

2024 World Aquatics World Open Water Swimming Championships
3rd – 8th February 2024, Doha, QATAR
SELECTION POLICY

1. **POLICY PURPOSE**

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the 2024 World Open Water Championships.

2. **PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1. The objectives for this event are to:
- i. Secure Olympic team places
 - ii. Provide international experience for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at the Paris 2024 or Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games

3. **TEAM SIZE**

- 3.1. Up to a maximum of four (4) athletes (2 male, 2 female) may be selected for the 2024 World Open Water Championships. There is no obligation on British Swimming to select four (4) athletes and the total team size will be determined by the Performance Director (PD) at his complete discretion.
- 3.2. Up to a maximum of two athletes per individual event and one relay team per event can be selected.

4. **SELECTION PROCESS**

- 4.1. The first British male and first British female in the 10km event at the 2023 World Open Water Swimming Championships (Fukuoka, Japan), subject to finishing in the top 22 will be selected for the 10km event at the 2024 World Open Water Championships.
- 4.2. All remaining places will be selected based on performances at Leg 5 of the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup in Funchal*, Madeira (Portugal) 2nd-3rd December 2023. British Swimming will select a squad of up to six (6) athlete selections for this event which will be made in consideration to performances in the 2023 World Open Water Swimming Championships, 2023 LEN Open Water Cups and 2023 World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cups. Only swimmers who have achieved a time equal to or faster than the times in Table 1 for either the 800m or 1500m Freestyle within the qualifying window (4th April 2023 – 27th October 2023 and as published on www.swimmingresults.org) will be considered.
- 4.3. Additional self-funded places **may** be considered by the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead – Swimming, in consultation with the PD. There is no obligation to select any self-funded swimmers.
- 4.4. The top British male and top British female swimmers in the 10km event at the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup in Funchal, Madeira on 2nd/3rd December 2023 not already selected under 4.1 will be selected for the 10km event at the 2024 World Open Water Championships.
- 4.5. The second placed British male and second placed British female swimmers in the 10km event at the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup in Funchal, Madeira on 2nd/3rd December 2023 **may** be considered for selection at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead - Swimming in consultation with the PD and GB Head Coach, pursuant to 3.2.
- 4.5. Any selections for the 5km or relay event at the 2024 World Open Water Championships will be made from swimmers selected under 4.1, 4.4 and 4.5.

*replaces Eilat, Israel as the venue following the World Aquatics decision on 12th October 2023 to relocate the event



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SELECTION NOTIFICATIONS

- 5.1 All athletes selected will be notified by email on or before 5th December 2023.
- 5.2 In the event that Leg 5 of the World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup in Funchal, Madeira on 2nd/3rd December 2023 is cancelled, all swimmers not already selected for the 2024 World Championship team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead – Swimming, in consultation with the PD and GB Head Coach in accordance with 2.1.

Table 1 – British Swimming Marathon Pool consideration standards (50m)

Male		Female	
800m Freestyle	8:06.20	800m Freestyle	8:49.20
1500m Freestyle	15:24.90	1500m Freestyle	16:46.50

Times to be achieved between 4th April 2023 and 27th October 2023, and published on www.swimmingresults.org



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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 World Aquatics rule GR2.
- 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 World Aquatics 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 GB Head Coach and Performance Director 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.
- 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 Performance Director.
- 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. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and World Aquatics swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2024 World Championships.

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 injury or 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 her designate.



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G13 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.

OTHER

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

G15 The Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2024 World Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 2024 World 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, Associate Director 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.