

SELECTION POLICY

1. TEAM SIZE

Junior Athletes (Aged 17-18)

- 1.1. There are up to 5 places available comprising two male and two female places and one discretionary selection of either sex. There is no obligation on British Swimming to select the maximum team size.

Youth Athletes (Aged 15-16)

- 1.2. There are up to 5 places available comprising two male and two female places and one discretionary selection of either sex. There is no obligation on British Swimming to select the maximum team size.

2. ATHLETE SELECTION

Junior Athletes (Aged 17-18)

- 2.1 The highest ranked available male junior swimmer in the 1500m freestyle and highest ranked available female junior swimmer in the 800m freestyle (from times set in the period 29th July 2014 – 18th April 2015) may be selected subject to competing in the Elite 5km race at the Great North Swim in Windermere on 13th June 2015 and finishing in the Top 3 in their category in this competition.
- 2.2 The first junior male swimmer and first junior female swimmer (where qualification has not been secured under 2.1) in the 5km elite race at the Great North Swim in Windermere¹ on 13th June 2015 may be selected.

Youth Athletes (Aged 15-16)

- 2.3 The highest ranked available male youth swimmer in the 1500m freestyle and highest ranked available female youth swimmer in the 800m freestyle (from times set in the period 29th July 2014– 18th April 2015) may be selected subject to competing in the Elite 5km race at the Great North Swim in Windermere on 13th June 2015 and finishing in the Top 3 in their category in this competition.
- 2.4 The first youth male swimmer and first youth female swimmer (where qualification has not been secured under 2.3) in the 5km elite race at the Great North Swim in Windermere² on 13th June 2015 may be selected.

¹ In accordance with the event guidelines swimmers will need to have recorded a time for the 1500m (male) and 800m (female) inside the published qualification standard to gain entry to this event

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- 2.5 All selected swimmers will be required to participate in a preparation competition or camp to be held on either the 25th-28th June 2015, or 2rd-5th July 2015.
- 2.6 One additional male (either junior or youth) and one additional female swimmer (either junior or youth) may be selected at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead in consultation with the Head of Performance Pathway. In considering any additional selections the Open Water lead will take into account open water performances over the course of the 2014-2015 season.
- 2.7 Final selections will be announced by 16th June 2015.

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.

Coaches must:

- G4 Be holders of the UKCC/ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an UKCC/ASA Coach Course at time of selection.
- G5 Have been resident within the UK for a minimum period of two years leading into selection, unless employed or deployed by a British or Home Country national governing body.

TEAM COMMITMENTS

All Team members will be required to:

- G6 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
- 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 athletes in their group. The Open Water Lead, Head of Performance Pathway and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team.
- 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 Open Water Lead.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Open Water Lead and Head of Performance Pathway (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 Open Water Lead.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

WITHDRAWALS

- 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.
- G12 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 Open Water Lead.
- G13 Athletes may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time following their selection. Any swimmer 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 Open Water Lead.

REPLACEMENTS

- G14 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.

OTHER

- G15 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

APPEALS

- G16 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

Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.