

## SELECTION POLICY

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### 1. TEAM SIZE

#### **Athletes (born 2001/02)**

- 1.1. There are up to 4 places available in the 5km race comprising of two male and two female places. There is no obligation by British Swimming to select the maximum team size.

#### **Athletes (born 1999/2000)**

- 1.2. There are up to 4 places available in the 7.5km race comprising of two male and two female places. There is no obligation by British Swimming to select the maximum team size.

#### **Athletes (born 1997/98)**

- 1.3. There are up to 4 places available in the 10km race comprising of two male and two female places. There is no obligation by British Swimming to select the maximum team size.

All age groups subject to FINA confirmation

### 2. ATHLETE SELECTION

#### **Athletes (born 2001/02)**

- 2.1 The first male swimmer and first female swimmer in the 5km elite race at the Great East Swim in Ipswich on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 will be selected.
- 2.2 One additional male and one additional female swimmer may be selected at the complete discretion of the Marathon Swimming Lead in consultation with the Head of Performance Pathway.

#### **Athletes (born 1999/2000)**

- 2.3 The first male swimmer and first female swimmer in the 5km elite race at the Great East Swim in Ipswich 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 will be selected.
- 2.4 One additional male and one additional female swimmer may be selected at the complete discretion of the Marathon Swimming Lead in consultation with the Head of Performance Pathway.

#### **Athletes (born 1997/98)**

- 2.5 The first male swimmer and first female swimmer in the 5km elite race at the Great East Swim in Ipswich 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 will be selected.
- 2.6 One additional male and one additional female swimmer may be selected at the complete discretion of the Marathon Swimming Lead in consultation with the Head of Performance Pathway.
- 2.7 All discretionary selections (under 2.2, 2.4 and 2.6) shall be made at the complete discretion of the Marathon Swimming Lead in consultation with the Head of Performance Pathway. In considering discretionary selections the Marathon Lead will take into account open water performances over the course of the 2015-2016 seasons and consider selection in any of the age groups.
- 2.8 Notification of selections will be announced by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- 2.9 In case of event cancellation (Great East Swim), all selections will be made at the complete discretion of the Marathon Lead in consultation with the Head of Performance Pathway.

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### SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA General Rule 2 (GR 2).
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate. 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 fulfill national team commitments.

#### TEAM COMMITMENTS

All Team members will be required to:

- G4 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
- G5 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 athletes in their group. The British Swimming Open Water Lead and/or the National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team.
- G6 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 National Performance Director.
- G7 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the British Swimming Open Water Lead and Head of Performance Pathway (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 National Performance Director.
- G8 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

#### WITHDRAWALS

- G9 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G4 to G8) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G10 Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination by British Swimming Medical staff, which may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead.
- G11 Athletes may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time following their selection. Any swimmer judged to be unfit by British Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming, may be de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead.

#### REPLACEMENTS

- G12 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Open Water Lead if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.

#### OTHER

- G13 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

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### **APPEALS**

G14 Any appeals against selections in relation to selection policies must be made in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available by request from Adam Clarke, Head of Performance Services via email at [adam.clarke@swimming.org](mailto:adam.clarke@swimming.org)