



## 2015 European Games

21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Baku, Azerbaijan

### SELECTION POLICY

#### 1. PERFORMANCE TARGET

- 1.1 The target for this meet 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. SELECTION TRIALS

- 2.1 Subject to clause 6.2 (wildcards), nominations to the British Olympic Association (“BOA”) will be made from performances at the 2015 British Swimming Championships, London Aquatics Centre, 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (“the Trials”).
- 2.2 Final selection is at the sole discretion of the British Olympic Association following nominations made by British Swimming against this policy. The Team will be announced following ratification by the BOA.

#### 3. TEAM SIZE

- 3.1 A team of 24 swimmers will be nominated.
- 3.2 Up to two (2) places will be available in each individual Olympic 2016 event. At the competition itself additional entries, up to a maximum total number of four (4) per event, may be made from swimmers who have already been selected for the Team in accordance with clauses 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3. Any additional event entries will be at the absolute discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway.
- 3.3 If the number of eligible qualifying athletes identified in clause 6.1 exceeds the maximum number of available places, swimmers will be prioritised for nomination at the absolute discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway in consultation with the GB Head Coach.

#### 4. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Boys born 1997/1998
- 4.2 Girls born 1999/2000

#### 5. OTHER ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Only pre-accredited athletes who have provided information in full as requested by the British Olympic Association (BOA) for the European Games will be eligible for nomination.

#### 6. INDIVIDUAL EVENT SELECTION

- 6.1 To be eligible for selection for an individual event, a swimmer must have recorded a time that equals or better the minimum consideration times set out in Table 1 at ‘the Trials’. The achievement of a minimum consideration time does not guarantee selection.
- 6.2 Up to four (4) ‘wildcard’ nominations on the final team can be filled, should it be deemed appropriate, at the absolute discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway in consultation with the GB Head Coach. These nominations can be made from swimmers who may not have achieved the minimum consideration time listed in Table 1 but are deemed to be able to contribute to the Performance Target as stated in clause 1.1 above. The Head of Performance Pathway is under no obligation to use these ‘wildcard’ nominations.

- 6.3 In the event that fewer than 20 athletes achieve the minimum consideration times at ‘the Trials’ then the Head of Performance Pathway will nominate up to the maximum team size of 24 swimmers at his sole discretion.
- 6.4 All individual performances recorded at ‘the Trials’ will be taken into account for the purposes of determining nominations.
- 6.5 Entry into non-Olympic events will be limited to those swimmers who have already been selected for the Team in accordance with clauses 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 and will be at the absolute discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway.

## 7. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS

- 7.1 All team members nominated under clause 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 for individual events will be considered to be eligible for relay team selection.
- 7.2 Clause 6.2 also allows that additional swimmers may be nominated for the relay events only at the absolute discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway in consultation with the GB Head Coach.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENT

- 8.1 The nominations for the European Games team will be announced on or before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Athletes must keep all decisions relating to selection/non-selection strictly confidential until such time as instructed by British Swimming.

**TABLE 1**

EUROPEAN GAMES 2015 MINIMUM CONSIDERATION TIMES		
FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
25.89	50m Freestyle	23.27
56.77	100m Freestyle	50.82
2:02.68	200m Freestyle	1:51.59
4:18.94	400m Freestyle	3:56.68
8:48.38	800m Freestyle	
	1500m Freestyle	15:34.93
1:02.96	100m Backstroke	56.30
2:14.80	200m Backstroke	2:01.77
1:10.22	100m Breaststroke	1:03.45
2:31.80	200m Breaststroke	2:16.80
1:00.86	100m Butterfly	54.56
2:15.61	200m Butterfly	2:01.50
2:17.75	200m Individual Medley	2:04.10
4:50.55	400m Individual Medley	4:25.84

## **SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA General Rule 2 (GR 2). The BOA in consultation with FINA and the EOC will decide on any question of eligibility (having regard to all eligibility criteria including as set by the BOA, British Swimming, FINA, the EOC and/or BEGOC) and the BOA's decision shall be final.
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline to be imposed by British Swimming. 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 all team commitments from the time of nomination through to the Games.

#### Coaches must:

- G4 Be holders of the UKCC/ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an UKCC/ASA Coach Course at time of selection.
- G5 Have been resident within the UK for a minimum period of two years leading into selection, unless employed or deployed by a British or Home Country national governing body.

### **TEAM COMMITMENTS**

#### All Team members will be required to:

- G6 Comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct and the BOA's Team Members Agreement. A breach of the British Swimming Code of Conduct or the BOA Team Members Agreement may result in de-selection from the team
- G7 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 Head of Performance Pathway and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team. Swimmers must also comply with the BOA Media rules as set out in the Team Members Agreement, for the dates specified therein.
- 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 National Performance Director.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the 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 following consultation with the BOA. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the National Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming, FINA, EOC and BOA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the European Games 2015.

### **WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS**

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G6 to G10) they may be withdrawn from the team following consultation with the BOA.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their nomination by British Swimming and prior to the end of the delegation registration process ("DRP") (15 May 2015) must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination (which may

include fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests) by British Swimming Medical staff, which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway following consultation with the BOA.

#### **REPLACEMENTS**

G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team prior to the DRM will be considered at the complete discretion of the Head of Performance Pathway following consultation with the BOA if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance. Where athletes are de-selected from the Team by the BOA following the end of the DRP, any replacement decisions shall be made by the BOA (in consultation with British Swimming) in accordance with the EOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

#### **OTHER**

G14 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion.

#### **APPEALS**

G15 Any appeals against non-selection prior to the DRM must be made to British Swimming 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.

G16 Any appeal in respect of a decision by the BOA not to select or to de-select a nominated athlete shall be made to, and dealt with by, the BOA in accordance with the BOA's appeals policy.