

SELECTION POLICY

NATIONAL SELECTION POLICY FOR DIVING

2021

Overview

This document is intended to provide transparency on those factors that make up the selection process for Diving for 2021 for the **FINA World Cup (Tokyo, Japan, 18 – 23 April 2021)** and for the **LEN European Championships (Budapest, Hungary, 10 – 16 May 2021)**.

Rationale

Diving is an extremely subjective sport and thus there will be a significant component of subjective decision making in regard to the final selection of the team. Final selection is at the sole discretion of the National Performance Director (“NPD”).

This policy is a qualifying document but please be aware of and understand the following:

1. *On meeting the Selection Criteria, divers are only **Eligible for Consideration for Selection**. The final team selection will be at the sole discretion of the NPD.*
2. *All selected team members are required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct.*
3. *Any diver or coach who withdraws from the team following selection may be liable for reimbursement of any costs incurred.*

Appeals

All appeals of decisions of nomination to the BS Diving Team will be dealt with under the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedure. Details are available from the British Swimming Legal Affairs Department if required. Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.

Objectives

- To select athletes that will form the team to achieve the best possible results.
- To select athletes that has the potential to succeed at future events.
- To employ a transparent and fair selection process that provides all athletes a chance to challenge for team selection.
- For the FINA World Cup (the last phase of Tokyo Olympic Games qualification process) to select athletes that will provide maximum qualification spots for British Swimming for the Tokyo Olympic Games 2021.

Events

The following events will be used for selection, subject always to the NPD’s sole discretion:

- 1. British National Championships – 6 – 7 February 2021, Sheffield,
- 2. FINA World Cup – 18 – 23 April 2021, Tokyo, Japan.

The National Championships (6 – 7 February 2021) will act as the main selection event for FINA World Cup 2021 and LEN European Championships 2021.

The NPD has identified these competitions for athlete performance monitoring in the build up to the Olympic Games in Tokyo. The NPD will use these competitions to assist his decision making and exercise of his discretion, however, performances at these Competitions will only be used as a guide. The NPD will select the athletes at his sole discretion.

Selection for -

FINA World Cup 2021

18 – 23 April 2021

Tokyo, Japan

The FINA World Cup is the last phase of the Tokyo Olympic Games 2021 qualification process as well as the final phase of the selection for the Tokyo Olympic Games. At the last 2019 World Championships in Gwangju, the British National Diving Team qualified British Swimming spots in 2 (Men's 3m Synchro and Men's 10m Synchro) out of 4 synchro events and 6 individual spots in all individual events (2 spots on Men's platform, 2 spots on Men's 3m, 1 spot on Women's 3m and 1 spot on Women's 10m events).

Objective:

Therefore the objectives of selection of athletes for this event are as follows:

- 1) To select those athletes who are able to obtain remaining qualification spots for British Swimming for the Tokyo Olympic Games 2021
- 2) To finalise the selection for the Tokyo Olympic Games

These disciplines are: Women's 3m (1 spot), Women's 10m (1 spot), Women's 3m Synchro, Women's 10m Synchro.

A Selection Panel ("the Panel") appointed by British Diving will consider athletes for the FINA World Cup-2021. The Selection Panel will comprise:

Voting members:

British Diving National Performance Director ("NPD"), Alexei Evangulov;
British Diving Performance Manager, Kim White;
British Diving Talent and Development Manager, Julian Bellan;
British Diving Head of Sports Science and Medicine, Adam Sotheran.

Note: In the event of a tied vote the NPD shall have the casting vote.

The NPD following the 2021 British National Championships (6 – 7 February 2021) will announce the team list for the FINA World Cup-2021 within 3 working days after completion of the event.

Individual Events (3 metre springboard and 10 metre platform)

There will be a preliminary round and then cut to the top 8 for the final.

1. The winner of the individual events will be automatically selected, subject to the Qualifying Standards being achieved.

The second place divers for individual events as well as Synchronised couples will be selected by the Panel

The Qualifying Standards for Women's 3m and Women's 10m below are taken from the 2019 FINA World Championships and using the 18th place score from the prelims of these disciplines and then rounded up.

The Qualifying Standards for Men's 3m and Men's 10m below are taken from the 2019 FINA World Championships and using the 18th place score from the prelims and 12th place from the semi-final and then rounded up.

Qualifying Standards required to be *eligible for consideration for selection* are:

Discipline	Preliminary	Final
Men's 3m	400	430
Women's 3m	260	260
Women's 10m	290	290
Men's 10m	390	420

NOTE: If due to injury or illness any diver cannot compete at the British National Diving Championships in February 2021, they MUST provide a Medical Certificate.

Selection for - 2021 LEN European Swimming Championships
10 – 16 May 2021
Budapest, Hungary

The 2021 European Championships will act as the rehearsal for the Tokyo Olympic Games 2021. So the selected after the World Cup-2021 British Diving Olympic Team will take part at these competitions.

General:

- Selection will be conditional on signing and complying with all British Swimming provisions consisting of:
 - British Swimming Doping Control Rules and Protocols
 - Selection Agreement and Code of Conduct
 - British Swimming Disciplinary Code
 - ASA Child Protection Procedures
- The NPD will exercise his authority to ensure that the final selections for the FINA World Cup-2021, LEN European Championships-2021 and FINA Diving World Series-2021 diving teams are in line with this Policy with a view to achieving the objectives.
- Athletes must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for the peak performance at the FINA World Cup-2021, LEN European Championships-2021 and FINA Diving World Series-2021 as determined by the NPD. If for any reason the athlete is unable or unwilling to fulfil this commitment, they may be withdrawn from the team at the complete discretion of the NPD.
- Athletes will be expected to attend each programmed event, where selected, taking part in all programmed activities. Unless otherwise agreed, no athlete will be allowed to leave a camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the camp programme, this includes any external media or social activities.
- Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following selection of the team must notify British Diving immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination (by an independent medical advisor approved by British Swimming Medical Staff), which may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team at the discretion of the NPD.

ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SELECTION POLICY-1

In case of the deterioration of the Pandemic situation in February 2021 and additional lockdown restrictions are imposed, British Diving management will apply “The Special Condition” for the National Championships-2021:

- There will be only two day of the competitions.
- There will be only 4 individual events: Platform Men and Women and 3m springboard Men and Women.
- There will be only 6 participants by invitations per each individual competitions: Top x 4 divers from the 2020 National Championships individual events plus 2 divers by NPD discretion.
- There will be preliminary and the final competitions. All 6 participants go through the final.
- The winner of the individual events will be automatically selected, subject to the Qualifying Standards being achieved.
- The second place divers for individual events as well as Synchronised couples will be selected by the Panel.
- The same qualification standards as in the table above will be applied for selection.
- The NPD following the 2021 British National Championships (6 – 7 February 2021) will announce the team list for the FINA World Cup-2021 within 3 working days after completion of the event.

ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SELECTION POLICY-2

In case of the full lockdown – no diving facilities in the UK are available – the team for the FINA World Cup-2021 will be the same as was selected after the National Championships-2020. NPD using his own discretion has a right to make amendments to the team list for the World Cup-2021.