

2022 LEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
11th – 21st August, Rome, ITALY
SELECTION POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain at the 2022 LEN European Swimming Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives for this event are:
 - 2.1.1 To provide a positive competitive opportunity in the long-term development of British swimmers towards podium success at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and beyond.
 - 2.1.2 To provide an end of season competition opportunity for targeted athletes in individual events and relays.

3. SELECTION OVERVIEW

- 3.1. Selections will be made:
 - 3.1.1. from performances at the 2022 FINA World Championships (Budapest, Hungary, 18th June – 3rd July); and
 - 3.1.2. at the discretion of the GB Head Coach, Performance Director (PD) and Head of Performance Development (pursuant to clause 5.4 below and in consideration of clause 2.1)

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of 35 swimmers may be selected, subject to available funding and subject to clause 4.2. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the complete discretion of the PD.
- 4.2. A maximum of four (4) selections per individual event and one relay team per event can be selected.

5. SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1. Athletes achieving a top 6 finish in the final of an individual event at the 2022 FINA World Championships will be invited for selection for this event.
- 5.2. Athletes who swam as part of a relay team in the event final and achieving a top 6 finish at the 2022 FINA World Championships will be invited for selection. Once a decision to take a relay is confirmed, athletes selected via this clause will be selected for a relay team only.
- 5.3. Athletes are advised that if invited, participation in the 2022 LEN European Swimming Championships is optional. Athletes invited for selection under clauses 5.1 and 5.2 will have the option of declining their selection.
- 5.4. Remaining places in accordance with clause 4.1 will be selected at the discretion of the PD in consultation with the GB Head Coach and the Head of Performance Development, in consideration to performance objective 2.1. In making discretionary selections, consideration will be given to all long course performances during the period 5th April 2022 and 3rd August 2022. These selections will be made at any point up to 4th August 2022.

6. EVENT ENTRIES

- 6.1 This policy selects the swimmers onto the 2022 European Swimming Championship team. The GB Head Coach in consultation with the PD will determine individual event entries and relay selections.

7. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS

- 7.1. All team members selected under clauses 5.1, 5.2, and 5.4 will be considered to be eligible for relay team selection.
- 7.2. Relay entries will be determined by the GB Head Coach in consultation with the PD, subject to clause 2.1.

8. NOTIFICATIONS

- 8.1. Athletes selected under clause 5.1 and 5.2 will be notified by email on or before 27th June 2022.
- 8.2. Athletes selected under clause 5.3 will be notified by email on or before 4th August 2022.

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers 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 national team. Athletes must only speak to the media about their own performances and group coaches may only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. The GB Head Coach and the Performance Director (PD) may discuss performances of the entire team.
- G6 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the British Championships and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the GB Head Coach.
- G7 Commit fully to a training programme approved by the GB Head Coach from the date of selection to the competition.
- G8 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 may result in withdrawal from the team. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the GB Head Coach and/or PD.
- G9 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

WITHDRAWALS

- G10 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the team commitments (G4 to G9) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G11 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 may result in de-selection.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury 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 and/or PD. In exceptional circumstances, the British Swimming CMO may refer his opinion to a panel of the British Olympic Swimming Performance Management Team 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

G13 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the discretion of the GB Head Coach and Head of Elite Development if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance, subject to clause 4.1.

OTHER

G14 The World Class Leadership Team may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

APPEALS

G15 Any appeals against selections in relation to selection policies must be made 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, Associate Director – Performance Strategy and Operations 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.