

2016 Olympic Games Diving Selection Document for Great Britain Selection Policy Information

Overview:

This document is intended to provide transparency on those factors, which make up the selection process for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Rationale:

Diving is an extremely subjective sport and thus there will be a significant component of subjective decision making in regard to final selection of the team.

The size of the Olympic Team will be up to a maximum of sixteen (16) athletes, although some of the divers will double up in events reducing the amount of divers. The selection process and dates are outlined in this document. **The British Swimming Diving Performance Management Group (PMG) endorses this selection policy.**

Final selection is at the sole discretion of the British Olympic Association (BOA) and will be based on nominations made against this selection policy. Nominations will be submitted to the BOA and following ratification by the BOA, the team will be announced (by the BOA in consultation with British Swimming). It is important to note that an athlete being selected to the Olympic Team and nominated to the BOA does not guarantee participation in an Olympic Diving Event. The NPD has sole discretion to decide the composition of the synchronised diving teams whilst at the Olympic Games.

Olympic Diving Events – men and women:

3 metre springboard
10 metre platform
3 metre synchronised
10 metre synchronised

Athlete Quota – men and women

68 competitors in the men's events and 68 competitors in the women's events
A total of 136 divers attending the competition
Maximum of 34 competitors per individual event
Maximum of two divers per country in each individual event
Maximum of one synchro team per country in each synchronised event

NOC Entries per Event

Individual event – up to two divers may participate in each event per nation, subject to quota places having been qualified. Divers of individual events must fulfil the qualification requirements of that event.

Synchronised event – two divers (one team) may participate in each event, subject to the relevant team quota place having been qualified.

Great Britain Olympic Qualification:

Athletes competing in Phase 1 and Phase 2 below will be competing for qualification places for Team GB at the Olympic Games and not individual places on the Olympic Team. Qualification of a quota place does not guarantee selection to the Olympic Team.

Athletes will be selected for an individual place on the Olympic Team in Phase 3 – Final Selection, subject to the NPD using his discretion to select an athlete at any time prior to Phase 3.

If the NPD exercises his discretion to select an athlete prior to Phase 3, the NPD will consider athletes performances and results in Phase 1, Phase 2 and any of the “7” competitions set out below.

Additionally, the NPD may consult with any relevant individuals, including the Performance Manager, Junior Development Manager, Head of Science and Medicine, Chief Medical Officer and Head Physiotherapist.

Selection to the Olympic Team shall be at the sole discretion of the National Performance Director (“NPD”).

The three phases for qualifying for the 2016 Olympic Games are:

1. FINA World Championships – Kazan, Russia
25 July-02 August 2015
2. FINA Diving World Cup – Rio, Brazil
19-24 February 2016
3. British Diving Championships – Sheffield
12– 14 June 2016



British Diving Olympic qualification requirements

Phase	Individual Events	Synchronised Events
1. FINA World Championships 25 July-02 August 2015	The first 12 finalists	The first 3 finalists
2. FINA Diving World Cup 19-24 February 2016	18 semi-finalists excluding those qualified through phase 1 Plus extra qualifying day 6 competition	7 finalists excluding those qualified through phase 1
3. British Diving Championships 12 – 14 June 2016	National Champion 2016, subject to achieving the minimum qualification points. (If the National Champion has already been selected by the NPD another diver will qualify subject to achieving the minimum qualification points and subject to NPD discretion) <u>Points</u> Men 10 Metre Platform = no less than 440 points in the preliminary event and 540 points in the final Men 3 Metre Springboard = no less than 450 points in the preliminary event and no less than 530 points in the final Women 3 Metre Springboard = no less than 285 points in the preliminary event and no less than 300 points in the final Women Platform = no less than 310 points in the preliminary event and no less than 320 points in the final.	Subject to NPD discretion

The above table (Phase 1 and Phase 2) shows how British Diving will achieve qualification places for Team GB for the individual events at the 2016 Olympic Games and this will be a maximum of 8 individual places.

The minimum qualification points for women's individual events are taken from the 2015 FINA World Championships and using the 18th place score from the preliminary events and 12th place from semi-final and then rounded up.

The minimum qualification points for men's individual events are taken from the 2015 FINA World Championships and using the 12th place score from the semi-final and the 3rd place from the final and then rounded up.

Selection Criteria

The NPD has also identified the following "7" (see **NOTE** below) competitions for athlete performance monitoring in the build up to Phase 3 and the NPD's final selection of athletes, subject to early selection by the NPD as set out above. The NPD will use these competitions to assist his decision making however, performances at these competitions will only be used as a guide

Athletes should note that selecting the composition of athletes seeking to compete in the synchronised diving may mean that an individual athlete may secure a better record at the identified selection events and /or the "7" competitions but this does not mean that the athlete with a better individual record will be selected. The NPD will be selecting the composition of the athletes to compete in the synchronised diving not necessarily the athletes that has a better scoring record.

