

EUROPEAN OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

Hoorn (NED), 10th-14th July

SELECTION POLICY



1. TEAM SIZE

- 1.1. There are up to three male and three female places available for selection for the 10km race.
- 1.2. Up to two male and two female selections **may** also be made for the 5km event in accordance with 3.1 below.

2. ATHLETE SELECTION – 10KM

- 2.1. The first British male and first British female finisher at the FINA 10km World Cup in Abu Dhabi, 26th February 2016 will be selected.
- 2.2. The first British male and first British female finisher in the 5km elite race at the Great East Swim, Ipswich on the 18th June 2016 will be eligible for selection.
- 2.3. Additionally one male and one female selection may be made at the absolute discretion of the British Swimming Open Water Technical Lead. The British Swimming Open Water Technical Lead shall consider, and use as a guide, open water performances in 2015 and 2016.

3. ATHLETE SELECTION – 5KM

- 3.1. Selections for the 5km race will be made at the absolute discretion of the British Swimming Open Water Lead in consultation with the GB Head Coach and Head of Performance Pathway. In making any selections, the British Swimming Open Water Lead will consider open water performances over the 2015/2016 season.
- 3.2. Notifications of selections will be made by 20th June 2016.

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 British Swimming Open Water Lead and/or 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 British Swimming Open Water Lead and 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 absolute discretion of the British Swimming Open Water Lead.

- 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 absolute discretion of the British Swimming Open Water Lead

Replacements

- G12 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the absolute discretion of the British Swimming Open Water Lead 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.

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