

**FINA WORLD SHORT COURSE
CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**
DOHA, QATAR, 3-7 DECEMBER
SELECTION POLICY



1. SELECTIONS

- 1.1. There will be no designated selection meet for the World Short Course Championships 2014.
- 1.2. Selections will be made from 'available' (see 3.1) athletes on the basis of FINA Long Course World Rankings as published on 1st September 2014 and in consideration to Short Course performances in the period 1st September 2013 to 30th August 2014.
- 1.3. An athlete's best time from either the Commonwealth Games or European Long Course Championships will be used. **Only times from these two competitions will be considered.**
- 1.4. Selections will be for Olympic events only.

2. TEAM SIZE

- 2.1. A maximum team size of up to 12 athletes will be selected.

3. INDIVIDUAL EVENT SELECTION

- 3.1. Swimmers (unless wild card selections) must be ranked (on the basis of 1.2) in the World Top 12 (2 per nation) to be considered for selection. All swimmers will be deemed available for selection unless agreed with the GB Head Coach.
- 3.2. The 8 highest ranked athletes in Olympic events will be selected.
- 3.3. Up to 4 additional swimmers may be selected (wild card selections) at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach.
- 3.4. Where places remain in Olympic and non-Olympic events, selected swimmers **may** be offered additional individual events if the National Performance Director and GB Head Coach view that participation in additional events will not detract from the swimmer's performance in their main event. The final decision will be at the National Performance Directors discretion.
- 3.5. Selections are conditional upon the GB Head Coach being satisfied that the swimmer is in full training and demonstrates an uncompromised commitment to peak performance at the World Championships 2015.

4. RELAY EVENT SELECTIONS

- 4.1 Relay selections will be at the discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with the National Performance Director. Relay teams entered will comprise swimmers selected for individual events (3.2) or additional wild card selections (3.3).

5. COACH SELECTIONS

- 5.1. The GB Head Coach will assume the position of Head Coach.
- 5.2. A maximum of two (2) Team Coaches will be selected at the discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with the National Performance Director.

6. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 6.1 Final team numbers will be subject to available funding
- 6.2 Athletes must:
 - 6.2.1 be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA General Rule 2 (GR 2).
 - 6.2.2 be available to fulfill team commitments.
 - 6.2.3 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.
 - 6.2.4 Demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for peak performance at the meet for which they have been selected as determined by their personal coach and approved by the GB Head Coach or the National Performance Director.
- 6.3 Coaches must:
 - 6.3.1 Be holders of the UKCC Level 3 (or equivalent) or equivalent, or be enrolled on an UKCC Level 3 Coaches Course at time of selection.
 - 6.3.2 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.
- 6.4 All Team members will be required to:
 - 6.4.1 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.
 - 6.4.2 Abide by 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.
 - 6.4.3 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by as compulsory the National Performance Director or GB Head Coach (including but not limited to preparation camps and staging camps. No team member will be allowed to leave a 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. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the National Performance Director.

6.5 Withdrawals

- 6.5.1 If for any reason an athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments specified in section 6.2 and 6.4 they may be withdrawn from the team.
- 6.5.2 Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination by British Swimming Medical staff. This may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director.
- 6.5.3 Athletes may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time following their selection. Any athlete judged to be unfit by British Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming, may be de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the National Performance Director.

6.6 Replacements

- 6.6.1 Replacement of athletes or coaches withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.
- 6.6.2 Selections made at the discretion of the GB Head Coach will be subject to a number of factors such as a swimmer's current and past performance, their rate of progression and their Olympic medal potential for 2016.

6.7 Other

- 6.7.1 The GB Head Coach in consultation with the National Performance Director will exercise his authority to ensure that the final selections of the team are in line with the policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the team competition.
- 6.7.2 British Swimming may amend selection policies at any time at its discretion and will ensure any amendments are communicated to all Team members.