

1. Event Performance Objective

- 1.1. The objective for this Event is to provide a key race opportunity for the Rio 2016 Olympic team, which will be selected after the British Swimming Championships (12th-17th April 2016, Tollcross, Glasgow) in accordance with the Rio 2016 Olympic Games Selection Policy and to provide a senior competition opportunity for targeted development athletes with Tokyo 2020 Olympic potential.

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 46 swimmers.
- 2.2. The team for this Event will automatically comprise all of the selected Rio 2016 Olympic (pool) team, and a number of targeted development athletes.

3. Development selections

- 3.1. Male athletes born 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 and female athletes born 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 will be eligible for selection.
- 3.2. Up to 16 selections will be made based on performances at the British Swimming Championships 2016 (12th-17th April 2016, Tollcross, Glasgow).
- 3.3. All development selections will be made at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway. Selections will be made for individual events only after consideration of the Olympic athlete selections and the events entered by the Olympic athletes.

4. Relay Selections

- 4.1. There is no obligation to select any relay teams.
- 4.2. If Relay teams are selected they will be selected at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach at the Event.

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 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 and/or Head of Performance Pathway.
- 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 and/or Head of Performance Pathway.

Replacements

- G12 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach and/or Head of Performance Pathway 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.