



2022 LEN Open Water Cup Barcelona, Spain, 24th September SELECTION POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the process to select a British Junior team to represent Great Britain at the 2022 LEN Open Water Cup in Barcelona (24th September).

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The target for this event is to provide international competition experience for athletes on a trajectory for marathon podium performance at either Paris 2024, Los Angeles 2028 and beyond.

3. SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1. The Swim Wales Challenge Series Open Water meet (Llandegfedd Reservoir, 19th June 2022) will be the selection trials race (referred to as the 'selection trials', subject to clause 5.2 below.)

4. SELECTION TRIALS ENTRY STANDARDS

- 4.1. Swimmers in all age groups are required to meet the entry standard as outlined in the race information pack

5. TEAM SIZE

- 5.1. Up to a maximum of 10 athletes will be selected for the LEN Open Water Cup in Barcelona, 24th September.
- 5.2. There is no obligation on British Swimming to select 10 athletes and the total team size will be determined by the Performance Director (PD) at his complete discretion.

6. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1. The first male swimmer and first female swimmer in the elite race of the Swim Wales Challenge Series Open Water meet (Llandegfedd Reservoir, 19th June 2022) in each of the following age groups will be selected.
 - 6.1.1. athletes born 2007/2008 (14/15 year olds) in the 5km race
 - 6.1.2. athletes born 2005/2006 (16/17 year olds) in the 7.5km race
 - 6.1.3. athletes born 2003/2004 (18/19 year olds) in the 7.5km race
- 6.2. Additional discretionary selections may be made by the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming at his complete discretion in consultation with the Head of Performance Development, subject to 2.1, 4.1 and 6.3.
- 6.3. In reaching discretionary selections the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming will consider distance pool performances (400m, 800m and 1500m freestyle) and previous open water results since January 2020. Athletes selected under 6.2 are required to demonstrate a top 5 ranking in their age group (point 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3) in one of the distance pool events (12 months event ranking (<https://www.swimmingresults.org/12months/>))
- 6.4. All selected athletes may be required to participate at a specified preparatory camp or race, details of which are to be confirmed. British Swimming will cover reasonable travel and accommodation costs of participation in this activity.
- 6.5. All selected athletes will be eligible for team relay selection.
- 6.6. All individual and relay event entries will be determined by the Team Leader and/or the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming.

7. SELECTION NOTIFICATION



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- 7.1. Selected athletes will be notified within 3 days of the selection trials.
- 7.2. In the event the selection trials race is cancelled, all swimmers will be selected at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming in consultation with the Head of Performance Development.



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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 World Class 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 Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming 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/Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming. Swimmers must not publicise injury or health status at any point after selection without prior approval of the Team Lead/Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming.
- G8 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the selection events and the meet for which they have been selected without prior approval from the Performance Director and/or Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming (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 Performance Director and/or Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming.
- 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



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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 their designate.

REPLACEMENTS

G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming in the best interest of the overall team performance.

OTHER

G14 The World Class Programme Swimming Leadership Team may reasonably selection policies, within reason at its discretion.

G15 The Performance Director and Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the team are in line with this policy.

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, Associate Director, Performance Strategy and Operations 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.