



**2022 FINA WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m)
17th – 22nd December 2022, Melbourne, Australia
SELECTION POLICY**

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the selection process for the team to represent Great Britain at the 2022 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m).

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives for this event are to provide international experience for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

3. SELECTION OVERVIEW

- 3.1. Selections will be made from performances at the 2022 FINA World Championships, Budapest, Hungary 18th-25th June.
- 3.2. Additional selections may be made at the discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with the Performance Director (PD) and Head of Performance Development, in consideration to clause 2.1.

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of 16 swimmers may be selected. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the complete discretion of the Performance Director (PD).
- 4.2. A maximum of two (2) selections per individual event and one relay team per event will be considered.

5. SELECTION PROCESS

2022 FINA World Championships:

- 5.1 Athletes achieving a top six finish in the final of an Olympic individual event at the 2022 FINA World Championships (50m) will be invited for selection in this event. If more than one athlete achieves a top six finish in the same event, the highest place finisher will be invited for selection to the team for that individual event. The other top-six finisher may be invited for selection at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach and PD. If the number of athletes achieving a top six finish exceeds the number of places available (as specified in 4.1), athletes will be ranked and prioritised based on finishing position.
- 5.2 Athletes are advised that if invited, participation in the 2022 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) is optional. Athletes invited for selection under clauses 5.1 will have the option of declining their selection.

Discretionary selections

- 5.3 The GB Head Coach in consultation with the PD may nominate additional athletes for selection (up to the total number) at their complete discretion subject to clauses 2.1, 4.1 and 4.2.

6. EVENT ENTRIES

- 6.1 With the exception of some individual event selections under 5.1, the GB Head Coach in consultation with the PD have the responsibility to determine all individual and relay event entries.
- 6.2 All team members selected will be considered to be eligible for selection for relay teams.

7. NOTIFICATIONS

- 7.1. Athletes who meet the criteria under clause 5.1 will be invited by email on or before 1st September 2022.
- 7.2. Athletes who meet the criteria under clause 5.3 will be invited by email on or before 1st October 2022.



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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 conclusion of 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 (NPD) or his designate 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/NPD.
- 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 NPD 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, holding camps, awards dinner). 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 NPD 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.
- G13 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) will be required to undertake a full medical assessment 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 Leadership Group for



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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 Swimming Leadership Group may make reasonable amendments to selection policies at its discretion, including in the case of rescheduled events.

G16 The National Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2022 World Swimming Championships (25m) 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, 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.