

# 2025 PARA SWIMMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Singapore, SINGAPORE, 21st – 27th September 2025 SELECTION POLICY

## 1 POLICY PURPOSE

1.1 This selection policy outlines the process for selecting the Para Swimming team to represent Great Britain at the 2025 Para Swimming World Championships in Singapore, 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September.

#### 2 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The performance objectives for this event are:
  - 2.1.1 to develop a team that builds on the success of the Great Britain Team at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games
  - 2.1.2 to maximise medal outcomes in Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic events\*

## 3 SELECTION OVERVIEW

- 3.1 All selections will be made by a Selection Panel (the 'Panel') comprising three (3) members. The Panel members are: The Aquatics GB Associate Performance Director, Head Coach Para Swimming and the Performance Pathway Lead Para Swimming, with a record of the selection meeting taken by a note taker. An independent observer will also attend the selection meeting to ensure due process, but with no voting rights.
- 3.2 Selections will be made in two phases:
  - 1) **PHASE 1** from performances at the Aquatics GB (AGB) British Swimming Championships, London Aquatics Centre, London, 15<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Phase 1 Selection Event)
  - 2) **PHASE 2** from performance at the Aquatics GB (AGB) British Summer Championships, Sheffield, July 2025, 19<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (Phase 2 Selection Event)
- 3.3 In the event that the either or both events listed in clause 3.2 are cancelled, the team will be selected at the discretion of the Panel subject to WPS Conditions.

## 4 TEAM SIZE

- 4.1 Up to a maximum of 24 swimmers may be selected for the 2025 Para Swimming World Championships. The total number of swimmers will be at the complete discretion of the Associate Performance Director, and subject to available funding.
- 4.2 Up to 18 athletes will be selected at Phase 1, with the remainder, up to the total team size, selected at Phase 2.
- 4.3 WPS permits each National Paralympic Committee to enter a maximum of three (3) swimmers per event for each individual event and two (2) teams in relay events.
- 4.4 All athletes must meet the Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) set by WPS to be entered in an individual event.
- 4.5 Priority will be given to selecting athletes in Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic events, in meeting clause 2.1.2. There is no requirement for places in non-Paralympic events to be utilised.
- 4.6 Athletes based overseas (outside of the United Kingdom) should take specific note of the General Conditions of this policy, with specific reference to clauses G3, G8 and G9.

<sup>\*</sup> in the event that World Para Swimming has not confirmed the list of events for the 2028 Los Angeles Paralympic Games by the commencement of the Phase 1 event, Aquatics GB will assume these are the same events as at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games

## 5 SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1 Athletes will be considered for selection at two meetings of the Panel:
  - on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025, following the PHASE 1 Selection Event (AGB Swimming Championships, April 2025)
  - on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025, following the PHASE 2 Selection Event (AGB Summer Swimming Championships, July 2025)
- 5.2 Athletes will be selected in the following stage priority order:
  - (1) Medal potential for Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games.
  - (2) Discretionary selections.
  - (3) Additional relay selections.
  - (4) Medal potential for Brisbane 2032 Paralympic Games.

## Medal potential for Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games

5.3 Up to 18 athletes equalling or bettering the published BPS Qualifying Times (QT) in Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games events set out in Table 1 will be considered first for selection by the Panel. Where the number of athletes achieving the QT exceeds 18 places, athletes will be ranked by % inside the QT with the top ranked athletes (subject to clause 4.2). For clarity, if all 18 places are selected following the PHASE 1 Selection Event, there will be no further places available for selection under this clause at the PHASE 2 Selection Event.

# **Discretionary selections**

5.4 Up to 6 additional athletes for selection at the Panel's complete discretion subject to clauses 2.1, 4.1 and 4.2 at the conclusion of Phase 2 Selection Event.

## Additional relay selections

5.5 Where available places remain, subject to clause 4.3, the Panel will then consider relay events, and athletes may be selected to develop Great Britain's representation within relay events at the conclusion of Phase 2 Selection Event. Selections for relay events will be at the sole discretion of the Selection Panel. Additional relay selection will be subject to WPS MQS and Wild Card Applications subject to WPS Entry criteria.

