Aquatics GB

2027 PARA SWIMMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
25th July – 1st August 2027
Guadalajara, MEXICO
SELECTION POLICY

1 POLICY PURPOSE

1.1 This selection policy outlines the process for selecting the Para Swimming team to represent Great Britain at the 2027 Para Swimming World Championships.

2 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

2.1 The performance objectives for this event are:

2.1.1 to maximise Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games qualification quota places

2.1.2 to maximise medal outcomes in Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games events

3 SELECTION OVERVIEW

3.1 All selections will be made by a Selection Panel (the 'Panel') comprising three (3) members. The Panel members are: The Aquatics GB Performance Operations Director (Para Programme Lead), Head Coach Para Swimming and the Performance Pathway Lead Para Swimming, with a record of the selection meeting taken by a note taker. An independent observer will also attend the selection meeting to ensure due process, but with no voting rights. Additional personnel may be invited to attend selection panel meetings by the Para Programme Lead, to provide pertinent information to help inform the decision-making process.

3.2 Selections will be made in two phases:

3.2.1 **Phase 1** – from performances at the Aquatics GB (AGB) Swimming Championships, London Aquatics Centre, London, 6th-11th April 2027. Selections will be made via a selection panel meeting on 12th April 2027.

3.2.2 **Phase 2** – discretionary selections following World Para Series events up to the end of May 2027 Selections will be made via a selection panel meeting on 1st June 2027 (subject to confirmation of WPS selection criteria and deadlines for entries).

3.3 In the event that the selection event listed in clause 3.2.1 is cancelled, the team will be selected at the discretion of the selection panel subject to WPS Conditions.

4 TEAM SIZE

4.1 A maximum of 32 swimmers may be selected for the 2027 Para Swimming World Championships. The Para Programme Lead may increase the team size beyond this number in exceptional circumstances to meet performance objectives. The total number of swimmers will be determined at the complete discretion of the Para Programme Lead, subject to funding.

4.2 World Para Swimming ("WPS") permits each National Paralympic Committee (in this case Aquatics GB not the British Paralympic Association) to enter a maximum of three swimmers per event for each individual event and one team in relay events.

4.3 All athletes must meet the Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) set by WPS and be entered into an individual event at the 2027 Para Swimming World Championships.

4.4 Priority will be given to selecting athletes in Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic events, in meeting clauses 2.1.1 and 2.1.2. There is no requirement for places in non-Paralympic events to be utilised.

4.5 Athletes 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 SELECTION PROCESS

5.2 Athletes will be selected in the following phased priority order:

5.2.1 Medal potential for Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games based on performances at the 2027 AGB Championships; and

5.2.2 Additional discretionary selections, to include additional individual selections, additional relay selections, and athletes with medal potential for the Brisbane 2032 Paralympic Games.

Phase 1 selections

5.3 The 1st and 2nd fastest athletes in a final at the 2027 AGB Championships who equal or better the published AGB Para Qualifying Times (QT) set out in Table 1 below will be selected for that event.

5.4 Where the number of athletes in 5.3 exceeds the maximum team size, athletes will be ranked by the percentage inside the AGB Para QT, with priority given to the top ranked athletes, up to the maximum team size selected.

Phase 2 selections

5.5 Additional athletes, may be selected at the complete discretion of the panel, subject to clauses 2.1, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. In making these selections the panel will consider (not in priority order):

5.5.1 Those athletes recording times inside the AGB Para QTs in individual Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games events at the 2027 AGB Championships.

5.5.2 Relay selections where the additional selected athlete will ensure the relay team has strong medal potential, or contribute to Great Britain's representation within relay events, pursuant to 4.3

5.5.3 Brisbane 2032 Paralympic Games medal potential based on the British Para Swimming athlete performance dashboards

5.5.4 Additional selections to help deliver the objective outlined in clause 2.1.1 and subject to clause 4.1

5.5.5 Additional selections will be subject to WPS MQS and Wild Card Applications subject to WPS entry criteria.

6 CLASSIFICATION

6.1 Athletes who are undergoing international classification, or are subject to classification review, protest, appeal, observation assessment, or are waiting confirmation of an international sport class or sport class status, may be considered for selection under phase 2 provided they have otherwise satisfied the relevant selection criteria.

6.1 Any selection of such athletes is made on a conditional basis and remain subject to the athlete:

6.1.1 obtaining an eligible sport class and sport class status for the 2027 Para Swimming World Championships;

6.1.2 retaining a sport class that permits participation in the event(s) for which they have been selected;

6.1.3 meeting all World Para Swimming (WPS), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and 2027 Para Swimming World Championships eligibility requirements; and

6.1.4 Successfully completing any required classification assessment at events designated by WPS.

6.2 Should an athlete's sport class, sport class status, event eligibility, or 2027 Para Swimming World Championships eligibility change following selection , AGB reserves the right to withdraw, amend, or reconsider the athlete's selection.

6.3 For the avoidance of doubt, selection shall not guarantee participation in the 2027 Para Swimming World Championships where classification outcomes subsequently render the athlete ineligible or affect their eligibility for the event(s) concerned.

7 EVENT ENTRIES

7.1 This Policy selects athletes onto the 2027 World Championship Team. The Head Coach Para Swimming in consultation with the Para Programme Lead has the responsibility to determine all final event entries.

7.1 Entries for non-2028 Los Angeles Paralympic Games events will be at the complete discretion of the Head Coach Para Swimming in consultation with the Para Programme Lead.

