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## GREAT NORTH SWIM ENTRY PROCESS

Please be advised that details on how to enter the Great North Swim are included on the following website:

<http://www.greatrun.org/great-swim/great-north-swim#how-to-enter>

PLEASE REFER TO THE 'ELITES' SECTION OF THE ABOVE PAGE. THIS PROVIDES DETAILS OF ENTRY CRITERIA AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE ELITE RACE.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO:

[andy.nixon@thegreatruncompany.com](mailto:andy.nixon@thegreatruncompany.com) with details of qualifying performances, your name, date of birth and club.

Both Elite fields are restricted to numbers so apply early to avoid disappointment.

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## SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

### ELIGIBILITY

#### Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA 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 nomination through to the championships.
- G4 Comply with any other FINA 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 Marathon Swimming Lead 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/Marathon Swimming Lead.
- 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 National Performance Director and/or Marathon Swimming Lead.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Marathon Swimming Lead (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 National Performance Director and/or Marathon Swimming Lead.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the European Junior Open Water Championships 2017.

### WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G4 to G9) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination (which may include fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests) by British Swimming Medical staff, which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Marathon Swimming Lead.

### REPLACEMENTS

- G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Marathon Swimming Lead in the best interest of the overall team performance.

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#### **OTHER**

- G14 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may amend selection policies, within reason at its discretion.
- G15 The National Performance Director and Marathon Swimming Lead will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2017 European Junior Open Water Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 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 by request from Adam Clarke, Head of Performance Services 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.