

## **1. POLICY PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This Selection Policy outlines the process for selecting the team to represent Great Britain at the 2026 European Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships (EJC26), 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July in Munich, Germany.

## **2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE**

- 2.1 To provide an influential international competition opportunity for British junior swimmers as part of their long-term development toward future senior international success, in both individual and relay events.

## **3. SELECTION EVENT**

- 3.1 Selections will be made from performances at the 2026 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships, to be held at the London Aquatics Centre from the 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of April 2026.
- 3.2 If the 2026 British Championships is cancelled or postponed, a revised selection process will be published by the Swimming Leadership Team.

## **4. TEAM SIZE**

- 4.1 A maximum of 24 swimmers may be selected, subject to available funding. Final team size and gender split are at the discretion of the Performance Pathway Lead - Swimming (PLS) in consultation with the GB Head Coach (GBHC) and Performance Director (PD). There is no obligation to fill all available places.
- 4.2 Swimmers 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. AGE ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1 Athletes born in 2008 / 2009 / 2010 / 2011 / 2012.
- 5.2 Athletes that have already competed at previous European Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships for two years will not normally be considered for selection for a third or fourth year. In exceptional circumstances, the PLS may recommend to the GBHC and PD that further participation at this level is in the best long term development interests of an athlete (pursuant to clause 2.1). The GBHC and PD will have the final decision and full discretion on whether to allow an athlete to compete in these championships for a third or fourth year.

## **6. EVENT SELECTION**

- 6.1 Swimmers achieving a time equal to or faster than the consideration times (see Table 1) in the final of their event at the 2026 British Championships, pursuant to 6.2, will be considered for selection. The achievement of a listed consideration time does not mean the swimmer has achieved automatic selection and does not guarantee selection.
- 6.2 Only performances recorded in the Open Final or Junior Final will be considered for selection in all events, priority going to times achieved in the open finals. In the Heat Declared Winner (HDW) events, the 800m and 1500m freestyle, all performances will be considered. Performances in heat swims or swim-offs at the 2026 British Championships for all events, other than the 800m and 1500m events, will not qualify for consideration under 6.1 or 6.2.

- 6.3. Discretionary selections up to the stated maximum total number in 4.1 may be selected at the complete discretion of the PLS in consultation with the GBHC. These discretionary selections may be made from swimmers who have not achieved the consideration times listed in Table 1 at the 2026 British Championships but are deemed able to contribute to the objectives set out in Clause 2.1 and 7.2. In exercising their discretion, the PLS and GBHC will consider performances in Open Finals ahead of performances in Junior Finals. Athletes must compete at the Aquatics GB Swimming Championships to be eligible for selection. The PLS is under no obligation to use these discretionary places.
- 6.4. Any eligible swimmer achieving selection for the 2026 Commonwealth Games (CWG26) or the 2026 European Championships (ELC26) will be eligible for selection to EJC26 subject to discussion and agreement between the GBHC, Home Nation CWG Head Coaches, and the PLS in consideration of the athlete's overall long-term development.

## **7. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS**

- 7.1. All swimmers selected for individual events will be eligible for relays.
- 7.2. Additional swimmers may be selected purely for relay purposes at the discretion of the PLS pursuant to clauses 6.3 and 6.4 and 2.1.

## **8. EVENT ENTRIES**

- 8.1 This policy selects swimmers onto the EJC26 team. The PLS and the EJC26 Head Coach will determine all individual and relay entries in consideration of the performance objective outlined in clause 2.1.

## **9. ORIENTATION & PREPARATION**

- 9.1. A mandatory online team orientation event will take place. The date will be advised at the point of selection.
- 9.2. A compulsory programme of monitoring and tracking will be required by the home programme, so that we can best support optimal performance at the EJC26.
- 9.3. Athletes selected for the EJC26, are required to race or simulate racing six weeks prior to the commencement of EJC26 (subject to resourcing); optimally this will occur at the AP Race International at the end of May 2026. Athletes racing preparation schedule will need to be discussed with eh PLS in conjunction with their home coach.

## **10. ASSEMBLY**

- 10.1 All selected swimmers will be required to cover their own travel expenses to the designated team assembly point in the UK.

## **11. NOTIFICATION**

- 11.1 Athletes selected for the EJC26 will be notified before Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

**TABLE 1 – 2026 European Junior Championships Consideration Times**

<b>CONSIDERATION TIMES</b>		
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MALE</b>
25.40	<b>50m FREESTYLE</b>	22.80
55.40	<b>100m FREESTYLE</b>	49.80
2.00.20	<b>200m FREESTYLE</b>	1.49.20
4.14.20	<b>400m FREESTYLE</b>	3.53.50
8.43.00	<b>800m FREESTYLE</b>	08:06.50
16.42.50	<b>1500m FREESTYLE</b>	15:33.20
28.65	<b>50m BACKSTROKE</b>	25.60
1.01.80	<b>100m BACKSTROKE</b>	55.50
2.13.30	<b>200m BACKSTROKE</b>	2:01.20
31.60	<b>50m BREASTSTROKE</b>	28.20
1.09.30	<b>100m BREASTSTROKE</b>	1:01.80
2.28.50	<b>200m BREASTSTROKE</b>	2:14.20
26.70	<b>50m BUTTERFLY</b>	24.10
1.00.20	<b>100m BUTTERFLY</b>	53.20
2.12.53	<b>200m BUTTERFLY</b>	1.59.90
2.15.20	<b>200m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY</b>	2:02.57
4.47.60	<b>400m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY</b>	4:23.70

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

All selected swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible under World Aquatics 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 (AGB). Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by AGB. Selection Acceptance Forms will be provided by AGB 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, including in respect of nationality and/or anti-doping.

## **TEAM COMMITMENTS**

All team members will be required to:

- G5 Comply with the AGB Code of Conduct. A breach of the AGB 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 AGB 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 Lead - Swimming (PLS) and Performance Director (PD) may discuss performances of the entire team. Swimmers must not publicise and information in relation to 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 PLS.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the PLS. 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 PLS.
- G10 Comply with AGB, World Aquatics and European Aquatics swimwear regulations whilst competing at the EJC26.

## **WITHDRAWALS**

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the team commitment (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 AGB 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 PLS if they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff as determined by the AGB Chief Medical Officer or her designate.

## **REPLACEMENTS**

- G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the will be considered at the complete discretion of the PLS in the best interests 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 PD and PLS will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selection for the EJC26 team is in line with this policy.

## APPEALS

G16 Any appeals against non-selection must be made to AGB in accordance with the AGB 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 Strategy and 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.