7.2 All team members selected will be eligible for selection for relay teams and expected to compete in these events if selected.

8 NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

8.1 Athletes selected to the 2027 Para Swimming World Championships team will be notified by email in two stages:

8.1.1 All selections for Phase 1 on or before 19th April 2027.

8.1.2 Additional selections following Phase 2 on or before 4th June 2027.

AGB Para QT's will be published in November 2026

TABLE 1 – AGB PARA QT's

Event	Qualifying Time (QT)
Male 50m Freestyle S3	TBC
Male 50m Freestyle S4	TBC
Male 50m Freestyle S5	TBC
Male 50m Freestyle S7	TBC
Male 50m Freestyle S9	TBC
Male 50m Freestyle S10	TBC
Male 50m Freestyle S11	TBC
Male 50m Freestyle S13	TBC
Male 100m Freestyle S4	TBC
Male 100m Freestyle S5	TBC
Male 100m Freestyle S6	TBC
Male 100m Freestyle S8	TBC
Male 100m Freestyle S10	TBC
Male 100m Freestyle S12	TBC
Male 200m Freestyle S2	TBC
Male 200m Freestyle S3	TBC
Male 200m Freestyle S4	TBC
Male 200m Freestyle S5	TBC
Male 200m Freestyle S14	TBC
Male 400m Freestyle S6	TBC
Male 400m Freestyle S7	TBC
Male 400m Freestyle S8	TBC
Male 400m Freestyle S9	TBC
Male 400m Freestyle S11	TBC
Male 400m Freestyle S13	TBC
Male 50m Backstroke S1	TBC
Male 50m Backstroke S2	TBC
Male 50m Backstroke S3	TBC
Male 50m Backstroke S4	TBC
Male 50m Backstroke S5	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S1	TBC

Male 100m Backstroke S2	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S6	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S7	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S8	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S9	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S10	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S11	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S12	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S13	TBC
Male 100m Backstroke S14	TBC
Male 50m Breaststroke SB2	TBC
Male 50m Breaststroke SB3	TBC
Male 100m Breaststroke SB4	TBC
Male 100m Breaststroke SB5	TBC
Male 100m Breaststroke SB6	TBC
Male 100m Breaststroke SB8	TBC
Male 100m Breaststroke SB9	TBC
Male 100m Breaststroke SB11	TBC
Male 100m Breaststroke SB13	TBC
Male 100m Breaststroke SB14	TBC
Male 50m Butterfly S5	TBC
Male 50m Butterfly S6	TBC
Male 50m Butterfly S7	TBC
Male 100m Butterfly S8	TBC
Male 100m Butterfly S9	TBC
Male 100m Butterfly S10	TBC
Male 100m Butterfly S11	TBC
Male 100m Butterfly S12	TBC
Male 100m Butterfly S13	TBC
Male 100m Butterfly S14	TBC
Male 150m Individual Medley SM3	TBC
Male 150m Individual Medley SM4	TBC
Male 200m Individual Medley SM6	TBC
Male 200m Individual Medley SM7	TBC
Male 200m Individual Medley SM8	TBC

Male 200m Individual Medley SM9	TBC
Male 200m Individual Medley SM10	TBC
Male 200m Individual Medley SM11	TBC
Male 200m Individual Medley SM13	TBC
Male 200m Individual Medley SM14	TBC
Female 50m Freestyle S4	TBC
Female 50m Freestyle S6	TBC
Female 50m Freestyle S8	TBC
Female 50m Freestyle S10	TBC
Female 50m Freestyle S11	TBC
Female 50m Freestyle S13	TBC
Female 100m Freestyle S3	TBC
Female 100m Freestyle S5	TBC
Female 100m Freestyle S7	TBC
Female 100m Freestyle S9	TBC
Female 100m Freestyle S10	TBC
Female 100m Freestyle S11	TBC
Female 100m Freestyle S12	TBC
Female 200m Freestyle S5	TBC
Female 200m Freestyle S14	TBC
Female 400m Freestyle S6	TBC
Female 400m Freestyle S7	TBC
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Female 200m Individual Medley SM11	TBC
Female 200m Individual Medley SM13	TBC
Female 200m Individual Medley SM14	TBC

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the appropriate World Para Swimming (WPS) 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 World Para Swimming 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 and the Para Athlete Charter. 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 Para swimming programme. Athletes must only speak to the media or comment on social media about their own performances, and group coaches must only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. The Head Coach Para Swimming and Para Programme Lead may discuss performances of the entire team. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation to selection-related matters including any relay decisions during competition, until authorised to do so by the Team Leader.

G8 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the selection trials/selection notification and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the Para Programme Lead.

G9 Make themselves available for all national team activities designated by the Head Coach Para Swimming (including but not limited to preparation camps, competitions 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 national team 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 national team activities may be given by the Para Programme Lead.

G10 Comply with Aquatics GB and World Para Swimming swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2027 Para Swimming World Championships.

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 Head Coach Para Swimming. 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 Head Coach Para Swimming in the best interest of the overall team performance.

OTHER

G14 The Para Swimming Leadership Team may amend selection policies, within reason at its discretion.

G15 The Para Programme Lead and Head Coach Para Swimming will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2027 Para Swimming World 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 Aquatics GB Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available online at https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/para-swimming/para-swimming-selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/ or by request from Sarah Kennedy, Para Programme Manager via email at sarah.kennedy@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.