

**EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015**  
NETANYA, ISRAEL, 2<sup>ND</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
**SELECTION POLICY**



**1. SELECTION MEET**

- 1.1. Selections will be made from performances at the FINA World Championships, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015.
- 1.2. Athletes are advised that if selected, participation in the 2015 European Short Course is optional.
- 1.3. Selected athletes will be notified by 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**2. TEAM SIZE**

- 2.1. Up to a maximum of 12 athletes will be selected for the 2015 LEN European Short Course Championships. Up to a maximum of two athletes per individual event can be selected.
- 2.2. There is no obligation on British Swimming to select 12 athletes. The total team size will be determined by the National Performance Director (NPD) at his absolute discretion.

**3. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 3.1. All eligible swimmers will be ranked using 2015 European Long Course Rankings (from FINA, as of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015) using the time achieved in their final round of their events from the 2015 FINA World Championships, 2016 Rio Olympic individual event only.
- 3.2. The top 10 ranked athletes under 3.1 will be invited for selection. In the event of a tie the swimmers' semi final or heat swim will be used.
- 3.3. If any top 10 ranked athlete declines their selection, additional selections may be made by the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director at their complete discretion. This discretion extends to swimmers that did not take part at the 2015 World Championships.
- 3.4. Up to two (2) additional athletes will be selected at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director. This discretion extends to swimmers that did not take part at the 2015 World Championships.

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## SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

### ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA 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 fulfill national team commitments.

### 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 GB Head Coach and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team.
- G7 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.
- G8 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 National Performance Director.
- G9 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

### WITHDRAWALS

- G10 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G6 to G9) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G11 Athletes 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 by British Swimming Medical staff, which may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach.
- G12 Athletes may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time following their selection. Any athlete judged to be unfit by British Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming, may be de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach.

### REPLACEMENTS

- G13 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.

### OTHER

- G14 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group (PLG) may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

### APPEALS

- G15 Any appeals against selections in relation to selection policies must be made 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)