



2023 LEN EUROPEAN UNDER 23 CHAMPIONSHIPS 11th – 13th August 2023, Dublin, IRELAND

SELECTION POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. This Selection Policy outlines the process for selecting the respective teams to represent Great Britain at the 2023 LEN European Under 23 Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The target for these events is to provide a meaningful competitive opportunity in the long-term development of British swimmers towards future senior international World and Olympic success in individual and relay events.

3. SELECTION EVENT

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

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of 20 swimmers may be selected in total, subject to available funding, for the 2023 LEN European Under 23 Championships. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the discretion of the Performance Director. There is no obligation to use all places.
- 4.2. Up to four (4) swimmers per individual event and one (1) relay team per relay event can be selected.
- 4.3. 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, G7 and G8.

5. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Athletes born 2000 / 2001 / 2002 / 2003 / 2004.
- 5.2. Athletes born 2005 / 2006 / 2007 / 2008 / 2009 **may** also be considered for selection, subject to only one athlete per event from this age range being selected in any one event.

6. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1. Athletes selected for the 2023 World Aquatics Championships (senior) team will not normally be considered for selection. The Head of Performance Development in consultation with the Performance Director and GB Head Coach may consider exceptions to this in consideration of clause 2.1.
- 6.2. Athletes (from the age group detailed in clause 5.1) in each individual Olympic event based on fastest times in any round of the British Championships will be considered for selection. Athlete’s performances will be ranked based on percentage away from the benchmark times in Table 1.
- 6.3. The top ranked athlete from the age groups detailed in clause 5.2 in each individual Olympic event will also be considered for selection. Athlete’s performances will be ranked based on a percentage away from the benchmark times in Table 1
- 6.4. The top two male and female performers in the 100m Freestyle events will be ranked as a relay team on the basis of their combined finals time against the time in Table 1 and considered for selection.

- 6.5. The fastest male and female athlete in the 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle will be ranked as a relay team on the basis of the fastest combination, and this time ranked against the time in Table 1 will be considered for selection.
- 6.6. From the ranked list of athletes (those on the consideration list from 6.2 – 6.5), a minimum of 12 athletes will be selected, subject to clause 4.2 and 5.2.
- 6.7. Additional selections (pursuant to clause 2.1, 4.2 and 5.2) may be made at the discretion of the Performance Director up to the maximum team size.

7. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS

- 7.1. All team members selected under clauses 6.2 and 6.3 for individual events will be considered to be eligible for relay team selection.

8. EVENT ENTRIES

- 8.1 This policy only selects the swimmers onto the 2023 LEN European Under 23 Championships Team. The Head of Performance Development and appointed coaches for the event have the responsibility to then determine individual event entries, including those for non-Olympic events.

9. ASSEMBLY

- 9.1 All selected swimmers (for both events) will be expected to cover their own expenses to the designated assembly point in the UK to depart for the event.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT

- 10.1. The 2023 LEN Under 23 European Championships Team will be announced on, or before Friday 28th April 2023.

TABLE 1

2023 European Under 23 Championships – benchmark times		
FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
24.16	50m Freestyle	21.56
52.86	100m Freestyle	47.48
1:55.57	200m Freestyle	1:45.31
4:03.78	400m Freestyle	3:44.11
8:23.08	800m Freestyle	7:44.95
16:01.81	1500m Freestyle	14:50.13
58.92	100m Backstroke	52.56
2:07.50	200m Backstroke	1:55.20
1:05.67	100m Breaststroke	58.49
2:21.50	200m Breaststroke	2:06.98
56.68	100m Butterfly	50.62
2:06.43	200m Butterfly	1:54.12
2:08.98	200m Individual Medley	1:56.49
4:34.46	400m Individual Medley	4:10.59
4x100m Mixed Freestyle relay		3:27.20
4x100m Mixed Medley relay		3:43.54



SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

Eligibility

Athletes must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the World Aquatics General Rule 2 (GR 2).
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate. 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.
- G4 Comply with any other 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 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 event Head Coach and Head of Performance Development may discuss performances of the entire team.
- G7 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the British Championships and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the Head of Performance Development.
- G8 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. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the Head of Performance Development.
- G9 Comply with British Swimming and World Aquatics swimwear regulations while competing at the 2023 European Under 23 Championships.

Withdrawals

- G10 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G5 to G9) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G11 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 Head of Performance Development. 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

- G12 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Development if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance, subject to clause 2.1.

Other

- G13 The World Class Programme Swimming Leadership team may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.



Appeals

G14 Any appeals against selections in relation to selection policies must be made 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.