



**2023 LEN European Short Course (25m) Championships**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> -10<sup>TH</sup> December, Bucharest, ROMANIA**  
**SELECTION POLICY**

## **1. POLICY PURPOSE**

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the 2023 LEN European Short Course (25m) Championships.

## **2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 The objectives for this event are to provide:
- 2.1i An international championship race opportunity for senior athletes in their preparation towards the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
  - 2.1ii An opportunity to prepare relay teams in preparation for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
  - 2.1iii International championship race experience for athletes on a trajectory for a podium performance at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games

## **3. TEAM SIZE**

- 3.1 Up to a maximum of 40 athletes will be selected for the 2023 European Short Course Championships. There is no obligation on British Swimming to select 40 athletes and the total team size will be determined by the Performance Director (PD) at his complete discretion.
- 3.2 Up to a maximum of four (4) athletes per individual event and one (1) relay team per event can be selected.

## **4. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 4.1 Up to 20 athletes will be invited for selection from individual (long course) performances at international swim meets between 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023. All eligible athletes will be ranked using their time in their final round of the respective meet with their time (as listed on [www.swimmingresults.org](http://www.swimmingresults.org) by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023) as a percentage inside or away from the benchmark times shown in Table 1. Athletes inside or closest to the Table times will be prioritised for selection, pursuant to clauses 2.1i, 2.1ii and 3.2.
- 4.2 Up to 10 'development' athletes will be selected as follows:
- 4.2i Performances at the 2023 LEN European Junior Championships and 2023 European Under 23 Championships will be considered.
  - 4.2ii Remaining places will be selected at the discretion of the Head of Performance Development, in consultation with the GB Head Coach and PD, pursuant to clause 2.1ii, 2.1iii and 3.2
- 4.3 Further selections may be made at the discretion of the PD and GB Head Coach, pursuant to clauses 2.1i, 2.1ii, 2.1iii, 3.1 and 3.2. These selections will include a priority focus on relay outcomes for Paris 2024 as well as individual events.

## **5. SELECTION NOTIFICATIONS**

- 5.1 All athletes selected will be notified by email on or before 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.



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**TABLE 1 – BENCHMARK TIMES (LONG COURSE)**

<b>BENCHMARK TIMES</b>		
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MALE</b>
25.04	50 Freestyle	22.12
54.25	100 Freestyle	48.51
1:58.66	200 Freestyle	1:47.06
4:10.57	400 Freestyle	3:48.15
8:37.90	800 Freestyle	7:53.11
16:29.57	1500 Freestyle	15:04.64
1:00.59	100 Backstroke	54.03
2:11.08	200 Backstroke	1:58.07
1:07.35	100 Breaststroke	59.75
2:25.91	200 Breaststroke	2:10.32
58.33	100 Butterfly	51.96
2:09.21	200 Butterfly	1:56.71
2:12.98	200 Individual Medley	1:59.53
4:43.06	400 Individual Medley	4:17.48



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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 World Aquatics rule GR2
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline to be imposed 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 selection through to the Championships.
- G4 Comply with any other World Aquatics 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 Code of Conduct. A breach of the British Swimming 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 GB Head Coach and 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.
- 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 Performance Director.
- 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 Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and World Aquatics swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2023 European Short Course Championships.

### **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 and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach. In the event of injury or illness athletes may be deselected if they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff as determined by the British Swimming Chief Medical Officer or her designate.



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**REPLACEMENTS**

G13 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**

G14 The World Class Programme Swimming Leadership Team may amend selection policies, within reason at its discretion.

G15 The Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2023 European Short Course Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 2023 European Short Course Championships.

**APPEALS**

G16 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 via email at [adam.clarke@swimming.org](mailto: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.