



**Aquatics GB**

# **2026 PARA SWIMMING EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION POLICY**

## **1 POLICY PURPOSE**

1.1 This selection policy outlines the process for selecting the Para Swimming team to represent Great Britain at the 2026 Para Swimming European Championships in **tbc on tbc**.

## **2 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

2.1 The performance objectives for this event are:

2.1.1 to maximise medal outcomes in Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic events

2.1.2 to provide international competition experience for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games

## **3 SELECTION OVERVIEW**

3.1 All selections will be made by a Selection Panel (the 'Panel') comprising three (3) members. The Panel members are: The Aquatics GB Performance Strategy and Operations Director (Para Programme Lead), Head Coach Para Swimming and the Performance Pathway Lead Para Swimming, with selections made by majority decision. The meeting

will be chaired by the World Class Para Programme Manager. A record of the selection meeting will be taken by a note taker, and an independent observer will also attend the selection meeting to ensure due process.

3.2 Selections will be made in two phases:

1) **PHASE 1** – from performances at the 2025 World Para Swimming Championships, Singapore, 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (clause 5.2)

2) **PHASE 2** – from performance at the 2026 Aquatics GB (AGB) Championships, London, 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (clauses 5.3 and 5.4)

3.3 In the event that the either or both events listed in clause 3.2 are cancelled or postponed the team will be selected at the discretion of the Panel subject to World Para Swimming (WPS) Conditions.

## 4 TEAM SIZE

4.1 Up to a maximum of 30 swimmers may be selected for the 2026 Para Swimming European Championships. The total number of swimmers will be at the complete discretion of the Para Programme Lead, and subject to available funding and clause 4.2.

4.2 The Para Programme Lead may increase the total team size stated in clause 4.1 in exceptional circumstances if there is a need (as determined by the selection panel) for a larger team size to meet

WPS Paralympic Games eligibility criteria (scheduled to be published in January 2026).

- 4.3 A maximum of three (3) swimmers per event for each individual event and two (2) teams in relay events as per WPS rules.
- 4.4 All athletes must meet the Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) set by WPS to be entered in an individual event.
- 4.5 Athletes based overseas (outside of the United Kingdom) should take specific note of the General Conditions of this policy, with specific reference to clauses G3, G8 and G9.

## **5 SELECTION PROCESS**

5.1 Athletes will be selected in the following priority order:

1. 2025 World Para Swimming Championships gold medallists, subject to clause 5.2 (Phase 1)
2. Medal potential for Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games (athletes recording a time equal or better to the Table 1 time, subject to clause 5.3) (Phase 2)

3. Discretionary selections, subject to clause 5.4  
(Phase 2)

## **2025 World Para Swimming Championships gold medallists**

5.2 Up to five (5) athletes will be selected. All gold medallists in individual Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games events at the 2025 World Para Swimming Championships 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 will be **considered** for selection. The panel will prioritise selections based on the athlete's AGB Para dashboard, with priority given to athletes with a positive performance trajectory and ranked accordingly. Athletes selected under this clause will be selected for the event they have medalled in and notified by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

## **Medal potential for Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games**

5.3 Athletes equalling or bettering the published Aquatics GB Qualifying Times (QT) in Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games events set out in Table 1 at the 2026 AGB Championships will be considered for selection by the Panel. Where the number of athletes exceeds the maximum team size, athletes selected under this clause will be ranked by percentage inside the QT with the top ranked athletes (subject to clause 4.3) prioritised for selection.

## **Discretionary selections**

5.4 Discretionary selections up to the maximum team size (pursuant to clauses 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4) will be made by the Panel in consideration to the stated performance objectives in clause 2.1. These selections will be made in two phases:

- i. At the Team selection meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- ii. At a selection meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 where consideration will be given to any newly classified athletes pursuant clause 5.5.

5.5 In making discretionary selections the Panel will consider additional individual (where places remain) and relay events, where athletes may be selected to develop Great Britain's relay representation. Additional selections will be subject to WPS MQS and Wild Card Applications subject to WPS Entry criteria.

5.6 Athletes selected under clauses 5.3 will be notified on or before 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Selections under 5.4 will be notified on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

## **6 CLASSIFICATION STATUS**

6.1 If a swimmer's classification changes between the point of selection and the 2026 Para Swimming European Championships, the athlete will be deselected. The panel reserve the right to consider

the athlete for selection under their new classification, based on an analysis of their competitiveness in their event in their new classification.

