

1. EVENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. The objectives for this event are to:
- 1.1.1. Maximise medal outcomes in Olympic events.
 - 1.1.2. Provide a positive competitive opportunity to contribute to the long term development of athletes on the journey towards podium success in Tokyo 2020.
 - 1.1.3. Maximise the opportunities afforded by a home championship to select a large team to enable Tokyo 2020 potential athletes to experience a major international competition.

2. TEAM SIZE

- 2.1. Up to 46 swimmers may be selected, subject to available funding. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director (NPD). There is no obligation to select the maximum number of 46 swimmers.
- 2.2. A maximum of four (4) selections per individual event and one relay team per event can be entered.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1. Swimmers will be selected in accordance with 3.1.1, 3.1.2, and 3.1.3 below which takes into consideration the outdoor nature of the principal selection event (2018 Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, Australia, 5th – 10th April 2018).
 - 3.1.1. The first and second highest placed British swimmer¹ in the final of each individual event at the 2018 Commonwealth Games will be selected, subject to the swimmer having equaled or bettered the qualification time listed in Table 1 during the period 1st June 2017 to 10th April 2018 (long course). In the event of a tie by the second highest placed British swimmers at the 2018 Commonwealth Games the athlete with the faster qualifying time in their previous round will be selected.
 - 3.1.2. The second, third and fourth placed British swimmers¹ in the men's 200 freestyle at the 2018 Commonwealth Games will be selected, subject to the swimmer having equaled or bettered the qualification time listed in Table 1 in the period 1st June 2017 to 10th April 2018 (long course). In the event of a tie for the fourth place by two British swimmers at the 2018 Commonwealth Games then both swimmers will be selected.
 - 3.1.3. The remaining places, up to a maximum of 14, will be selected at the discretion of the GB Head Coach, the National Performance Director and Head of Elite Development. Of these remaining places, up to a maximum of 14, consideration will be given to selections for the men's 800m freestyle and women's 1500m freestyle within this number. In making discretionary selections, performances from within the period 1st June 2017 to 10th April 2018 may be considered. There is no requirement for any discretionary selection to have met the qualification time in Table 1.
- 3.2. Selection via 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 qualifies athletes for the 2018 European Championships team; the GB Head Coach in consultation with the NPD will determine individual event and final relay entries.

¹ In accordance with General Conditions (G1)

4. RELAY SELECTIONS

- 4.1. Relay teams will be entered in the men’s 4x100m medley relay, women’s 4x100m medley relay, the mixed 4x100m medley and the men’s 4x200m freestyle relay.
- 4.2. Relay swimmers will comprise swimmers selected under 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3.
- 4.3. Additional relay teams may be entered and they will be selected at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach immediately prior to the 2018 European Championships from swimmers already selected under 3.1.1, 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 above.

5. NOTIFICATIONS

- 5.1. Selected athletes will be notified by email on 11th April 2018.
- 5.2. All selected athletes will be required to commit to a training and preparation programme for peak performance at the event. This will include a full training programme for the period from the end of the 2018 Commonwealth Games swimming competition (11th April 2018) to arrival back to the athlete’s home programme.

Table 1 – Qualification Times

Male	Event	Female
00:22.47	50 Freestyle	00:25.18
00:48.93	100 Freestyle	00:54.90
01:47.73	200 Freestyle	01:58.68
03:48.15	400 Freestyle	04:10.57
	800 Freestyle	08:38.56
15:12.79	1500 Freestyle	
00:25.29	50 Backstroke	00:28.52
00:54.06	100 Backstroke	01:00.61
01:58.55	200 Backstroke	02:11.53
00:27.51	50 Breaststroke	00:31.22
01:00.35	100 Breaststroke	01:07.58
02:11.11	200 Breaststroke	02:25.91
00:23.67	50 Butterfly	00:26.49
00:52.29	100 Butterfly	00:58.48
01:57.28	200 Butterfly	02:09.80
02:00.22	200 Individual Medley	02:13.40
04:17.90	400 Individual Medley	04:43.10

(Times must have been achieved between 1st June 2017 and the 10th April 2018 in a competition recognised by British Swimming in a 50m pool long course event and be listed in the British Rankings)

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:

- G4 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.
- G5 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.
- G6 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.
- G7 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the GB Head Coach (including but not limited to any 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.
- G8 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

Withdrawals

- G9 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G4 to G8) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G10 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.
- G11 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

- G12 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

- G13 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group (PLG) 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 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.