

**EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS HELSINKI, FINLAND
15th JULY – 18th JULY 2010**

SELECTION POLICY

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 3.14

The team for the European Junior Championships 2010 will be identified from performances at the British Gas Long Course Championships 29 March–3 April 2010 Sheffield (the 'Trials').

1. ATHLETE SELECTION

- 1.1. There are a maximum of 38 athlete places.
- 1.2. Ages eligible for selection:
 - 1.2.1. Boys born 1992/1993
 - 1.2.2. Girls born 1994/1995
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. A maximum of 5 places are available in the 4x100m and 4x200m Freestyle events.
- 1.5. Places in individual and relay events will be filled from performances achieved at the Trials in the following priority order:
 - 1.5.1. 'Available' swimmers in each individual Olympic event achieving the qualifying standards set out in Table 1 will be selected.
 - 1.5.2. The fastest 4 'available' swimmers in the 100m and 200m Freestyle events, and the fastest 'available' swimmer in the 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke and 100m Butterfly events will be selected irrespective of times achieved.
 - 1.5.3. The 5th fastest 'available' swimmers in the 100m and 200m Freestyle events will be selected for the 4x100m Freestyle and 4x200m Freestyle events if the combined times of the 2nd-5th fastest 'available' swimmers in the respective events meet the relay qualifying standard set out in Table 1.
 - 1.5.4. Any remaining places will be filled by the next fastest 'available' swimmers in each individual Olympic event irrespective of time achieved.

TABLE 1 European Junior Championships 2010 Selection Time Standards

FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
26.42	50m Freestyle	23.25
57.25	100m Freestyle	50.96
2:02.93	200m Freestyle	1:50.61
4:20.15	400m Freestyle	3:54.94
8:47.82	800 Freestyle	
	1500 Freestyle	15:39.24
1:03.81	100 Backstroke	57.09
2:16.59	200 Backstroke	2:03.84
1:10.17	100 Breaststroke	1:03.08
2:31.59	200 Breaststroke	2:18.91
1:00.87	100 Butterfly	54.43
2:15.75	200 Butterfly	2:00.78
2:18.97	200 Individual Medley	2:04.90
4:55.17	400 Individual Medley	4:28.38
3:47.30	4x100 Freestyle Relay	3:22.39
8:10.57	4x200 Freestyle Relay	7:22.76

A total relay take-over tolerance of 1.5 seconds will be applied

- 1.5.5. When selecting swimmers in 1.5.1, 1.5.2 and 1.5.3, times recorded by swimmers in the finals will take precedence over semi final and heat times, and times recorded in the semi finals will take precedence over heat times. When selecting athletes in 1.5.4, the fastest overall times achieved from the finals, semi finals and heats will be used.

- 1.5.6. If the number of qualifying athletes identified in 1.5.1 or identified in 1.5.4 exceeds the maximum 38 places, priority will be given to the highest ranked athletes based on the 2009 FINA World Rankings (2 per nation) or the equivalent FINA Point Score if World Rankings are not available.
- 1.5.7. If the number of qualifying athletes identified in 1.5.2 or identified in 1.5.3 exceeds the maximum 38 places, swimmers identified for the highest ranked relay(s), using the combined times of the fastest 4 'available' swimmers in the respective relay events, will be selected if places allow. A 1.5sec takeover tolerance will be applied when calculating the combined relay time, and rankings will be based on the 2009 FINA World Relay Rankings (absolute).
- 1.6. Entries in non-Olympic events **may** be offered to Olympic event qualifiers if the European Junior Championships Head Coach views that participation in the non-Olympic event will not detract from the swimmer's performance in the Olympic event.
- 1.7. Where places remain in an individual Olympic event, selected swimmers **may** be offered the opportunity to fill the remaining places if the European Junior Championships Head Coach views participation in that particular event will not detract from the swimmer's performance in their main event
- 1.8. Selection to the European Junior Championships 2010 team via 1.5.2 and 1.5.3 does not guarantee a relay place. The European Junior Championships Head Coach will determine the final make-up of all relay teams at the time of the European Junior Championships.
- 1.9. The European Junior Championships Head Coach will determine the make-up of the 4x100m medley relay team from European Junior Championships 2010 team members selected for individual events.

2. COACHES

- 2.1. The Director of World Class Programmes will act as Team Leader for the European Junior Championships 2010.
- 2.2. The British Swimming Development Coach will assume the role of Head Coach for the European Junior Championships 2010.
- 2.3. The European Junior Championships Head Coach will consider additional 'available' coaches for selection based on the 'Trials' performances of athletes identified in section 1 and their equivalent FINA Long Course Performance Ratings (taken from the most recently published list) and as prepared by the Selectors.
- 2.4. The recommendations of the European Junior Championships Head Coach with a view to "balancing" the team coaching staff will be applied.
- 2.5. Performances in non-Olympic events will not be considered for Coach Selection.
- 2.6. Coaches 'available' for selection must be holders of the UKCC/ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an UKCC/ASA Coach Course at time of selection.
- 2.7. