

1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the 2025 European Aquatics Open Water Championships.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- 2.1. The objectives for this event are
- 2.1.1 to optimise medal outcomes in Olympic events; and
 - 2.1.2 to maximise competition and development opportunities for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at the LA 2028 Olympic Games and beyond.

3. TEAM SIZE

- 3.1. Up to a maximum of six (6) athletes will be selected for the 2025 European Aquatics Open Water Championships. There is no obligation on Aquatics GB to select six (6) athletes and the total team size will be determined by the Performance Director (PD) at his complete discretion.
- 3.2. Up to a maximum of three (3) athletes per individual event and one relay team per event can be selected.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

- 4.1. The first British male and first British female in the 10km event at the 2024 Olympic Games (Paris, France), subject to finishing in the Top 8 will be selected for the 10km event at the 2025 European Aquatics Open Water Championships.
- 4.2. All remaining places in the 10km event at the European Aquatics Open Water Championships will be determined by the Performance Director (PD) in consultation with the Performance Pathway Lead (open water swimming) and GB Head Coach at their discretion.
- 4.3. Athletes will only be eligible for selection if they:
- 4.3.1 have achieved a time equal to or faster than the times in Table 1 for either the 800m or 1500m Freestyle (long course) within the stated qualifying window (1st Sept 2024 – 20th April 2025). Only times published on www.swimmingresults.org by 23rd April 2025 will be considered.
 - 4.3.2 have competed in at least one European Aquatics or World Aquatics OW 10km event in the previous two years.
- 4.4. Any selections for the 5km or relay events at the 2025 European Aquatics Open Water Championships will be determined by the Team Leader in consultation with the PD.

SELECTION NOTIFICATIONS

- 5.1 All athletes selected for European Aquatics Open Water Championships 28th May to 31st May 2025 will be notified by email on or before 8th May 2025.

Table 1 – Aquatics GB Marathon Pool consideration standards (50m)

Male		Female	
800m Freestyle	8:06.20	800m Freestyle	8:49.20
1500m Freestyle	15:24.90	1500m Freestyle	16:46.50

Times to be achieved between 1st September 2024 and 20th April 2025, and published on www.swimmingresults.org

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the World Aquatics rule GR2.
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline to be imposed by Aquatics GB. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by Aquatics GB. Selection Acceptance Forms will be provided by Aquatics GB to qualifying team members.
- G3 Be available to fulfil all team commitments from the time of selection through to the Championships.
- G4 Comply with any other World Aquatics 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 Aquatics GB Code of Conduct. A breach of the Aquatics GB Code of Conduct 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 Aquatics GB 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 Team Leader/Head Coach and Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation selection-related matters until authorised to do so by the Team Leader.
- 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 Performance Director.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Team Leader/Head Coach (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 Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with Aquatics GB and World Aquatics swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2025 European Aquatics Open Water Championships.

WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS

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

G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time following their selection must notify Aquatics GB immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Team Leader/Head Coach. In the event of injury or illness athletes may be deselected if they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff as determined by the Aquatics GB Chief Medical Officer or her designate.

REPLACEMENTS

G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Team Leader/Head Coach in the best interest of the overall team performance.

OTHER

G14 The World Class Leadership Team may amend selection policies, within reason at its discretion.

G15 The Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2025 European Aquatics Open Water Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 2025 European Aquatics Open Water Championships.

APPEALS

G16 Any appeals against non-selection must be made to Aquatics GB in accordance with the Aquatics GB 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@aquaticsgb.com Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.