



**OPEN 2016 IPC SWIMMING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
FUNCHAL, 27TH APRIL - 8TH MAY 2016**

1. SELECTION EVENTS

1.1 Selections will be made from performances at:

- National Para-Swimming Championships, Manchester (12th-13th December 2015).
- IPC Swimming World Championships, Glasgow (13th-19th July 2015).
- British Swimming Summer Meet, Sheffield (28th July – 2nd August 2015).
- ASA Summer National Championships (WCPP Only), Sheffield (4th – 9th August 2015).

1.2 No Qualifying Times will be established for this event. Selection is at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director (NPD).

2. TEAM SIZE

2.1. Up to 25 swimmer places will be available, however the final team size is at the complete discretion of the NPD.

2.2. Priority will be given to current World Class Podium (WCP) and World Class Podium Potential (WCPP) swimmers.

3. ATHLETE SELECTIONS (IN PRIORITY ORDER)

FEMALE RELAY

3.1. Athletes will be selected for the female relays from the designated selection events (1.1). Selections will be at the complete discretion of the British Para-Swimming Head Coach.

WCP

3.2. WCP swimmers will be selected taking into consideration the following:

- Performances from the selection events, see 1.1 above;
- Female relay squad membership;
- Adherence to established process goals;
- Multiple medal winning potential;
- Specific head-to-head racing opportunities;
- World Ranking (1st January – 13th December 2015 inclusive);
- Previous performance record at Major Championships;

WCPP

3.3. WCPP swimmers will be selected taking into consideration the following:

- Performances from the selection events, see 1.1 above;

- Rio 2016 Potential Athlete or on track to move to the WCP programme for 2016/2017 season;
- Relay squad membership;
- Adherence to established process goals;
- Rate of performance progression;
- Commitment and adherence to WCPP membership.

OTHER

3.4. Other swimmers **may** be selected in taking into consideration the following:

- Performances from the selection events, see 1.1 above;
- Rio 2016 Potential Athlete.
- Female relay squad membership;
- Rate of performance progression;
- Multiple medal winning potential;
- World Ranking (1st January – 13th December 2015 inclusive);
- Previous performance record at Major Championships;

SELECTION

3.5. Notification of selections will be made by 23rd December 2015.

SELECTION POLICY - GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Athletes must:

- G1 Swimmers must be eligible to represent Great Britain. Swimmers must be a British passport holder or have previously represented Great Britain in an IPC Swimming event. Swimmers must meet the current IPC Swimming regulations on eligibility.
- G2 Have notified the British Para-Swimming NPD in writing of availability for selection by 4th December 2015 to: paraswimming@swimming.org .
- G3 Swimmers must have meet the Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) in all events in which they wish to be considered within the IPC qualification period for the Open IPC Swimming European Championships.
- G4 Swimmers will be notified of the event(s) in which they have been selected and will be entered into by 23rd December 2015. Should a swimmer wish to be considered for an additional event(s) the swimmer and the home programme coach must request this in writing to the Head Coach by 31st January 2016 to: paraswimming@swimming.org .
- G5 Swimmers will be withdrawn from the team, if the event(s) selected for are withdrawn by IPC Swimming, unless the swimmer has achieved selection in another event(s). This is at the complete discretion of the NPD.
- G6 Swimmers must be available to fulfil all team commitments.

COACH & SUPPORT STAFF TEAM

G7 The staffing team will consist of British Para-Swimming national team staff.

TEAM COMMITMENTS

- G8 All Team members will be required to:
- 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.

- Abide by media protocols of the British Para-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 National Performance Director and Head Coach may discuss performances of the entire team.
- Make themselves available for all team activities. 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.
- Comply with British Swimming and IPC Swimming swimwear regulations.

WITHDRAWALS

- G9 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments 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 Para-Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination by British Para-Swimming Medical staff, which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the NPD.
- 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 Para-Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming, may be de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the NPD.
- G12 Athletes withdrawing for any other reason may be subject to costs associated with their participation in the Open 2015 IPC Swimming European Championships.

OTHER

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

APPEALS

- G14 Any appeals against non-selection (or de-selection) to the 2016 Open IPC Swimming European Championships (50m) shall be dealt with under the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedure. Details are available from the British Swimming Legal Affairs Department: legal@swimming.org. Swimmers should be aware of the time limits contained in the procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.