



2022 WORLD PARA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (50M), 12-18TH JUNE 2022, MADEIRA, PORTUGAL SELECTION POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

1.1. This selection policy outlines the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain at the 2022 World Para Swimming (WPS) Championships (50M).

2. SELECTION EVENT

2.1. Selections will be made from performances at the 2020 (+1) Tokyo Paralympic Games at the discretion of the GB Head Coach (GBHC) and at the The Aberdeen 2022 Para Swimming World Series 2022.

3. TEAM SIZE

3.1. Up to a maximum of 35 swimmers may be selected. The total team size will be determined by the GBHC at his complete discretion.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

4.1. Athletes will be selected in the following stage priority order:

4.1.1. 2022 World Class Programme (WCP) athletes who achieved a medal winning performance at the 2020 (+1) Tokyo Paralympic Games in a Paris 2024 Paralympic Games recognised individual event. Athletes must compete in the British Para-Swimming Winter Championships 2021 and The Aberdeen 2022 Para Swimming World Series¹ in their medal winning performance event. If an athlete is not able to compete in either stated competition for exceptional circumstances this must be approved by the GBHC prior to the competition including a meeting to discuss and approve. Athletes will submit training plans that are approved by GBHC. Athletes will adhere to all criteria set out in programme selection. Athletes must meet and maintain all aspects of the athlete eligibility criteria (G1- G5 below) at all times. Selection will be at the sole discretion of the GBHC.

4.1.2. Athletes equaling or bettering the published Qualifying Times (QT) at The Aberdeen 2022 Para Swimming World Series 2022, where the athlete quota has been reached, athletes will be ranked by % inside the qualifying time. Slots that have already been allocated to athletes with automatic qualification will be indicated within the published standard qualifying times.

4.1.3. Relays - Athletes may be nominated to help build and represent Great Britain within a number of relays, selections will be at the sole discretion of the GBHC.

4.1.4. All athletes must meet the minimum qualification standard (MQS) for an individual event subject to sufficient places remaining for the event (three (3) per nation). BPS may utilise the wildcard opportunity (World Para Swimming Madeira 2022 Criteria) in direct correlation to relay selection at the sole discretion of the GBHC.

¹ If The Aberdeen 2022 Para Swimming World Series is not held due to exceptional circumstances the alternative qualification meet will be set by the GBHC and published on the British Swimming Website.

4.1.5. Next generation - Athletes that have not competed at a Paralympic games, may be nominated in targeted events at the complete discretion of the GBHC.

4.1.6. Athletes may be selected on a discretionary basis using the following criteria, which is not in priority order, is not exhaustive, the application of discretion does not require all of the criteria to be considered and is subject to sufficient places remaining for the event (three (3) per nation). This is at the complete discretion of the GBHC.

- Performance that is in line with the event trajectory.
- Where a direct race opportunity is available.
- Relay team cover.
- Previous performance record at major championships.
- Athletes on 2022 WCP undergoing a British Para-Swimming supported medical/ return to training plan from injury

5. TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

5.1. The athlete team will be announced no later 25th February 2022

6. ADDITIONAL EVENT ENTRIES

6.1. Athletes wishing to be considered for additional events must meet the below criteria:

6.1.1. The athlete will have already been nominated for the team in either an individual or relay event as detailed above.

6.1.2. The athlete will have achieved the WPS Minimum Entry Time (MET) for that additional event within the official WPS Qualification Period 1/1/2021 - 1/5/2022 and in line with World Para Swimming Madeira 2022 qualification criteria.

6.1.3. All additional swims are dependent on place availability (three (3) entries per nation for individual events, and one (1) entry per nation for relay events), for that event and classification and total team athlete places available.

6.1.4. An athlete, in collaboration with their home programme coach, may apply to be entered into an additional event(s) in writing on the official form that must be received by the GBHC no later than 17:00am on the 4th March 2022. The final decision on entries for additional events is at the complete discretion of the GBHC. This decision is not capable of being appealed and is not subject to the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedure.

