



Aquatics GB

2025 European Aquatics Under 23 Swimming Championships
26th June – 28th June 2025, Samorin, Slovakia
SELECTION POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. This Selection Policy outlines the process for selecting the respective teams to represent Great Britain at the 2025 European Aquatics Under 23 Swimming Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The target for these events is to provide a meaningful competitive opportunity in the long-term development of British swimmers towards future senior international World and Olympic success in Olympic individual and Olympic relay events.

3. SELECTION EVENT

- 3.1 Selections will be made from performances at the 2025 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships, (London Aquatics Centre, London), 15th – 20th April 2025 (“the British Championships”).
- 3.2 In the event that the 2025 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships is cancelled, a revised selection policy will be published.

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of 20 swimmers may be selected in total, subject to available funding, for the 2025 European Aquatics Under 23 Championships. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the discretion of the Performance Director (PD). There is no obligation to use all places.
- 4.2. Up to four (4) swimmers may be selected for individual events.
- 4.3. Swimmers based overseas (outside of the United Kingdom) should take specific note of the General Conditions of this policy, with specific reference to clauses G3, G7 and G8.

5. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Athletes born 2002 / 2003 / 2004 / 2005 / 2006.

6. SELECTION PROCESS

- 6.1. Up to 12 athletes (from the age group detailed in clause 5.1) will be considered for selection for each individual Olympic event based on their fastest times in the final round of the 2025 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships for all events 400m and under. For 800m and 1500m events all times will be considered. For guidance, athlete’s performances will be ranked based on a percentage away from the benchmark times in Table 1, pursuant to clauses 4.1 and 4.2.
- 6.2. Additional selections may be made at the discretion of the Performance Director and GB Head Coach up to the maximum team size.
- 6.3. Athletes will not normally be selected for an event if the athlete has been selected for the 2025 ~~FINA~~ [World Aquatics](#) World Championships (senior) team. The Performance Director in consultation with the Performance Pathway Lead and GB Head Coach may consider exceptions to this in consideration of clause 2.1.

7. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS

- 7.1. All team members selected under clauses 6.1 and 6.2 for individual events will be considered to be eligible for relay team selection.

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8. EVENT ENTRIES

- 8.1 This policy only selects the swimmers onto the 2025 European Aquatics Under 23 Championships Team. The Team Leader and/or Head Coach for the event have the responsibility to then determine individual event entries, including those for non-Olympic events, pursuant to clause 2.1.

9. ASSEMBLY

- 9.1 All selected swimmers (for both events) will be expected to cover their own expenses to the designated assembly point in the UK to depart for the event.

10. NOTIFICATION

- 10.1. Swimmers selected for the 2025 European Aquatics Under 23 European Championships Team will be notified by Friday 25th April 2025.

TABLE 1

2025 European Aquatics Under 23 Championships – benchmark times		
FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
24.86	50m Freestyle	22.05
54.25	100m Freestyle	48.34
1:58.23	200m Freestyle	1:46.70
4:10.23	400m Freestyle	3:48.15
8:34.62	800m Freestyle	7:48.66
16:24.56	1500m Freestyle	15:01.89
1:00.46	100m Backstroke	53.94
2:11.08	200m Backstroke	1:58.07
1:06.87	100m Breaststroke	59.75
2:25.91	200m Breaststroke	2:10.32
58.33	100m Butterfly	51.77
2:09.21	200m Butterfly	1:56.51
2:12.83	200m Individual Medley	1:59.05
4:43.06	400m Individual Medley	4:17.48

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 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 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 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 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 Aquatics GB and World Aquatics swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2025 European Aquatics Under 23 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 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 Aquatics GB Chief Medical Officer or her 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 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 2025 European Under 23 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 2025 European Aquatics Under 23 Championships.

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 <https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/swimming/selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/> or by request from Adam Clarke, Associate Director via email at adam.clarke@aquaticsgb.com. Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.