

2022 European Youth Olympic Festival  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Maribor, SLOVENIA  
SELECTION POLICY

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## 1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1 This selection policy outlines the process for nominating a team to the British Olympic Association (BOA) to represent Great Britain at the 2023 European Youth Olympic Festival.

## 2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The target for this meet is to provide a positive competitive opportunity in the long-term development of a small group of British junior swimmers, as one of a variety of Olympic sports that will comprise the British Team ('Team GB') competing at this multi-sport event.

## 3. SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1 Selections will be made from performances at the 2023 British Swimming Championships only, (Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield), 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (the 'Trials').
- 3.2 In the event that the Trials event is cancelled, a revised selection policy will be published.

## 4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1 A team size of 16 athletes, comprising 8 females and 8 males will be nominated.
- 4.2 This is a British Olympic Association (BOA) team event; following the Trials a list of athletes will be nominated by British Swimming to the BOA for selection ratification.

## 5. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Boys born 2007/2008
- 5.2 Girls born 2008/2009

## 6. SELECTION

- 6.1 Up to 10 places (5 male and 5 female) will be filled by the fastest eligible swimmer based on performances in any round at the Trials for the following events:- 200m Freestyle, 200m Backstroke, 200m Butterfly, 200m Breaststroke, and 400m Individual Medley.
- 6.2 If, under 6.1, a swimmer secures their selection place in more than one event, that swimmer will be nominated and the Head of Performance Development will use his complete discretion to nominate swimmers for the remaining place(s).
- 6.3 All additional places up to the team size and gender split outlined in 4.1 will be filled at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Development. Only performances at the Trials will be considered.
- The Head of Performance Development will use his sole discretion to determine the final individual and relay entries.
  - This selection policy details the process for nominating swimmers onto the British team. For the competition itself, all event entries will be made at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Development following consultation with swimmers and coaches.



## **7. OTHER ELIGIBILITY**

- 7.1 Only athletes who provide information in full as requested by the British Olympic Association (BOA) for the European Youth Olympic Festival will be eligible for nomination.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 8.1 The nominations for the European Youth Olympic Festival team will be notified on or before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

### ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA General Rule 2 (GR 2). The BOA in consultation with FINA and the EOC will decide on any question of eligibility (having regard to all eligibility criteria including as set by the BOA, British Swimming, FINA, the EOC and/or BEGOC) and the BOA'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 meet.

### TEAM COMMITMENTS

All Team members will be required to:

- G6 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.
- 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 also comply with the BOA Media rules as set out in the Team Members Agreement, for the dates specified therein.
- 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 Head of Performance Development.
- 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). 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 Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming, World Aquatics, EOC and BOA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the European Youth Olympic Festival 2023.

### WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G6 to G10) they may be withdrawn from the team following consultation with the BOA.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit to compete due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time following their nomination by British Swimming and prior to the end of the delegation registration process ("DRP") 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 Head of Performance Development following consultation with the BOA. 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 prior to the Delegation Registration Meeting ("DRM") will be considered at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Development 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 by the BOA following the end of the DRP, any replacement decisions shall be made by the BOA (in consultation with British Swimming) in accordance with the EOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

## OTHER

G14 The World Class Programme Swimming Leadership team may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

## APPEALS

- G15 Any appeals against non-selection prior to the DRM must be made to British Swimming in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures available online at <https://www.britishswimming.org/browse-sport/swimming/selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/> or available by request from Adam Clarke, Associate Director, via email at [adam.clarke@swimming.org](mailto: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.
- G16 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.