

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1 This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the 2019 World Open Water Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The target for this event is to optimise medal outcomes in Olympic events, to maximise selection opportunities for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and to provide international experience for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at Paris 2024.

3. SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1. 10km selections will be made from performances at the 2019 FINA World Cup 10km in Doha, Qatar (16th February 2019). A British Swimming squad of up to four athletes will be funded to attend the 2019 FINA World Cup 10km in Doha, Qatar (16th February 2019), selected at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead. Selected athletes will be notified by 16th November 2018 of their inclusion to compete at the 2019 FINA World Cup 10km in Doha, Qatar (16th February 2019). Consideration will be given to other British athletes who may want to enter the 2019 FINA World Cup 10km in Doha, Qatar (16th February 2019) on a self-funded basis. Entries must be made by British Swimming. Any request from an athlete to enter on a self-funded bases must be made by email to bernie.dietzig@swimming.org by no later than Monday 3rd December 2018. Self-funded places will be assigned at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead in consultation with the NPD.
- 3.2. Consideration for 5km selection will be made from performances at the Great North Swim, Lake Windermere (9th June 2019), subject to clause 6.2 below.

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1 Up to a maximum of 8 athletes will be selected for the 2019 World Open Water Championships.
- 4.2 There is no obligation on British Swimming to select 8 athletes and the total team size will be determined by the National Performance Director (NPD) at his complete discretion.
- 4.3 Up to a maximum of two (2) athletes per individual event and one relay team per nation can be selected.

5. SELECTION PROCESS – 10km selection

- 5.1 The first British male and first British female finisher at the 2019 FINA World Cup 10km in Doha, Qatar (16th February 2019) will be selected.

6. SELECTION PROCESS - 5km selection

- 6.1 The top three finishers at the Great North Swim Elite 5km, Lake Windermere (9th June 2019) will be considered for one male and one female place.
- 6.2 To be selected, athletes considered under 6.1 will need to have a 2018 and 2019 open water performance history at an appropriate level and have a performance profile that indicates a trajectory toward podium performance at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, contributing to the

Performance Objective (2.1) for the event. Selection of any athletes will be at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead taking into account the evidence available.

7. ADDITIONAL SELECTIONS

- 7.1 Additional selections may be made by the Marathon Lead at his complete discretion in consultation with the NPD, subject to 2.1 and 4.1 above.
- 7.2 All those selected for individual events under 5.1, 6.2 and 7.1 above will be eligible for relay selection, subject to 4.1 above.

8. SELECTION NOTIFICATION

- 8.1. Selected athletes will be notified by 12th June 2019.
- 8.2. In the event that either the selection race (10km selection) or the consideration race (5km selection) is cancelled, all swimmers selected under 5.1, 6.1 and 6.2 will be at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead in consultation with the NPD, GB Head Coach and Head of Elite Development.

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA rule GR2.
- G2 Have completed a selection acceptance form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline stated by British Swimming. 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 fulfil all team commitments from the time of nomination through to the championships.
- G4 Comply with any other FINA eligibility criteria from time to time, including in respect of nationality and/or anti-doping.

TEAM COMMITMENTS

All Team members will be required to:

- G5 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.
- G6 Adhere to all prescribed travel arrangements which might involve different travel dates to other members of 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 Marathon Swimming Lead may discuss performances of the entire team. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation selection-related matters until authorised to do so by the Team Leader/Marathon Swimming Lead.

- 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 and/or Marathon Swimming Lead.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Marathon Swimming 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 and/or Marathon Swimming Lead.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G5 to G10) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time following their selection must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach. In the event of mental health illness athletes may be deselected if they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff as determined by the British Swimming Chief Medical Officer or his designate.

REPLACEMENTS

- G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Marathon Swimming Lead in the best interest of the overall team performance.

OTHER

- G14 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may reasonably amend selection policies, at its discretion.
- G15 The NPD and British Swimming Marathon Swimming Lead will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2019 World Open Water Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the Championships.

APPEALS

- G16 Any appeals against non-selection must be made to British Swimming in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available online at <https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/swimming/selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/> or 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.