



**Aquatics GB**

**2026 World Aquatics Swimming (25m) Championships**  
**BEIJING, China 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2026**  
**SELECTION POLICY**

## **1. POLICY PURPOSE**

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the process of selecting the team to represent Great Britain at the 2026 World Aquatics Swimming (25m) Championships.

## **2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 The objective for this event is to provide international championship race experience for athletes on a trajectory for a podium performance at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games in pool swimming.

## **3. TEAM SIZE**

- 3.1 Up to a maximum of 15 athletes will be selected for the 2026 World Aquatics Swimming (25m) Championships. There is no obligation on Aquatics GB to select 15 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 two (2) athletes per individual event and one (1) relay team per event can be selected.

## **4. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 4.1 Up to 15 athletes may be selected at the complete discretion of the Performance Director and GB Head Coach in consultation with the swimming performance pathway lead or equivalent, in consideration to clause 2.1.
- 4.2 In making their selections, the panel will consider performances at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, 2026 European Senior Championships, 2026 European Junior Championships and an athlete's performance dashboard in relation to clause 2.1.

## **5. SELECTION NOTIFICATIONS**

- 5.1 All athletes selected will be notified by email on or before Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026. For the avoidance of doubt the deadline for appeals (see G16) against non-selection is 5pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

## SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

### ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the appropriate World Aquatics (WA) 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 WA 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 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 GB 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 GB 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 WA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2026 World Aquatics Championships (25m).

### 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 her 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 Swimming 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 2026 World Aquatics Swimming (25m) 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 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, Performance Operations Director via email at [adam.clarke@aquaticsgb.com](mailto: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.