

**EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
CHARTRES, FRANCE  
22-25 NOVEMBER 2012**

**SELECTION STATEMENT**

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1. Age Eligibility: Minimum age is Male 17 (born 1995 or before), and Female 15 (born 1997 or before).
2. A maximum of **20** 'available' athletes will be selected subject to funding as follows:
  - 2.1. Priority selection will be given to the **12** highest ranked 'available' swimmers in Olympic events based on SwimNews World Long Course Rankings (absolute) as published on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012.
  - 2.2. Swimmers identified in 2.1 will be selected to compete in their highest ranked individual Olympic event. However, if more swimmers are identified in 2.1 for the same individual event than available entries in that event (as determined by the European SC meet entry conditions), then the highest ranked swimmers in that event will be selected.
  - 2.3. Where places remain in Olympic & non-Olympic events, selected swimmers **may** be offered additional individual events if the National Performance Director views participation will not detract from the swimmer's performance in their main event.
  - 2.4. Subject to funding, the National Performance Director may use his discretionary power to select up to a maximum of **8** 'available' additional swimmers for relays and individual events (Olympic and Non Olympic events) on the basis that their participation will provide senior competition experience and advance their podium potential in future competitions. Swimmers' performances in 2012 will also be a consideration.
  - 2.5. The National Performance Director must be satisfied that selected swimmers are back in full training and have demonstrated an uncompromised commitment to preparation for peak performance at the World Championships 2013 and Commonwealth Games 2014.
3. The National Performance Director will assume the role of Team Leader for the European Short Course Championships 2012.
4. The Head Coach for the 2012 European Short Course Championships will be appointed by the National Performance Director.
5. Team coaches for the 2012 European Short Course Championships will be selected by the Head Coach in consultation with the National Performance Director from 'available' coaches who have placed athletes on the team.

**CONDITIONS**

1. The reference to 'available' above denotes British swimmers and coaches who are eligible and available to represent Great Britain at the European SC Championships 2012.
2. All swimmers will be expected to declare their intent to participate European SC Championships 2012. World ranked swimmers will be required to complete an Availability Form to confirm they will be available to participate and failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation.
3. Only swimmers eligible to represent Great Britain in the European SC Championships 2012 will be selected.
4. Selected coaches must have a swimmer on the team and must be a holder of the UKCC/ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or enrolled on an UKCC/ASA Coach Course at the time of selection.
5. Coaches must 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.
6. It is compulsory for ALL selected team members to attend ALL programmed activities organised between selection and the European SC Championships 2012.
7. Any swimmer wishing to take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between selection and the European SC Championships 2012, must gain prior written approval the National Performance Director.
8. Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.
9. British Swimming will impose a fine of £500 on any swimmer who withdraws from the team for any reason other than illness or injury (as certified by an independent medical advisor approved by British Swimming Medical Staff).
10. All swimmers must comply with the British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations and compete in FINA approved swimsuits.
11. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct
12. Any appeals against selections in relation to this selection policy must be made in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures that can be found on the British Swimming website or on request.