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

Athlete Eligibility

- G1 Be a British passport holder and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the WPS/IPC Rules.
- G2 Meet the current WPS regulations on eligibility.
- G3 Hold a WPS 2022 licence and be registered to a swimming club that is affiliated to Swim England, Swim Wales or Scottish Swimming.
- G4 Be internationally classified with a “Confirmed” (C), “Fixed Date Review” (FDR) or “Review” (R) WPS sport classification status.
- G5 Have an agreed training plan in place and adhere to their Individual Athlete Planning (IAP) Process (WCP athletes) at all times from 1st January 2022 to completion of the Championships, or Process Goals (non programme athletes) from the point of selection and the conclusion of the Championships. These shall be agreed between the athlete, the GB Head Coach, the Home Programme Liaison (HPL), and the athlete’s home programme coach. A series of physiological tests using physiological data may be used to monitor trainability. Athletes failing to maintain trainability, adherence to IAP or Performance Goals may result in non-nomination or deselection.

Times

- G6 Split times will not be considered.
- G7 Performances from time trials will not be considered with the exception of BPS team relay practices post selection for final relay team consideration.

Team Commitments

- G8 All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with all WPS requirements, Rules and Regulations, British Swimming provisions consisting of the British Swimming Anti-Doping Rules and Protocols, Selection Agreement and Code of Conduct, the British Swimming Disciplinary Code and Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies.
- G9 With the exception of injury or illness team members will be expected to attend (where selected) all pre competition training camps, individual training opportunities, competitions, relay team practices, team events and team meetings designated by the GB Head Coach. Activities not relevant to the event such as personal appearances, external media engagements or social activities will not be permitted without prior agreement.
- G10 Team members must comply with British Swimming and World Para-Swimming swimwear rules and regulations.

Withdrawals

- G11 If a swimmers classification changes between selection and the selected meet, with the exception of a swimmer achieving the criteria as outlined in 3.1, 4.1, 4.1.3 and 6.1 for an event in a higher classification where sufficient places are available, the swimmer may be de-selected from the team unless the classification process remains ongoing or unresolved.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time between selection and the conclusion of the selected meet may be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the team member being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the GBHC supported by medical evidence.

- G13 Any team member who withdraws themselves from the team, with the exception of a withdrawal on medical grounds or as a result of G12, following selection may be liable to British Swimming for the reimbursement of any costs incurred on behalf of that team member such as flights, accommodation and equipment associated with the Championships.
- G14 Swimmers will be withdrawn from all additional events entered if any event(s) in which they have been selected for are withdrawn by WPS, unless they meet the criteria for an event in a higher classification as set out in G15 below.
- G15 In the case where an event is withdrawn by WPS and becomes combined with another classification event a maximum of five (5) swimmers may be entered per National Paralympic Committee, however, only three (3) swimmers per classification may be entered. In this case the fastest five (5) swimmers from all eligible classes (maximum 3 per classification) shall be entered subject to each swimmer meeting the criteria outlined in 3.1, 4.1, 4.1.3 and 6.1 above. In the event that the next placed swimmer(s) has no other eligible event in the competition the swimmer will be de-selected from the team.

Staff Nomination

- G16 Staff selection will be at the sole discretion of the Leadership Team. Coaching team will be selected at the sole discretion of the GBHC.
- G17 Any staff team member who is ill/injured prior to selection or becomes ill/injured following selection, where it compromises their capacity to fulfil their role responsibilities at the event, is positively obliged to declare this information to the Team Doctor. This is to ensure that there is no additional risk to your health and safety, and to ensure that we have a fully functioning staffing team to support the health and safety of the athlete group.
- G18 All selected staff members will be required to complete the UKAD accredited advisor course prior to team assembly.

Other

- G19 The GBHC will exercise his authority to ensure that the final selection is in line with this policy.

Appeals

- G20 All appeals against non-selection (or de-selection) in relation to selection policies except for 6.1.5 above shall be dealt with under the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedure. Details are available from the British Swimming Legal Affairs Department: legal@swimming.org, the British Swimming website <https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/para-swimming/para-swimming-selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/>. Athletes should be aware of the time limits detailed within the appeals policy, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.

If you have any questions relating to the WPS Championships 2022 Selection Policy for Para-Swimming please contact GB Head Coach Rob Aubry: rob.aubry@swimming.org, or the British Para-Swimming Office paraswimming@swimming.org.