# Medal potential for Brisbane 2032 Paralympic Games

Any remaining places at the conclusion of Phase 2 Selection Event, subject to clause 4.3, may be utilised by the Panel to select athletes who are deemed to have medal potential for the Brisbane 2032 Paralympic Games, at their complete discretion.

## Classification

5.7 If a swimmer's classification changes between the point of selection and 2025 Para Swimming World Championships, with the exception of a swimmer being selected for an event in a higher or lower classification where sufficient places are available, the swimmer may be de-selected from the team.

#### **6 EVENT ENTRIES**

- 6.1 This policy selects athletes onto the 2025 World Championship Team. The Head Coach Para Swimming in consultation with the Associate Performance Director has the responsibility to then determine all final event entries.
- 6.2 Entries for non-2028 Los Angeles Paralympic Games events will be at the complete discretion of the Head Coach Para Swimming in consultation with the Associate Performance Director.
- 6.3 All team members selected will be considered to be eligible for selection for relay teams, and expected to compete.

# **7 ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 7.1 The 2025 World Championships Team will be formally announced in two stages:
  - 1) All selections for PHASE 1 on or before 25th April 2025.
  - 2) Any additional selections following PHASE 2 on or before 1st August 2025.

## **TABLE 1**

Event	Qualifying Time (QT)
Male 50m Freestyle S3	00:45.12
Male 50m Freestyle S4	00:37.03
Male 50m Freestyle S5	00:31.39
Male 50m Freestyle S7	00:28.16
Male 50m Freestyle S9	00:25.28
Male 50m Freestyle S10	00:23.66
Male 50m Freestyle S11	00:26.11
Male 50m Freestyle S13	00:23.72
Male 100m Freestyle S4	01:22.73
Male 100m Freestyle S5	01:09.76
Male 100m Freestyle S6	01:05.05
Male 100m Freestyle S8	00:58.59
Male 100m Freestyle S10	00:52.12
Male 100m Freestyle S12	00:53.79
Male 200m Freestyle S2	04:15.98
Male 200m Freestyle S3	03:34.11
Male 200m Freestyle S4	02:56.05
Male 200m Freestyle S5	02:30.88
Male 200m Freestyle S14	01:54.34
Male 400m Freestyle S6	05:08.53
Male 400m Freestyle S7	04:39.97
Male 400m Freestyle S8	04:25.32
Male 400m Freestyle S9	04:16.71
Male 400m Freestyle S11	04:33.69
Male 400m Freestyle S13	04:07.22
Male 50m Backstroke S1	01:13.23
Male 50m Backstroke S2	00:57.27
Male 50m Backstroke S3	00:47.98
Male 50m Backstroke S4	00:42.85
Male 50m Backstroke S5	00:33.19
Male 100m Backstroke S1	02:30.52
Male 100m Backstroke S2	02:01.95
Male 100m Backstroke S6	01:16.11
Male 100m Backstroke S7	01:12.44
Male 100m Backstroke S8	01:07.60