1. FINA World Series ((4 legs): Beijing, Dubai, Windsor, Kazan – March and April 2016

- i. Leg 1 – Beijing 11th – 13th March 2016
- ii. Leg 2 – Dubai 17th – 19th March 2016
- iii. Leg 3 – Windsor 15th – 17th April 2016
- iv. Leg 4 – Kazan 22nd – 24th April 2016

2. FINA Grand Prix (2 legs: San Juan – 31st March to 3rd April 2016 and Gatineau 7th to 10th April 2016)

3. European Swimming Championships (London 9th – 15th May 2016)

NOTE:- The dates and competitions above are accurate at the time of writing. The dates are subject to LEN and FINA calendar arrangements respectively. Further, the specified competitions above are subject to British Diving qualifying for the specified competitions. Any changes to the dates and or competitions will be notified to athletes on the World Class Programmes for Diving and placed on the Swimming website.

British Diving Individual & Synchronised Qualification for nomination to the British Olympic Team

Eligibility

- Only athletes of Olympic Games age eligibility in 2016 will be considered.
- Only athletes who are a British citizen, have a valid British passport (valid for six months after the Games) and are eligible to represent Great Britain as per the Olympic Charter Rules will be considered. 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.
- Only athletes complying with any other BOA and/or IOC eligibility criteria from time to time, including in respect of nationality and/or anti-doping may be considered.

Final Selection:

The British Championships to be held on 12th – 14th June 2016 will be used as a trial in order for the NPD to make his final selection. It should be noted that the NPD has discretion to select an athlete prior to Phase 3. The final selection will be at the sole discretion of the NPD.

The Synchronised pairs will also be made at the sole discretion of the NPD.

General:

- Selection will be conditional on signing and complying with the British Swimming Code of Conduct and the BOA's Team Member's Agreement. Athletes must also comply with all British Swimming and BOA provisions consisting of:
 - British Swimming Doping Control Rules and Protocols
 - Selection Agreement and Code of Conduct
 - British Swimming Disciplinary Code
 - Child Protection Procedures
- All team members will be expected to abide by the Media Protocols of the British Diving Programme. During the Olympic Games period 27 July – 24 August 2016, athletes must also comply with the BOA media (and any other) rules as set out in the Team Members Agreement
- The NPD will exercise his authority to ensure that the final nominations for the Olympic Games 2016 Diving team are in line with this Policy.

- Athletes must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for peak performance at the Olympic Games 2016 as determined by the NPD. If for any reason the athlete is unable or unwilling to fulfil this commitment, they may be withdrawn from the team at the complete discretion of the NPD.
- Athletes will be expected to attend each programmed event, where selected, taking part in all programmed activities. Unless otherwise agreed, no athlete will be allowed to leave a camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the camp programme, this includes any external media or social activities.
- Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the NPD from any reserve athletes if viewed to be in the best interest of overall team performance.
- Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury at anytime following nomination of the team to the BOA must notify British Diving immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination (by an independent medical advisor approved by British Swimming Medical Staff), which may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team at the discretion of the NPD, following consultation with the BOA.
- De-selection of athletes, and/or replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team prior to the Delegation Registration Meeting (“DRM”) on 18 July 2016 will be considered at the sole discretion of the NPD following consultation with the BOA if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance. Where athletes are de-selected from the Team following the DRM, any replacement decisions shall be made by the BOA (in consultation with British Swimming) in accordance with the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

Announcements

Athletes shall not be permitted to make any announcement of any selection or de-selection decision until such time as the BOA has officially confirmed that selection of the athlete.

- All appeals on the nomination (or non-nomination) to the GB Olympic Games Diving 2016 Team shall be dealt with under the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedure. Details are available from the British Swimming Legal Affairs Department. Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.
- Any appeal against any selection decision of the BOA made after 18 July 2016 shall be made in accordance with the relevant BOA appeals policy.

Team Selection Processes and Dates:

Selections are subject to the NPD's sole discretion.

Phase 1

- FINA World Championships, Kazan, Russia 25 July – 2 August 2015
- Places gained by the nation. Up to eight (8) places
- Criteria: See Qualification Requirements above.

Phase 2

- FINA Diving World Cup, Rio 19-24 February 2016
- Places gained by the nation. Up to eight (8) places less those qualified in Phase 1 .
- Criteria: See Qualification Requirements above.

Phase 3 – Final Selection

- British Championships, Sheffield 10-12 June 2016
- Number of individual athletes to be selected: Up to sixteen (16) places inclusive of four (4) Synchronised pairs.
- Criteria: See Qualification Requirements above.

Athletes being nominated to the BOA for selection will be notified on 17th June 2016. All nominations are subject to BOA ratification.