## **7 EVENT ENTRIES**

- 7.1 This policy selects athletes onto the 2026 European Para Championship Team. With the exception of athletes selected under clause 5.2, the Head Coach Para Swimming in consultation with the Para Programme Lead has the responsibility to then determine all final event entries.
- 7.2 Entries for non-2028 Los Angeles Paralympic Games events will be at the complete discretion of the Head Coach Para Swimming in consultation with the Para Programme Lead.
- 7.3 All team members selected will be eligible for selection for relay teams and be expected to compete in these events if selected.

## **8 ANNOUNCEMENT**

- 8.1 The 2026 World Championships Team will be formally announced (on the Aquatics GB website) on or before Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

## **TABLE 1**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Qualifying Time (QT)</b>
Male 50m Freestyle S3	00:44.79
Male 50m Freestyle S4	00:38.36
Male 50m Freestyle S5	00:32.17
Male 50m Freestyle S7	00:28.86
Male 50m Freestyle S9	00:25.90
Male 50m Freestyle S10	00:24.25
Male 50m Freestyle S11	00:26.75
Male 50m Freestyle S13	00:24.48
Male 100m Freestyle S4	01:24.16
Male 100m Freestyle S5	01:11.35
Male 100m Freestyle S6	01:07.16
Male 100m Freestyle S8	00:59.88
Male 100m Freestyle S10	00:53.21
Male 100m Freestyle S12	00:55.23
Male 200m Freestyle S2	04:22.35
Male 200m Freestyle S3	03:25.75

Male 200m Freestyle S4	02:58.20
Male 200m Freestyle S5	02:31.74
Male 200m Freestyle S14	01:57.02
Male 400m Freestyle S6	05:12.90
Male 400m Freestyle S7	04:48.42
Male 400m Freestyle S8	04:31.92
Male 400m Freestyle S9	04:21.24
Male 400m Freestyle S11	04:40.50
Male 400m Freestyle S13	04:13.37
Male 50m Backstroke S1	01:16.12
Male 50m Backstroke S2	00:58.29
Male 50m Backstroke S3	00:50.42
Male 50m Backstroke S4	00:43.85
Male 50m Backstroke S5	00:34.05
Male 100m Backstroke S1	02:38.43

Male 100m Backstroke S2	02:05.39
Male 100m Backstroke S6	01:18.00
Male 100m Backstroke S7	01:14.34

<b>Event</b>	<b>Qualifying Time (QT)</b>
Male 100m Backstroke S8	01:08.52
Male 100m Backstroke S9	01:03.14
Male 100m Backstroke S10	01:02.79
Male 100m Backstroke S11	01:08.54
Male 100m Backstroke S12	01:04.04
Male 100m Backstroke S13	01:00.85
Male 100m Backstroke S14	01:00.03
Male 50m Breaststroke SB2	01:00.31
Male 50m Breaststroke SB3	00:50.73
Male 100m Breaststroke SB4	01:40.81
Male 100m Breaststroke SB5	01:29.93

Male 100m Breaststroke SB6	01:22.92
Male 100m Breaststroke SB8	01:12.67
Male 100m Breaststroke SB9	01:08.45
Male 100m Breaststroke SB11	01:14.84
Male 100m Breaststroke SB13	01:07.31
Male 100m Breaststroke SB14	01:05.62
Male 50m Butterfly S5	00:31.82
Male 50m Butterfly S6	00:32.27
Male 50m Butterfly S7	00:29.95
Male 100m Butterfly S8	01:04.49
Male 100m Butterfly S9	01:02.43
Male 100m Butterfly S10	00:58.26
Male 100m Butterfly S11	01:04.26
Male 100m Butterfly S12	00:59.59
Male 100m Butterfly S13	00:57.41
Male 100m Butterfly S14	00:55.95
Male 150m Individual Medley SM3	03:07.62

Male 150m Individual Medley SM4	02:41.87
Male 200m Individual Medley SM6	02:42.78
Male 200m Individual Medley SM7	02:34.99
Male 200m Individual Medley SM8	02:27.95
Male 200m Individual Medley SM9	02:19.71
Male 200m Individual Medley SM10	02:16.65
Male 200m Individual Medley SM11	02:25.98
Male 200m Individual Medley SM13	02:12.63
Male 200m Individual Medley SM14	02:09.75