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Male 100m Backstroke S9	01:01.06
Male 100m Backstroke S10	01:01.03
Male 100m Backstroke S11	01:07.37
Male 100m Backstroke S12	01:01.72
Male 100m Backstroke S13	00:59.12
Male 100m Backstroke S14	00:59.49
Male 50m Breaststroke SB2	01:04.18
Male 50m Breaststroke SB3	00:49.46
Male 100m Breaststroke SB4	01:38.36
Male 100m Breaststroke SB5	01:27.59
Male 100m Breaststroke SB6	01:20.90
Male 100m Breaststroke SB8	01:10.67
Male 100m Breaststroke SB9	01:07.38
Male 100m Breaststroke SB11	01:13.08
Male 100m Breaststroke SB13	01:05.68
Male 100m Breaststroke SB14	01:04.59
Male 50m Butterfly S5	00:31.04
Male 50m Butterfly S6	00:31.40
Male 50m Butterfly S7	00:29.23
Male 100m Butterfly S8	01:03.04
Male 100m Butterfly S9	01:00.96
Male 100m Butterfly S10	00:56.89
Male 100m Butterfly S11	01:03.25
Male 100m Butterfly S12	00:58.21
Male 100m Butterfly S13	00:55.53
Male 100m Butterfly S14	00:55.13
Male 150m Individual Medley SM3	02:59.48
Male 150m Individual Medley SM4	02:34.92
Male 200m Individual Medley SM6	02:40.10
Male 200m Individual Medley SM7	02:30.56
Male 200m Individual Medley SM8	02:24.22
Male 200m Individual Medley SM9	02:18.03
Male 200m Individual Medley SM10	02:14.40
Male 200m Individual Medley SM11	02:24.56
Male 200m Individual Medley SM13	02:09.41
Male 200m Individual Medley SM14	02:09.25
Female 50m Freestyle S4	00:39.85
Female 50m Freestyle S6	00:33.06
Female 50m Freestyle S8	00:30.36
Female 50m Freestyle S10	00:27.52
Female 50m Freestyle S11	00:29.86
Female 50m Freestyle S13	00:27.63

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Female 100m Freestyle S5	01:20.56
Female 100m Freestyle S7	01:10.78
Female 100m Freestyle S9	01:02.53
Female 100m Freestyle S10	01:01.05
Female 100m Freestyle S11	01:06.57
Female 100m Freestyle S12	01:00.69
Female 200m Freestyle S5	02:48.00
Female 200m Freestyle S14	02:08.55
Female 400m Freestyle S6	05:20.60
Female 400m Freestyle S7	05:14.17
Female 400m Freestyle S8	04:58.10
Female 400m Freestyle S9	04:46.33
Female 400m Freestyle S10	04:34.80
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Female 50m Backstroke S5	00:41.19
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Female 100m Backstroke S6	01:21.02
Female 100m Backstroke S8	01:18.75
Female 100m Backstroke S9	01:09.59
Female 100m Backstroke S10	01:08.93
Female 100m Backstroke S11	01:15.58
Female 100m Backstroke S12	01:11.69
Female 100m Backstroke S13	01:07.04
Female 100m Backstroke S14	01:07.01
Female 50m Breaststroke SB3	00:57.36
Female 100m Breaststroke SB4	01:50.76
Female 100m Breaststroke SB5	01:44.16
Female 100m Breaststroke SB6	01:34.42
Female 100m Breaststroke SB7	01:30.92
Female 100m Breaststroke SB8	01:21.84
Female 100m Breaststroke SB9	01:16.00
Female 100m Breaststroke SB11	01:20.37
Female 100m Breaststroke SB12	01:20.43
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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 appropriate World Para Swimming rules.
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline to be imposed by Aquatics GB. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by Aquatics GB. Selection Acceptance Forms will be provided by Aquatics GB 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 Para Swimming 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 Aquatics GB Code of Conduct. A breach of the Aquatics GB 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 Aquatics GB Para swimming programme. Athletes must only speak to the media or comment on social media about their own performances, and group coaches must only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. The GB Head Coach and Associate Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation to selection-related matters including any relay decisions during competition, 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 Associate Performance Director.
- G9 Make themselves available for all national team activities designated by the GB Head Coach (including but not limited to preparation camps, competitions 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 national team 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 national team activities may be given by the Associate Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with Aquatics GB and World Para Swimming swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2025 Para Swimming World 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 Aquatics GB immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which <u>may</u> 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 Aquatics GB Chief Medical Officer or his designate.

## **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 Para Swimming Leadership Team may amend selection policies, within reason at its discretion.
- G15 The Associate Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2025 Para Swimming World Championships team are in line with this policy.

## **APPEALS**

G16 Any appeals against non-selection must be made to Aquatics GB in accordance with the Aquatics GB Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available online at <a href="https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/para-swimming/para-swimming-selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/">https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/para-swimming/para-swimming-selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/</a> or by request from Adam Clarke, Associate Director via email at <a href="mailto:adam.clarke@aquaticsgb.com">adam.clarke@aquaticsgb.com</a>. Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.