

EUROPEAN LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

DEBRECEN, HUNGARY 21-27 MAY 2012

SELECTION POLICY

For any selection to be confirmed, all swimmers and coaches wishing to be considered for selection must have completed a Selection Acceptance Form, as outlined in 3.11

The team will be identified from performances at the British Gas Long Course Championships, Olympic Aquatics Centre London, 3-10 March 2012 (the 'Trials').

1. ATHLETE SELECTION

- 1.1 There are up to 2 places available in each individual event.
- 1.2 There will be 4 places available for selection in each of the Freestyle relay events. However, additional relay alternates may be selected at the discretion of the National Performance Director and GB Head Coach subject to available funding.
- 1.3 'Available' athletes achieving the Olympic Games qualification standards in the individual events at the 'Trials' will be selected to compete at the European Long Course Championships 2012.
- 1.4 The 4 Olympic Games qualifiers from the 'Trials' in the 4x100m Freestyle and 4x200m Freestyle events will be selected for the respective relay events. Consideration may also be given to selecting additional swimmers to compete in the European Long Course Championships 2012 freestyle relays at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director and GB Head Coach.
- 1.5 Medley relay teams will comprise of athletes selected in 1.3 and 1.4. Where there are no qualifiers in the 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke and/or 100m butterfly event, one (1) swimmer may be selected for each 100m event without qualifiers to make up the medley relay team. Such a selection will be at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director and GB Head Coach.
- 1.6 All selected swimmers are eligible for consideration for all freestyle and medley relay teams. The Head Coach will determine the final make-up of the relay teams at the European Long Course Championships 2012.
- 1.7 Entries in unfilled events may be offered to selected athletes if the GB Head Coach considers participation in these events will not detract from the swimmer's Olympic Games performance in their primary event(s)

2. COACH SELECTION

- 2.1 The National Performance Director will assume the role of Team Leader at the European Long Course Championships 2012.
- 2.2 The GB Head Coach will act as the Head Coach at the European Long Course Championships 2012.
- 2.3 Six (6) 'available' Assistant Coaches will be selected at the discretion of the GB Head Coach.
- 2.4 Coaches must be holders of the UKCC/ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an UKCC/ASA Coach Course at time of selection
- 2.5 Coaches must have been resident within the UK for a minimum period of two years leading into selection, unless employed or deployed by a British or Home Country National Governing Body.

3. GENERAL

- 3.1 The reference to 'available' in the sections above denotes British swimmers and coaches who have declared their availability (as outlined in 3.11) to attend the European Long Course Championships 2012, and who are eligible to represent Great Britain at the European Long Course Championships.
- 3.2 Selections made at the discretion of the National Performance Director and the GB Head Coach in clause 1.4 and 1.5 will be subject to number of factors such as a swimmer's past performance, their rate of progression, their Olympic medal potential for 2012 and/or 2016. Such nominations will be at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director and GB Head Coach taking into consideration those factors listed.

- 3.3 Swimmers must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for peak performance at the Olympic Games 2012 as determined by their personal coach and approved by the GB Head Coach. If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fulfill this commitment, they may be withdrawn from the team European Long Course Championships 2012 team.
- 3.4 **ALL** team members will be expected to attend **ALL** required preparation activities organised between the end of the 'Trials' and European Long Course Championships 2012, if selected and required to attend by the GB Head Coach. Failure to attend the required activities could result in withdrawal from the European Long Course Championships 2012 team. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director.
- 3.5 Team members will be expected to attend each programmed camp, where selected, on a full-time basis, taking part in all programmed activities. No team member will be allowed to leave a camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the camp programme, this includes any external media, sponsor or social activities.
- 3.6 Swimmers may not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the 'Trials' and the European Long Course Championships 2012 without prior written approval from the GB Head Coach and the National Performance Director.
- 3.7 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection and the European Long Course Championships 2012 must notify British Swimming immediately and may be required to undertake a full medical examination by British Swimming Medical Staff, which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the European Long Course Championships 2012 team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director following consultation with the BOA.
- 3.8 Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time following their selection and the European Long Course Championships 2012. Any swimmer judged to be unfit by British Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming, may be de-selected from the European Long Course Championships 2012 team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director following consultation with the BOA.
- 3.9 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the European Long Course Championships 2012 team will be considered at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director and GB Head Coach following if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.
- 3.10 All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct. A breach of the British Swimming Code of Conduct may result in de-selection from the team.
- 3.11 **Selection Acceptance Form:** All swimmers and coaches will be expected to complete a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate in the European Long Course Championships 2012. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation. Selection Acceptance Forms will be provided by British Swimming to qualifying team members at 'Trials'.
- 3.12 All swimmers must comply with FINA and British Swimming swimwear regulations whilst competing at the European Long Course Championships 2012.
- 3.13 British Swimming will impose a fine of £500 on any swimmer who withdraws from the team for any reason other than illness or injury (as certified by British Swimming Medical Staff).
- 3.14 All team members will be expected to abide by the Media Protocols of the British 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 National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team.
- 3.15 Any appeals against nominations in relation to this GB Technical Swimming Committee selection policy must be made in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures that can be found on the British Swimming website or upon request.

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