

# FINA WORLD OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

KAZAN, RUSSIA 25 JULY – 1 AUGUST 2015

## SELECTION POLICY



### 1. SELECTION RACES

- 1.1 10km selections will be made from performances at the 2015 BHP Billiton Super Series 10km Open Water Swimming Championships (1<sup>st</sup> February 2015, Perth, Australia) and the FINA 10km World Cup in Cancun, Mexico (2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015).
- 1.2 5km selections will be made in accordance with 3.4 and 3.5 below.
- 1.3 Up to 4 male and 4 female British Swimming funded places will be available at both 10km selection events. Invitations for funded places will be at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead, with notification to invited athletes made by 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Other athletes may enter the selection meets on a self funded basis.

### 2. TEAM SIZE

- 2.1. There are a maximum of 4 places (2 male and 2 female) available for selection in the 10km event.
- 2.2. Up to 2 male and 2 female selections may be selected for the 5km event in consideration to 3.2 below

### 3. ATHLETE SELECTIONS

#### 10KM

- 3.1. 2 male and 2 female athletes will be selected for the 10km race in consideration of performances at the two designated selection events (1.1). Selections will be at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead in consultation with the GB Head Coach. Selections will be notified by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
- 3.2. Any athlete selected for the 10km must be available to attend the national OW team camp from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and is also required to compete at the FINA 10km World Cup at Lake Balaton on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- 3.3. Any athlete selected for the 10km will not be eligible for 5km selection.

#### 5KM

- 3.4. The first senior male swimmer and first senior female swimmer in the 5km elite race at the Great North Swim in Windermere on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 will be selected subject to available funding.
- 3.5. Any additional selections (up to 1 additional male and 1 additional female) for the 5km event will be at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead taking into account available funding and performances at:

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- The Great North Swim 5km event, Lake Windermere, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015
- 2015 FINA World Cup 10km races
- Other international 5km and 10km races

3.6. Any 5km event selections will be notified by 15<sup>th</sup> 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 swimmers in their group. The Open Water Lead 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 National Performance Director.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Open Water 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.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

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## WITHDRAWALS

- G11 If for any reason an athlete 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 swimmer 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 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 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 (PLG) 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](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.