

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1 This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the 2022 FINA World Open Water Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The objective for this event is to optimise medal outcomes in Olympic events, to maximise competition and development opportunities for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and beyond.

3. SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1 10km selections will be made from performances at the FINA World Cup Leg 1 of the 2022 season (date TBC, February/March, Middle East). A British Swimming squad of up to 6 athletes will be selected at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead to attend the selection race. Selected athletes will be notified by 6th December 2021 of their inclusion to compete at the selection race. There is no obligation to select six athletes. Consideration will be given to additional British athletes who may want to enter the selection trials on a self-funded basis. Entries into the selection race must be made by British Swimming and any self-funded athlete would be required to attend as part of the British Swimming squad and adhere to the British Swimming's code of conduct and all team regulations. Any request from an athlete to enter the selection race on a self-funded basis must be made by email to bernie.dietzig@swimming.org by no later than Monday 13rd December 2021. Up to two self-funded places will be assigned at the complete discretion of the Marathon Lead in consultation with the NPD. There is no obligation to assign any self-funded places. Any athletes approved to attend on a self-funded basis will be notified by 15th December 2021.

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1 Up to a maximum of 6 athletes will be selected for the 2022 FINA World Open Water Championships.
- 4.2 There is no obligation on British Swimming to select 6 athletes. The total team size will be determined by the National Performance Director (NPD) at his complete discretion.
- 4.3 Up to a maximum of two (2) athletes per individual event and one relay team per nation can be selected.

5. SELECTION PROCESS – 10km selection

- 5.1 The top British male and top British female finisher at the 2022 FINA World Cup Leg 1, the selection race, will be selected. Additional selections will be made by the Marathon Swimming Lead at his complete discretion in consultation with the NPD, subject to 2.1 and 4.1 above.

6. SELECTION PROCESS - 5km selection

- 6.1 Any selections for the 5km race will be made by the Marathon Swimming Lead at his complete discretion in consultation with the NPD, subject to 2.1 and 4.1 above.
- 6.2 All those selected for individual events under 5.1 and 6.1 above will be eligible for relay selection, subject to 4.1 above.

7. SELECTION NOTIFICATION

- 7.1. Selected athletes will be notified within 72 hours of the conclusion of the selection race.



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- 7.2. In the event that the selection race (10km selection) 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, in accordance with clause 2.1.



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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). 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 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 GB Head Coach. In the event of mental health 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.



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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 amend selection policies, at its discretion.

G15 The NPD and British Swimming Marathon Swimming Lead will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2022 FINA World 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.