



2024 EUROPEAN AQUATICS JUNIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2nd – 7th July, Vilnius, LITHUANIA

SELECTION POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

1.1 This selection policy outlines the process for selecting the team to represent Great Britain at the 2024 European Junior Swimming Championships in Vilnius, Lithuania, 2nd-7th July 2024 (the "EAJSC24").

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

2.1 The target for the event is to provide a meaningful competitive opportunity in the long-term development of British junior swimmers towards future senior international success, whilst at the same time optimising the medal outcomes in Olympic individual and relay events.

3. SELECTION EVENT

3.1 Selections will be made from performances at the 2024 British Swimming Championships, London Aquatics Centre, London, 2nd – 7th April 2024 ("the British Championships"), subject to clause 6.2 below.

3.2 In the event that the British Championships is cancelled, a revised selection policy will be published by the Swimming Leadership Team.

4. TEAM SIZE

4.1 Up to a maximum of 30 swimmers may be selected, subject to available funding, for the EAJSC24. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the discretion of the Head of Performance Development in consultation with the Performance Director. There is no obligation to use select the maximum team size.

4.2 Swimmers based overseas (outside of the United Kingdom) should take specific note of the General Conditions of this policy, with specific reference to clauses G3, G8 and G9.

5. AGE ELIGIBILITY

5.1. Athletes born 2006 / 2007 / 2008 / 2009 / 2010

6. INDIVIDUAL EVENT SELECTION

6.1. Swimmers recording a time that equals or betters the Consideration Times set out in Table 1 in any round at the 2024 British Championships will be **considered** for selection. **The achievement of a Consideration Time does not mean the swimmer has achieved automatic selection and does not guarantee selection.**

6.2 Additional places ('discretionary selections') up to the stated maximum team size in 4.1 may be selected at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Development. These discretionary selections can be made from swimmers who have not achieved the Consideration Times listed in Table 1 at the British Championships but are deemed to be able to contribute to the Performance Objective set out in Clause 2.1. **The Head of Performance Development is under no obligation to use these discretionary places.**

6.3 Any eligible swimmer achieving selection for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games may also be considered for selection to EAJSC24 subject to discussion and agreement between the Olympic Head Coach, Performance Director and the Head of Performance Development.

7. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS

- 7.1. All team members selected under clauses 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 for individual events will be considered to be eligible for relay team selection.
- 7.2 Additional swimmers may be selected for the relay events at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Development under clause 6.2.

8. EVENT ENTRIES

- 8.1 This policy only selects the swimmers onto the EAJSC24 Team. The Head of Performance Development and Head Coach for the team have the responsibility to then determine individual event entries, including those for non- Olympic events.

9. ORIENTATION & PREPARATION

- 9.1 There will be a mandatory team orientation event, held online, on Thursday 18th April 2024. Engagement in the orientation event is a condition of selection.
- 9.2 A compulsory programme of race preparation and simulation will be held regionally for selected swimmers and staff. Details to be confirmed at the team orientation event.
- 9.3 Subject to available funding, all swimmers and staff will be required to attend a team preparation camp, 26th-29th June 2024, immediately prior to departure for Vilnius. Details to be confirmed to selected swimmers and staff.

10. ASSEMBLY

- 10.1 All selected swimmers will be required to cover their own travel expenses to the designated assembly point in the UK for the team camp (see clause 9.3).

11. ANNOUNCEMENT

- 11.1. The 2024 European Junior Championships Team will be announced on, or before Tuesday 16th April 2024, subject to clause 4.1.

TABLE 1 – Minimum consideration times

2024 EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS MINIMUM CONSIDERATION TIMES		
FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
26.26	50m Freestyle	23.27
56.79	100m Freestyle	50.88
02:03.13	200m Freestyle	01:51.54
04:17.14	400m Freestyle	03:56.10
08:47.32	800m Freestyle	08:08.19
16:51.53	1500m Freestyle	15:24.78
01:03.32	100m Backstroke	00:56.72
02:16.95	200m Backstroke	02:02.86
01:10.94	100m Breaststroke	01:04.09
02:33.03	200m Breaststroke	02:19.94
01:00.98	100m Butterfly	00:55.03
02:14.77	200m Butterfly	02:04.48
02:19.36	200m Individual Medley	02:05.12
04:52.35	400m Individual Medley	04:29.19

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the World Aquatics rules
- 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, 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 Head of Performance Development 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 Head of Performance Development (including but not limited to preparation camps and staging camps, see clause 9.3). 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 and European Aquatics swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2024 European Junior 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.



REPLACEMENTS

G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Development 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 Head of Performance Development will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2024 European Junior Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 2024 European Junior 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.