

2017 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Indianapolis, USA, 23rd – 28th August

2017 EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Netanya, Israel, 28th June – 2nd July

SELECTION POLICY



1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1 This selection Policy outlines the selection process for the respective teams to represent Great Britain at both the 2017 World Junior Championships and 2017 European Junior Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The target for these events is to provide a positive competitive opportunity in the long-term development of British junior swimmers towards future senior international success, whilst at the same time maximising the medal outcomes in Olympic individual and Olympic relay events.
- 2.2. This policy will select teams for both events but with priority given to sending the best possible team to compete at the 2017 World Junior Championships.

3. SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1. Selections will be made from performances at the British Swimming Championships, Ponds Forge, Sheffield, 18th – 23rd April 2017 only, subject to clause 6.2.

4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of 60 swimmers may be selected in total, subject to available funding, for the 2017 World Junior Championships and 2017 European Junior Championships. The total number of swimmers selected will be at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development. There is no obligation to use all places.
- 4.2. The split of places across both events (by number and gender) will be at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development.

5. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Boys born 1999/2000/2001/2002
- 5.2. Girls born 2000/2001/2002/2003

6. INDIVIDUAL EVENT SELECTION

- 6.1. The first and second place swimmer in each of the 24 Junior Finals (Olympic events only) and the fastest two junior swimmers in the women's 800 freestyle and men's 1500 freestyle at the 2017 British Swimming Championships will be guaranteed selection for **either** the World Junior Championships or the European Junior Championships. The Head of Elite Development will at his discretion determine which event each swimmer attends.
- 6.2. All additional places ('discretionary selections') up to the stated maximum team size in 4.1 may be selected at the absolute discretion of the Head of Elite Development when taking into account clause 7.2. Eligible swimmers who qualify for the Open Finals at the 2017 British Swimming Championships will automatically be considered for a discretionary selection place (subject to clause 6.3).
- 6.3. The Head of Elite Development will not normally select any athlete for either event if they are selected for the 2017 World Championships team.
- 6.4. No swimmer selected for the 2017 World Junior Championships will be selected to compete at the 2017 European Junior Championships. However, the Head of Elite Development reserves the right at his absolute discretion to make additional selections for the 2017 World Junior Championships from performances at the 2017 European Junior Championships. Any additions to the World Junior Championships team will be made by Friday 7th July 2017.
- 6.5. Entry into non-Olympic events at both the 2017 World Junior Championships and 2017 European Junior Championships will be at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development.

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7. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS

- 7.1. All team members selected under clauses 6.1 and 6.2 will be considered to be eligible for relay team selection.
- 7.2. Additional swimmers may be selected for the relay events at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development.

8. EVENT ENTRIES

- 8.1 This policy only selects the swimmers onto the 2017 World Junior Championship and 2017 European Junior Championship Teams. The Head of Elite Development and respective event Head Coach have the sole responsibility to then determine individual event entries. There should be no suggestion that clause 6.1 in any way guarantees any swimmer a place in any specific event. Consideration will be given to the maximum number of entries per event permitted by FINA and LEN respectively.

9. BRITISH SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRIES FOR THE WORLD JUNIOR TEAM

- 9.1 All swimmers selected for the 2017 World Junior Championships must agree **in advance** their racing schedule at the 2017 British Summer Championships (Tollcross, Glasgow, 25th - 30th July 2017) with the respective event Head Coach and Head of Elite Development.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT

- 10.1 The 2017 World Junior Championship Team and 2017 European Junior Championship Team will be announced on Friday 28th April 2017. Any additions to the 2017 World Junior Championships team will be made by Friday 7th July 2017.

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 swimmers in their group. The nominated event Head Coach and Head of Elite Development may discuss performances of the entire team.
- G6 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the selection trials (2017 British Swimming Championships) and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the Head of Elite Development
- G7 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the nominated event Head Coach and Head of Elite Development (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 Head of Elite Development.
- G8 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

WITHDRAWALS

- G9 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G6 to G10) 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 Head of Elite Development.
- G11 Athletes may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time following their selection. Any athlete 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 Head of Elite Development.

REPLACEMENTS

- G12 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Head of Elite Development if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance, subject to clause 6.2.

OTHER

- G13 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group (PLG) 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. Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.