

EUROPEAN SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS ISTANBUL

10th- 13th DECEMBER 2009

Selection Policy

Swimmers who have been identified to compete for the European All Stars v USA Duel In The Pool, 19th & 20th December, will not be eligible for European Short Course 2009 selection

For any selection to be confirmed, all swimmers and coaches wishing to be considered for selection must formally declare their availability as outlined in 3.13

The team will be selected from performances at the Scottish Nationals Glasgow 25th -28th June 2009, the ASA Senior/Youth Nationals, Sheffield 28th July-2nd August 2009, the World Long Course Championships Rome 26th July-2nd August 2009, the World Student Games Belgrade 1st -12th July 2009, the British Tri Meet 1st-2nd August 2009, and the European Junior Championships Prague 8th-12th July 2009 (the 'Selection Meets').

1. ATHLETE SELECTION

- 1.1. A maximum of 18 male and 18 female athletes will be selected.
- 1.2. LEN permits a maximum of 4 entries in each individual event with the exception of the Women's 800m Freestyle and Men's 1500m Freestyle where 2 entries are permitted.
- 1.3. The minimum age is: male 17 years and female 15 years as at the 31/12/2009
- 1.4. 'Available' athletes will be ranked on individual Olympic performances achieved at the 'Selection Meets' and selected in the following priority order until all 18 Male and 18 Female places are filled:
 - 1.4.1. Priority 1: The highest ranked athlete in each individual Olympic event will be selected for that event.
 - 1.4.2. Priority 2: Where places remain, the 2nd highest ranked athlete in each individual Olympic event will be selected for that event.
 - 1.4.3. Priority 3: Where places remain, the 3rd highest ranked athlete in each individual Olympic event will be selected for that event.
 - 1.4.4. Priority 4: Where places remain, the 4th highest ranked athlete in each individual Olympic event will be selected for that event.

Within each priority above, precedence will be given to the highest ranked athletes based on times achieved at the 'Selection Meets' calculated as a percentage of the Beijing Olympic Bronze medal time.

- 1.5. Where a swimmer has qualified in more than one event, and the GB Head Coach views participation in additional event(s) will detract from the swimmer's performance in their main event due to the European Short Course 2009 programme scheduling, then their additional event(s) may be offered instead to the next highest ranked swimmer from times recorded in that event at the 'Selection Meets'.
- 1.6. All selected individual event swimmers are eligible for consideration for all relay teams. The Head Coach will determine the final make-up of the relay teams at the European Short Course Championships 2009, and as such, time trials may be conducted at any time at the discretion of the Head Coach to establish fitness and/or confirm final relay selections.
- 1.7. Entries in non-Olympic events may be offered to Olympic event qualifiers, if the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director view the swimmer's participation in the non-Olympic event will not detract from the swimmer's performance in the Olympic event.

2. COACH SELECTION

- 2.1. The GB Head Coach will act as the Head Coach of the European Short Course Championships 2009.
- 2.2. Six additional Assistant Coaches will be selected at the discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with National Performance Director from 'available' coaches of athletes selected for the European Short Course Championships 2009 team.
- 2.3. 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.
- 2.4. 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 not been selected for the Duel In The Pool meet and who have declared their availability (as outlined in 3.13) to attend the European Short Course Championships 2009.
- 3.2. Only swimmers eligible and available to represent Great Britain at the European Short Course Championships 2009 will be selected.
- 3.3. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- 3.4. If an equal ranking occurs in 1.4, precedence will be given to the athlete with the highest FINA Point Score based on the most recently published FINA Point Scoring.
- 3.5. Swimmers must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation 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.
- 3.6. **ALL** team members will be expected to attend **ALL** required preparation activities organised between the end of the 'Selection Meets' and European Short Course Championships 2009, if selected and required to attend by the GB Head Coach. 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 National Performance Director.
- 3.7. 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 or social activities.
- 3.8. Swimmers may not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions following selection for the European Short Course Championships 2009 without prior written approval from the GB Head Coach and the National Performance Director.
- 3.9. Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time between selection and the European Short Course Championships 2009 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 discretion of the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director.
- 3.10. Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time between selection and the conclusion of the European Short Course Championships 2009. Any swimmer judged to be unfit by British Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming, may be de-selected from the team at the discretion of the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director.
- 3.11. Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the European Short Course Championships 2009 team will be considered by the National Performance Director and GB Head Coach if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.
- 3.12. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct.
- 3.13. **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 Short Course Championships 2009. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation.

Further information on the European Short Course 2009 Selection Acceptance Form will be posted on the British Swimming website.

- 3.14. 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 an independent medical advisor approved by British Swimming Medical Staff).
- 3.15. 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.
- 3.16. The National Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the European Short Course Championships 2009 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the European Short Course Championships 2009.
- 3.17. Any appeals against nominations in relation to this GB Technical Swimming Committee selection policy must be made in accordance with the British Swimming appeals procedures.

**GB Technical Swimming Committee
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