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**2021 WORLD SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS
16th – 21st December, Abu Dhabi, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE)
SELECTION POLICY**

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain at the 2021 FINA World Short Course Swimming Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. The objectives for this event is to provide international experience for athletes on a trajectory for podium performances at the 2022 World Championships or 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

3. SELECTION OVERVIEW

- 3.1. Selections will be made from performances at the 2020 (+1) Tokyo Olympic Games at the discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with the National Performance Director (NPD) and Head of Elite Development, in consideration of clause 2.1.

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of 12 swimmers may be selected. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director (NPD).
- 4.2. A maximum of two (2) selections per individual event and one relay team per event will be considered.

5. SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 Up to 12 athletes will be invited for selection from performances at the 2020 (+1) Tokyo Olympic Games. Athletes will be ranked by their best individual or relay final finishing position. Athletes are advised that if invited, participation in the 2021 World Short Course Championships is optional as this meet does not make up part of British Swimming's 'National Programme'. In the event of a tie for 12th place, all athletes will be invited.
- 5.2 Athletes will have the option, in discussion with the GB Head Coach and Head of Elite Development, to decline their selection up to 24th November 2021.
- 5.3 If any athletes decline their invitation, immediately or under clause 5.2, additional selections may be made by the GB Head Coach in consultation with the National Performance Director (NPD) and Head of Elite Development, in consideration of clause 2.1.

6. EVENT ENTRIES

- 6.1 This policy selects the swimmers onto the 2021 World Short Course Championships Team. The GB Head Coach in consultation with the Head of Elite Development and respective event Team Leader have the responsibility to then determine individual and relay event entries, including those for non-Olympic events.
- 6.2 All team members selected will be considered to be eligible for selection for relay teams.

7. NOTIFICATIONS

- 7.1. Selected athletes will be notified by email on or before 1st October 2021.
- 7.2. In the event that the Championships is rescheduled to January 2022, or in the event of any other significant date or venue change the World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may void this policy and any selections made at anytime.



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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 Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct. A breach of the British Swimming Athlete Agreement & 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 National Performance Director 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/National Performance Director.
- 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 GB Head Coach.
- G9 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 and/or GB Head Coach.
- 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. Failure to notify the British Swimming Chief Medical Officer (CMO) immediately of an injury or illness (physical or mental) may result in de-selection.



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- G13 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team, normally at the discretion of the GB Head Coach. In exceptional circumstances, the British Swimming CMO may refer his opinion to a panel of the British Swimming Performance Leadership Group for decision if, in the opinion of the British Swimming CMO or his designate, they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff.

REPLACEMENTS

- G14 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach in the best interest of the overall team performance.

OTHER

- G15 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may make reasonable amendments to selection policies at its discretion.
- G16 The National Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2021 World Short Course Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in achieving the policy Performance Objective.

APPEALS

- G17 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.