



## 1. SELECTION PROCESS

### 1.1. Selections will be made from:

- 1.1.1. Swimmers NOT selected for the 2017 World Championships (Budapest 2017) pool team
- 1.1.2. Swimmers meeting all eligibility criteria as outlined by BUCS and summarised on the BUCS website – please access via the link: [click here](#)
- 1.1.3. Swimmers submitting a completed expression of interest form to British Swimming **by 5pm on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**. This is available on the British Swimming website: <http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/swimming/selection-policies/>

## 2. TEAM SIZE

- 2.1. A maximum team size of 16 swimmers (including up to 2 marathon swimmers) will be selected. The team size is subject to available funding and there is no obligation to select the maximum.

## 3. SELECTION

- 3.1. All selections will be made at the complete discretion of the British Swimming GB Head Coach in consultation with the Head of Elite Development and Marathon Swimming Lead (in relation to marathon team selections).
- 3.2. Selections will be made in Olympic events only, and up to a maximum of two (2) swimmers in any one event.

### Pool team

- 3.3. Only eligible athletes (as described in Section 1) competing at the 2017 British Swimming Championships (Ponds Forge, Sheffield, 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017) will be considered for selection for the pool team.
- 3.4. Athletes ranked outside the Top 30 in the World<sup>1</sup> (2 per nation) will not normally be considered for selection. Any consideration outside the Top 30 in the World<sup>1</sup> will be at the complete discretion of the British Swimming GB Head Coach.

### Marathon team

- 3.5. Selections will be made with consideration to international open water performances from the 2016 and 2017 season (events from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017).
- 3.6. All team selections (pool and marathon) will be made by taking into consideration:
  - 3.6.1. The long term priorities of the British Swimming World Class Swimming Programme as determined by British Swimming in its complete discretion.
  - 3.6.2. The long term development needs of individual athletes in terms of their potential to swim in the GB Olympic team at the Tokyo 2020 Games.
  - 3.6.3. The higher priority of other international teams or squads selected by British Swimming in 2017. Such priority is at the complete discretion of British Swimming.

<sup>1</sup> Based on 2016 World Rankings



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- 3.7. Entries in non-Olympic events may be permitted if the British Swimming GB Head Coach, in consultation with the Head of Elite Development and Marathon lead, views that their participation will not detract from the swimmer's performance in their main event. The final decision will be made by the British Swimming GB Head Coach at his complete discretion.
  - 3.8. Selected athletes will be required to pay a personal financial contribution up to a maximum of £1,000 (or £1,110 for students at non BUCS-member institutions) towards the cost of attendance.
  - 3.9. Pool selections will be notified by 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017
  - 3.10. Marathon selections will be notified by 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017



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## **SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Athletes must:

- G1 Meet all eligibility criteria as per 1.1.2
- G2 Be available to fulfill all agreed team commitments.

### **TEAM COMMITMENTS**

All Team members will be required to:

- G3 Comply with the BUCS Team Members Agreement and Code Of Conduct. A breach of the Agreement or Code of Conduct may result in de-selection from the team
- G4 Abide by any prescribed media protocols
- G5 Make themselves available for relevant team activities designated by BUCS and agreed with British Swimming
- G6 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

### **WITHDRAWALS**

- G7 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G3 to G6) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G8 Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection must notify BUCS and 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 GB Head Coach.
- G9 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 BUCS and British Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming, may be de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach.

### **REPLACEMENTS**

- G10 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with BUCS if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.

### **OTHER**

- G11 BUCS in consultation with the British Swimming World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group (PLG) may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

### **APPEALS**

- G12 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). Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.

**In the event of any conflict between British Swimming and BUCS protocols, then BUCS protocols shall take precedent.**