Aquatics GB

2027 WORLD AQUATICS JUNIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
16th to the 21st of August, Oeiras, Portugal.
2027 EUROPEAN AQUATICS JUNIOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
29th to the 4th of July 2027, Bjelovar, Croatia.
SELECTION POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

1.1 This Selection Policy outlines the process for selecting the team to represent Great Britain at the 2027 World Junior Championships (WJC27) and the 2027 European Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships (EJC27).

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 for the EJC27 team will be made from performances at the 2027 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships, to be held at the London Aquatics Centre from the 6th-11th of April 2027.

3.2 If the 2027 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships do not take place as defined above, the Swimming Leadership Team will amend this policy and publicise a revised edition at their earliest convenience.

4. TEAM SIZE

4.1 A maximum of 24 swimmers may be selected in total for the EJC27, a maximum of 16 swimmers may be selected in total for the WJC27, both subject to available funding. Final team size is 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 2009 / 2010 / 2011

5.2 In exceptional circumstances, the PLS may recommend to the GBHC and PD that athletes born in 2012 and 2013 may be selected if it is deemed in the best long term development interests of an athlete pursuant to clause 2.1. The GBHC and PD will have final approval in selecting any athlete outside of the age bands outlined in 5.1.

6. SELECTION PROCESS

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION (EJC27)

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 2027 Aquatics GB Swimming 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 2027 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships for all events, other than the 800m and 1500m events, will not qualify for consideration under this clause 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 2027 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships but are deemed able to contribute to the objectives set out in Clause 2.1, and in consideration to 5.2 and 7.2. In exercising this discretion, the PLS in consultation with the GBHC will consider performances in Open Finals ahead of Junior Finals. Athletes must compete at the 2027 Aquatics GB Swimming Championships to be eligible for selection. The PLS is under no obligation to use these discretionary places.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION (WJC27)

6.4 The WJC27 team will be selected from athletes at the EJC27 and any age eligible athletes selected for the 2027 World Aquatics Swimming Championships (WSC27, 26th June – 18th July Budapest, Hungary), pursuant to clauses 2.1,4.1 and 7.2. Any selection of eligible WSC27 athletes will be subject to consultation between the GBHC / PD and the PLS in consideration of the athlete's overall long-term development and the final decision will sit with the PD.

6.5 In making selections for the WJC27, the PLS will consider (not in priority order);

(a) performances at the EJC27 and WSC27, in both individual events and relays;

(b) performance trajectory as shown on the athlete's performance dashboard;

(c) the above points pursuant to clauses 2.1 and 4.1.

All selections are at the discretion of the PLS in consultation with the GBHC and PD.

7. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS

7.1 All team members selected for individual events will be considered eligible for relay team selection.

7.2 Additional swimmers may be selected purely for relay purposes at the discretion of the PLS pursuant to clauses 2.1, 6.3. 6.4 and 6.5.

8. EVENT ENTRIES

8.1 This policy selects swimmers onto the EJC27 and/or the WJC27 team. The PLS and the respective Head Coaches will determine all individual and relay entries in consideration of the performance objective outlined in clause 2.1.

9. ORIENTATION & PREPARATION

9.1 For the EJC27, a mandatory online team orientation event will take place prior to the competition.

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 EJC27 and/or the WJC27.

9.3 Athletes selected for the EJC27, are required to race or simulate racing six weeks prior to the commencement of EJC27 (subject to resourcing); optimally this will occur at the AP Race International at the end of May 2027. Athletes race preparation schedule for both the EJC27 and/or the WJC27 will need to be discussed with the 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 EJC267 will be notified before Friday the 16th of April 2027

11.2 Athletes selected for the WJC27 will be notified before Wednesday 7th of July 2027

TABLE 1 – 2027 Consideration Times

CONSIDERATION TIMES		
FEMALE	**EVENT**	**MALE**
25.40	**50m FREESTYLE**	22.80
55.30	**100m FREESTYLE**	49.70
2.00.20	**200m FREESTYLE**	1.49.20
4.14.00	**400m FREESTYLE**	3.53.50
8.42.50	**800m FREESTYLE**	08:06.50
16.41.00	**1500m FREESTYLE**	15:33.00
28.60	**50m BACKSTROKE**	25.60
1.01.70	**100m BACKSTROKE**	55.40
2.13.10	**200m BACKSTROKE**	2:01.20
31.50	**50m BREASTSTROKE**	28.10
1.09.20	**100m BREASTSTROKE**	1:01.80
2.28.30	**200m BREATSTROKE**	2:14.20
26.70	**50m BUTTERFLY**	24.00
1.00.10	**100m BUTTERFLY**	53.20
2.12.20	**200m BUTTERFLY**	1.59.90
2.15.20	**200m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**	2:02.40
4.47.10	**400m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**	4:23.50

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 EJC27 or WJC27.

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 polices, within reason at its discretion.

G15 The PD and PLS will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selection for the EJC27 & WJC27 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. Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.