<b>Event</b>	<b>Qualifying Time (QT)</b>
Female 50m Freestyle S4	00:40.28
Female 50m Freestyle S6	00:33.89
Female 50m Freestyle S8	00:31.51
Female 50m Freestyle S10	00:28.05
Female 50m Freestyle S11	00:30.61

Female 50m Freestyle S13	00:28.22
Female 100m Freestyle S3	01:34.34
Female 100m Freestyle S5	01:23.24
Female 100m Freestyle S7	01:12.54
Female 100m Freestyle S9	01:03.49
Female 100m Freestyle S10	01:02.27
Female 100m Freestyle S11	01:08.23
Female 100m Freestyle S12	01:02.55
Female 200m Freestyle S5	03:00.59
Female 200m Freestyle S14	02:11.34
Female 400m Freestyle S6	05:21.99
Female 400m Freestyle S7	05:26.42
Female 400m Freestyle S8	05:05.52
Female 400m Freestyle S9	04:51.03
Female 400m Freestyle S10	04:40.51

Female 400m Freestyle S11	05:12.55
Female 400m Freestyle S13	04:44.46
Female 50m Backstroke S2	01:07.80
Female 50m Backstroke S3	00:57.41
Female 50m Backstroke S4	00:51.39
Female 50m Backstroke S5	00:43.64
Female 100m Backstroke S2	02:26.04
Female 100m Backstroke S6	01:26.19
Female 100m Backstroke S8	01:20.71
Female 100m Backstroke S9	01:11.08
Female 100m Backstroke S10	01:09.89
Female 100m Backstroke S11	01:18.46
Female 100m Backstroke S12	01:13.47
Female 100m Backstroke S13	01:09.91
Female 100m Backstroke S14	01:08.26

Female 50m Breaststroke SB3	00:58.49
Female 100m Breaststroke SB4	01:53.46

<b>Event</b>	<b>Qualifying Time (QT)</b>
Female 100m Breaststroke SB5	01:47.38
Female 100m Breaststroke SB6	01:40.62
Female 100m Breaststroke SB7	01:33.18
Female 100m Breaststroke SB8	01:25.67
Female 100m Breaststroke SB9	01:17.98
Female 100m Breaststroke SB11	01:23.95
Female 100m Breaststroke SB12	01:22.08
Female 100m Breaststroke SB13	01:19.70
Female 100m Breaststroke SB14	01:17.73
Female 50m Butterfly S5	00:40.13
Female 50m Butterfly S6	00:36.68
Female 50m Butterfly S7	00:36.27

Female 100m Butterfly S8	01:13.58
Female 100m Butterfly S9	01:10.00
Female 100m Butterfly S10	01:07.79
Female 100m Butterfly S13	01:06.40
Female 100m Butterfly S14	01:05.61
Female 150m Individual Medley SM4	02:56.45
Female 200m Individual Medley SM5	03:30.95
Female 200m Individual Medley SM6	03:05.45
Female 200m Individual Medley SM7	03:01.80
Female 200m Individual Medley SM8	02:46.13
Female 200m Individual Medley SM9	02:38.82
Female 200m Individual Medley SM10	02:32.98
Female 200m Individual Medley SM11	02:46.68

Female 200m Individual Medley SM13	02:31.89
Female 200m Individual Medley SM14	02:28.25

# SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

## ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the appropriate World Para Swimming rules.
- 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 Para Swimming 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 Para swimming programme. Athletes must only speak to the media or comment on social media about their own performances, and group coaches must only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. The GB Head Coach and Performance Strategy and Operations Director may discuss performances of the entire team. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation to selection-related matters including any relay decisions during competition, 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 Strategy and Operations Director.

G9 Make themselves available for all national team activities designated by the GB Head Coach (including but not limited to preparation camps, competitions 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 national team 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 national team activities may be given by the Performance Strategy and Operations Director.

G10 Comply with Aquatics GB and World Para Swimming swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2026 Para Swimming European 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 GB 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 his designate.

## REPLACEMENTS

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

## OTHER

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

G15 The Performance Strategy and Operations Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2026 Para Swimming European Championships team are in line with this policy.

## 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/para-swimming/para-swimming-selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/> or by request from Sarah Kennedy, Para Programme Manager via email at



[sarah.kennedy@aquaticsgb.com](mailto:sarah.kennedy@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.

**[aquaticsgb.com](http://aquaticsgb.com) | [info@aquaticsgb.com](mailto:info@aquaticsgb.com) | 01509 618700**

SportPark, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, LE11 3QF

Aquatics GB is the trading name of British Swimming Ltd.