



World Aquatics
2023 World Open Water Championships
19th to 30th July 2023, Fukuoka, Japan
SELECTION POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1 This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the World Aquatics 2023 World Open Water Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The objective for this event is to optimise medal outcomes in Olympic events, to maximise competition and development opportunities for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and beyond.

3. SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1 10km selections will be made from performances at the World Aquatics Open Water Tour 2023 event (10km) at Aranci, Sardinia, 21st May 2023. A British Swimming squad of **up to** four (4) athletes will be selected at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead – Olympic Swimming to attend the selection race. Only athletes who have achieved the British Marathon Swimming Pool Consideration standard (Table 1) within the window detailed will be considered. Athletes selected to attend the selection trials as part of the British Swimming squad will be notified by 12th April 2023.
- 3.2 Other British athletes not selected for the squad are able to apply to British Swimming to attend on a self-funded basis by emailing kevin.renshaw@swimming.org by no later than 1000 on 14th April 2023. Any athlete applying to attend will need to have achieved the Table 1 time within the window detailed. There is no obligation to accept any applications.

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1 Up to a maximum of six (6) athletes will be selected for the World Aquatics 2023 World Open Water Championships.
- 4.2 There is no obligation on British Swimming to select six (6) athletes. The total team size will be determined by the Performance Director (PD) at his complete discretion.
- 4.3 Up to a maximum of two (2) athletes per individual event and one relay team per nation can be selected.

5. SELECTION PROCESS – 10km selection

- 5.1 The top British male and top British female finisher at the World Aquatics Open Water Tour event in Aranci, Sardinia (the selection trials) on 21st May 2023, will be selected, subject to 5.2.
- 5.2 Selection under 5.1 is subject to all athletes having:
- 5.2.1 achieved a Table 1 time within the designated window
 - 5.2.2 finish in the top 20 (2 per nation) positions in the selection trials, OR
 - 5.2.3 finish within 45 seconds of the 3rd placed swimmer at the selection trials
- 5.3 The second placed British male and female finishers at the selection trials **may** also be selected at the discretion of the GB Head Coach and PD, subject to 5.2.1.

6. SELECTION PROCESS - 5km selection

- 6.1 Any selections for the 5km race will be made by the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead – Olympic Swimming at his complete discretion in consultation with the PD, subject to 2.1 and 4.1 above.
- 6.2 Priority for any selections will be athletes with clear podium potential for Los Angeles 2028.



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SELECTION PROCESS – Relay event

- 6.3 All those selected for individual events under 5.1, 5.3 and 6.1 above will be eligible for relay selection, subject to 4.1 above.

7. SELECTION NOTIFICATION

- 7.1. Selected athletes will be notified by 30th May 2023.
7.2. In the event that the selection race (10km selection) is cancelled, all swimmers will be selected at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead – Olympic Swimming in consultation with the PD, GB Head Coach and Head of Performance Development in accordance with 2.1.

Table 1 – British Swimming Marathon Pool consideration standards
Long course pool consideration times (1st June 2022 – 10th April 2023)

Male		Female	
800m Freestyle	08:10.00	800m Freestyle	08:51.00
1500m Freestyle	15:40.00	1500m Freestyle	16:55.00

Times as published on swimmingresults.org with the exception of the 2023 British Swimming Championships results.



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SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per 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. 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 2023 World Open Water 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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REPLACEMENTS

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 2023 World Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 2023 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.