EUROPEAN OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014 10km and 5km Berlin, 13th to 18th August SELECTION POLICY



1. TEAM SIZE

- 1.1. There are up to three male and three female places available for selection for the 10km race at the European Open Water Championships 2014.
- 1.2. Up to two additional male and up to two additional female selections <u>may</u> also be made for the 5km event at the European Open Water Championships 2014 in accordance with 2.5 below.

2. ATHLETE SELECTION

- 2.1. The FINA 10km race in Setubal, Portugal on 28th June will serve as the selection event for the European Open Water Championships 2014.
- 2.2. Entry to the FINA 10km race in Setubal, Portugal on 28th June is by invitation only. Invitations to compete will be given to the following:
- 2.2.1 The first two senior male swimmers in the final of the 1,500m freestyle and the first two senior female swimmers in the final of the 800m freestyle at the British Gas Swimming Championships (Tollcross, Glasgow) 10th-15th April 2014. (If these swimmers decline the invitation, invitations to the next highest finishers will be considered at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead in consultation with the GB Head Coach).
- 2.2.2 The first three senior male swimmers and first three senior female swimmers (where an invitation has not been secured under 2.2.1) in the 5km elite race at the Great North Swim in Windermere on 15th June 2014.
- 2.3. The top two male and top two female British finishers in the FINA 10km in Setubal on 28th June will be selected to compete in the 10km race at the European Senior Open Water Championships.
- 2.4. One additional male swimmer and one additional female swimmer may be selected at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead in consultation with the GB Head Coach. In considering any additional selections the Open Water lead will take into account performances over the course of the 2013-2014 season.
- 2.5. The third and fourth male and third and fourth female British finishers in the FINA 10km in Setubal on 28th June will be <u>considered</u> for selection for the 5km race. Any selections for the 5km race will be at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead.
- 2.6. Final selections will be announced by 1st July 2014.

3. Coach Selections

- 3.1. The Head Coach will be appointed by the GB Open Water Lead in consultation with the GB Head Coach.
- 3.2. Other coaches will be selected at the complete discretion of the GB Open Water Lead.

Note: This selection policy must be read in conjunction with the Selection Policy General Conditions that can be found on the British Swimming Website http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/selection-policies or upon request. A full list of Open Water events for 2014 can be found at http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/swimming/swimming/swimming/swimming/guadrennial-plan/.

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