Marathon Lead may consider the next highest British finisher.
- 5.6 If the selection race (2020 FINA Swim World Series event, Doha) is cancelled, the selection of one (1) male and one (1) female athlete to compete at the Qualifier will be at the discretion of the Marathon swimming lead in consultation with the NPD.

## **6 NOTIFICATION DATES**

- 6.1 Athletes selected to attend the FINA Swim World Series event, Doha, Qatar (15<sup>th</sup> February 2020) will be notified by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- 6.2 Athletes selected to represent Great Britain at the 2020 FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier event (the 'Qualifier'), Fukuoka, Japan (30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020) will be notified by 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- 6.3 Athletes selected to represent Great Britain at the 2020 Olympic Games, (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August 2020), subject to ratification from the BOA, will notified by 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 following confirmation from FINA.

## **SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the Olympic Charter Rules. The BOA in consultation with FINA and the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) will decide on any question of eligibility (having regard to all eligibility criteria including as set by the BOA, British Swimming, FINA and the IOC) and the IOC’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 fulfil all team commitments from the time of selection through to the Championships.
- G4 Comply with any other BOA and/or IOC 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 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.
- 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 GB Head Coach 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. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation selection-related matters until authorised to do so by the Team Leader.
- G8 Commit to a full training and preparation programme (as determined by the GB Head Coach or Head of Elite Development) from the point of selection to the Championships and not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions without prior written approval from the Team Leader.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the GB Head Coach (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 and FINA, IOC and BOA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2020 Olympic Games.

### **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 nomination and prior to the end of the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) (5<sup>th</sup> July 2020) must notify British Swimming immediately. Failure to notify the British Swimming CMO immediately of an injury or illness may result in de-selection.
- G13 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury and 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 GB Head Coach. 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**

- G14 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach in the best interest of the overall team performance. Where athletes are de-selected from the Team following the DRP, any replacement decisions shall be made by the BOA (in consultation with British Swimming) in accordance with the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

### **OTHER**

- G15 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may amend selection policies, within reason at its discretion.
- G16 The National Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the Olympic team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the Games.

### **APPEALS**

- G17 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](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.
- G18 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.