

OLYMPIC GAMES 2016

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 15TH – 16TH AUGUST

MARATHON SWIMMING (10KM) SELECTION POLICY



1. SELECTION TRIALS

- 1.1. Selections will be made in accordance with the qualification pathway published by FINA and the IOC (Qualification system – Games of the XXXI Olympiad – Rio 2016).
- 1.2. Selections will be made from performances at the 2015 FINA World Open Water Championships and the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016 (Setubal , Portugal 11th/12th June 2016)
- 1.3. All selections are subject to BOA ratification.

2. TEAM SIZE

- 2.1. Following confirmation from FINA there are two athlete places available for selection (one male place, one female place)

3. SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1. Swimmers will be nominated to the British Olympic Association (BOA) for selection if they have achieved a top 10 ranked place in the 10km marathon event at the 2015 FINA World Open Water Championships.
- 3.2. If no male and/or female qualify under 3.1 above the National Performance Director (NPD) in consultation with the GB Head Coach and Open Water Technical lead may nominate at his complete discretion up to two male and/or two female swimmers to compete in the FINA Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier 2016. The NPD shall exercise such discretion having regard to the overall objective of securing qualification of the best possible medal prospects for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.
- 3.3. Swimmers seeking qualification under 3.2 above will be nominated for selection if they meet the criteria set by FINA detailed in the FINA 2016 Olympic Qualification pathway ([Click here](#))

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 fulfill all team commitments from the time of nomination through to the Games.
- 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:

- G4 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.
- G5 Adhere to all prescribed travel arrangements which might involve different travel dates to other members of the team.
- G6 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.
- G7 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.
- G8 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.
- G9 Comply with British Swimming, FINA, IOC and BOA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the Olympic Games 2016.

WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS

- G10 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G4 to G9) they may be withdrawn from the team following consultation with the BOA.
- G11 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their nomination by British Swimming and prior to the end of the delegation registration process ("DRP") (18 July 2016) must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination (which may include fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests) by British Swimming Medical staff, which may result in the swimmer being



de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach following consultation with the BOA.

OTHER

- G12 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may amend selection policies, within reason at any time at its discretion.
- G13 The National Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the Olympic Games 2016 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the Olympic Games 2016.

APPEALS

- G14 Any appeals against non-selection prior to the DRM and within the period provided allowed for appeals must be made to British Swimming in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available 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.
- G15 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.