

## BRITISH TRI MEET CRYSTAL PALACE, LONDON

### (CANADA v RUSSIA v GREAT BRITAIN)

1<sup>ST</sup>-2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2009

### SELECTION POLICY

Swimmers who qualify for the World LC Championships 2009 Rome, the World Open Water Championships 2009 Ostia or the World University Games 2009 Belgrade, will not be eligible for British Tri Meet 2009 selection.

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 4.12

The team for the British Tri Meet 2009 will be identified from performances at the Scottish Nationals Glasgow 25<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and the British Gas LC Championships Sheffield 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 (the 'Selection Meets').

#### 1. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

##### 1.1. Ages eligible for selection:

1.1.1. Males: 22 years of age and under as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 i.e. born 1987 or later.

1.1.2. Females: 20 years of age and under as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 i.e. born 1989 or later.

1.2. There will be 2 places available for selection in each Olympic event.

1.3. The 2 highest ranked 'available' swimmers from times recorded in the finals of each individual Olympic event at the 'Selection Meets' will be selected.

1.4. If places remain in an event due to the ineligibility of swimmers in the finals, then the remaining place(s) will be filled by the highest ranked 'available' swimmer(s) from times recorded in the event in the 'B' Finals at the Scottish Nationals 2009 and in the Semi Finals at the British LC Championships 2009.

1.5. In the Men's 1500m Freestyle and Women's 800m Freestyle events, the 2 highest ranked 'available' swimmers will be selected for each respective event from all times recorded in the respective events at the 'Selection Meets'.

#### 2. RELAY TEAMS

2.1. Selection on to the British Tri Meet team via 2.2 and 2.3 may not guarantee a relay place. The Head Coach will determine the final make-up of all relay teams at the British Tri Meet.

As such, time trials may be conducted at any time at the discretion of the Head Coach to establish athlete fitness and/or confirm final make-up of the relay team.

##### 2.2. 4x100m Freestyle Relay Selection

The 4 highest ranked 'available' swimmers from the Finals of the individual 100m Freestyle event at the 'Trials' will be considered for the 4x100m Freestyle relay team.

##### 2.3. 4x200m Freestyle Relay Selection

The 4 highest ranked 'available' swimmers from the Finals of the individual 200m Freestyle event at the 'Trials' will be considered for the 4x200m Freestyle relay team.

#### 2.4. 4x100m Medley Relay Selection

The British Tri Meet Head Coach will determine the make-up of the 4x100m Medley relay team from British Tri Meet selected team members.

- 2.5. If places remain in 2.2 or 2.3 due to the ineligibility of swimmers in the finals, then the remaining place(s) will be filled by the highest ranked 'available' swimmer(s) from times recorded in the relevant event in the 'B' Finals at the Scottish Nationals 2009 and in the Semi Finals at the British LC Championships 2009.

### 3. COACHES

- 3.1. The British Swimming Development Coach will be appointed as the British Tri Meet 2009 Head Coach.
- 3.2. Additional Assistant Coaches will be selected at the discretion of the British Swimming Development Coach in consultation with the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director from 'available' coaches of athletes selected for the British Tri Meet 2009 team.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. 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.

### 4. GENERAL

- 4.1. The reference to 'available' in the sections above denotes British swimmers and coaches who have not been selected for World LC Championships 2009 Rome, the World Open Water Championships 2009 Ostia or the World University Games 2009 Belgrade, and who have declared their availability (as outlined in 4.12) to attend the British Tri Meet 2009.
- 4.2. Only swimmers eligible and available to represent Great Britain at the British Tri Meet 2009 will be selected.
- 4.3. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- 4.4. Swimmers must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation as determined by their personal coach and approved by the British Swimming Development Coach. If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fulfill this commitment, they may be withdrawn from the team.
- 4.5. **ALL** team members will be expected to attend **ALL** required preparation activities organised between the end of the 'Selection Meets' and British Tri Meet 2009, if selected and required to attend by the British Swimming Development 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.
- 4.6. 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.
- 4.7. Swimmers may not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions following selection for the British Tri Meet 2009 without prior written approval from the British Swimming Development Coach and the National Performance Director.
- 4.8. Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time between selection and the British Tri Meet 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 British Swimming Development Coach and National Performance Director.
- 4.9. Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time between selection and the conclusion of the British Tri Meet 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 British Swimming Development Coach and National Performance Director.

- 4.10. Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the British Tri Meet 2009 team will be considered by the National Performance Director and British Swimming Development Coach if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.
- 4.11. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct.
- 4.12. **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 British Tri Meet 2009. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation. Further information on the British Tri Meet 2009 Selection Acceptance Form will be posted on the British Swimming website.
- 4.13. 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 an independent medical advisor approved by British Swimming Medical Staff).
- 4.14. 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, British Swimming Development Coach and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team.
- 4.15. The National Performance Director and British Swimming Development Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the British Tri Meet 2009 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the British Tri Meet 2009.
- 4.16. 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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