



**Aquatics GB**

**2025 European Youth Olympic Festival  
20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Skopje, NORTH MACEDONIA  
SELECTION POLICY**

**1. POLICY PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This selection policy outlines the process for nominating a team to the British Olympic Association (BOA) to represent Great Britain at the 2025 European Youth Olympic Festival.

**2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE**

- 2.1 The target for this meet is to provide a positive competitive opportunity in the long-term development of a small group of British junior swimmers, as one of a variety of Olympic sports that will comprise the British Team ('Team GB') competing at this multi-sport event.

**3. SELECTION TRIALS**

- 3.1 Nominations will be made from performances at the 2025 Aquatics GB Championships, (London Aquatics Centre), 15<sup>th</sup> –20<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (the 'Trials').
- 3.2 In the event that the Trials event is cancelled, a revised selection policy will be published.

**4. TEAM SIZE**

- 4.1 A team size of 16 athletes, comprising 8 females and 8 males will be nominated.
- 4.2 This is a British Olympic Association (BOA) team event, following the Trials a list of athletes will be nominated by Aquatics GB to the BOA for selection ratification.

**5. AGE ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1 Boys born 2010/2011
- 5.2 Girls born 2010/2011

**6. NOMINATION**

- 6.1 Up to 10 places (5 male and 5 female) will be filled by the fastest eligible swimmer based on performances in any round at the Trials for the following events: - 200m Freestyle, 200m Backstroke, 200m Butterfly, 200m Breaststroke, and 400m Individual Medley.
- 6.2 If, under 6.1, a swimmer secures their selection place in more than one event, that swimmer will be nominated and the Performance Pathway Lead - Swimming will use his complete discretion to nominate swimmers for the remaining place(s).
- 6.3 All additional places up to the team size and gender split outlined in 4.1 will be filled at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway Lead - Swimming. Only performances at the Trials will be considered.
- a. The Performance Pathway Lead - Swimming will use his sole discretion to determine the final individual and relay entries.
- b. This selection policy details the process for nominating swimmers onto the British team.
- 6.4 For the competition itself, all event entries will be made at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway Lead - Swimming following consultation with swimmers and coaches.



**7. OTHER ELIGIBILITY**

7.1 Only athletes who meet the relevant conditions outlined in the general conditions of this policy, and who provide information in full as requested by the British Olympic Association (BOA) for the European Youth Olympic Festival will be eligible for nomination.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENT**

8.1 The nominations for the European Youth Olympic Festival team will be notified on or before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

### ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the relevant World Aquatics rules.
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form and all other requirements as per clause 7.1 to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline set by Aquatics GB and the BOA. 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 competition.
- 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 and BOA Team Members agreement. A breach of these 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 and BOA media team. 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 Team Leader 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 Team Leader and/or Performance Director.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Pathway Lead - Swimming (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 Youth Olympic Festival.

### 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 Pathway Lead - Swimming. 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 Aquatics GB Pathway Lead – Swimming, pursuant to selection and entry deadlines in the best interest of the overall team performance.

## OTHER

G14 The World Class Leadership Team, in consultation with the BOA may amend selection policies, within reason at its discretion.

G15 The Performance Director and Pathway Lead - Swimming 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-nomination 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](mailto: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.