



**2024 Olympic Games**  
**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024, Paris, FRANCE**  
**NOMINATION POLICY MARATHON SWIMMING**

## **1. POLICY PURPOSE**

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the process to nominate the team to represent Great Britain at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, in accordance with the World Aquatics Qualification system (version as of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023).

## **2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1. The performance objective for this event is to optimise medal outcomes.

## **3. SELECTION TRIALS**

- 3.1. Selections will be made from performances at the 2024 World Aquatics Open Water Swimming Championships, Doha, Qatar, 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, subject to clause 5.4.

## **4. TEAM SIZE**

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of two male and two female athletes will be nominated to the British Olympic Association (BOA) for selection to the 2024 Olympic Games.

## **5. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 5.1. The first placed male and first placed female British finisher in the 10km race at the 2024 World Aquatics Open Water Championships will be selected subject to finishing in the Top 13 places (of athletes that haven't already qualified via the 2023 World Championships).
- 5.2. The second placed male and second placed female British finisher in the 10km race at the 2024 World Aquatics Open Water Championships will also be selected subject to finishing in the Top 13 places (of athletes that haven't already qualified via the 2023 World Championships).
- 5.3. In accordance with the World Aquatics Qualification system, if no British male athletes or no British female athletes are selected via 5.1 and 5.2 the first placed male and first placed female British athlete will be selected if they are the first European finisher not already qualified. This selection would be made under the Continental representation qualification criteria (section 3 of the World Aquatics Qualification system (version as of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023)).
- 5.4. An athlete who has been selected for the team in the 800m or 1500m freestyle **may** be considered for selection if no male or no female selections are made under 5.2 and 5.3. These selections will be made by the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead in consultation with the Performance Director (PD).

## **6. SELECTION NOTIFICATIONS**

- 6.1 All athletes nominated under clauses 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3 will be notified by email on or before end of February 2024.
- 6.2 Athletes nominated under clause 5.4 will be notified by email on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- 6.3 Athlete selection will be dependent upon ratification by the BOA.



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## **SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the Olympic Charter Rules. The BOA in consultation with World Aquatics and the International Olympic Committee ("IOC") will decide on any question of eligibility (having regard to all eligibility criteria including as set by the BOA, British Swimming, World Aquatics and the IOC) and the IOC'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 fulfil all team commitments from the time of selection through to the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- G4 Comply with any other BOA and/or IOC eligibility criteria from time to time, including in respect of nationality and/or anti-doping.

### **TEAM COMMITMENTS**

All Team members will be required to:

- G5 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.
- G6 Adhere to all prescribed travel arrangements which might involve different travel dates to other members of 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 Performance Pathway and Distance Lead and 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. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation selection-related matters until authorised to do so by the Team Leader or Performance Director.
- G8 Commit to a full training and preparation programme (as determined by the GB Head Coach) from the point of selection to the 2024 Olympic Games and not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions without prior written approval from the Team Leader or Performance Director.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead (including but not limited to preparation camps and competitions). 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 Team Leader or Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and World Aquatics, IOC and BOA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2024 Olympic Games.

### **WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS**

- G11 If for any reason a selected athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G5 to G10) they may be withdrawn from the team.



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- G12 Selected athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time following their nomination and prior to the end of the Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) (12<sup>th</sup> July 2024) must notify British Swimming immediately. Failure to notify the British Swimming Chief Medical Officer (CMO) immediately of an injury or illness may result in de-selection.
- G13 Selected athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury and may be required to undertake a full medical examination which could result in the athlete being de-selected from the team, normally at the discretion of the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead. In exceptional circumstances, the British Swimming CMO may refer their opinion to a panel of the British Swimming Leadership Team for decision if, in the opinion of the British Swimming CMO or her designate, they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff.

#### **REPLACEMENTS**

- G14 Replacement of athletes withdrawn from the team will be in accordance with the World Aquatics qualification system.

#### **OTHER**

- G15 The World Class Programme Swimming Leadership Team may amend selection policies, at its discretion.
- G16 The Performance Director and Performance Pathway and Distance Lead will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the Olympic team are in line with this policy and align with the performance objective for the Games.

#### **APPEALS**

- G17 Any appeals against non-selection must be made to British Swimming in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available online at <https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/swimming/selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/> or by request from Adam Clarke, Associate Director 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.
- G18 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 process.