



## 2022 European Open Water Championships 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022, Ostia, Italy SELECTION POLICY

### 1. POLICY PURPOSE

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the 2022 LEN European Open Water Championships.

### 2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1. The objective for this event is to optimise medal outcomes in Olympic events and to maximise competition and development opportunities for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and beyond.

### 3. SELECTION TRIALS

- 3.1. 10km selections will be made from performances at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Lake Lupa, Hungary, 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- 3.2. Further selections may be made from performances at the 2022 Swim Wales Challenge Series Open Water Meet, Llandegfedd Reservoir, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022,

### 4. TEAM SIZE

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of 8 athletes will be selected for the 2022 LEN European Open Water Championships.
- 4.2. There is no obligation on British Swimming to select eight (8) athletes and the total team size will be determined by the Performance Director (PD) at his complete discretion.
- 4.3. Up to a maximum of three (3) athletes per individual event and one relay team per nation can be selected.

### 5. SELECTION PROCESS

- 5.1. The top British male and top British female 10km race finisher at the 2022 FINA World Championship in Lake Lupa, 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June will be selected.
- 5.2. The overall first male and the first female swimmer in the designated 7.5km race at the 2022 Swim Wales Challenge Series Open Water Meet on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Llandegfedd Reservoir will be selected, subject to 5.4 below.
- 5.3. Additional selections may be made by the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming in consultation with the PD and GB Head Coach, subject to 2.1 and 4.1 above. These selections can be made up to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022.
- 5.4. To be considered under 5.2 the individual is required to be ranked in the top eight (8) in one of the distance freestyle events, specifically the 400m, 800m or 1500m freestyle (British rankings, long course, as of the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022; [swimmingresults.org/12monthsranking/openagegroup](http://swimmingresults.org/12monthsranking/openagegroup)).
- 5.5. Once selected onto the team under 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 all athletes will be eligible for relay selection, and may also be considered for additional individual events including the 25km event, subject to 4.1.
- 5.6. Event entries in all distances for individual and relays will be determined by the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming subject to 2.1 above.

### 6. SELECTION NOTIFICATION

- 6.1. Selected athletes will be notified within 72 hours of the conclusion of the selection race (clauses 5.1 and 5.2) and by 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (clause 5.4). In the event that a selection race is cancelled or GB participation is cancelled, all swimmers selected under 5.1 and 5.2 will be selected at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming in consultation with the PD, GB Head Coach and Head of Performance Development.



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## **SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Swimmers must:**

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA rule GR2.
- G2 Have completed a selection acceptance form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline stated by British Swimming. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by British Swimming. Selection acceptance forms will be provided by British Swimming to qualifying team members.
- G3 Be available to fulfil all team commitments from the time of nomination through to the championships.
- G4 Comply with any other FINA 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 British Swimming Code of Conduct. A breach of the British Swimming 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 British Swimming World Class 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 and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming 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/Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming. Swimmers must not publicise injury or health status at any point after selection without prior approval of the Team Lead/Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming.
- G8 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the selection events and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the Performance Director and/or Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming (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, approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the Performance Director and/or Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.

### **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 British Swimming 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



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complete discretion of the GB Head Coach. In the event of mental health illness athletes may be deselected if they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff as determined by the British Swimming Chief Medical Officer or their designate.

**REPLACEMENTS**

G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming in the best interest of the overall team performance.

**OTHER**

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

G15 The PD and Performance Pathway and Distance Lead Olympic Swimming will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2022 LEN European Open Water Championships team are in line with this policy.

**APPEALS**

G16 Any appeals against non-selection must be made to British Swimming 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, Associate Director, Performance Strategy and Operations via email at [adam.clarke@swimming.org](mailto:adam.clarke@swimming.org). Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.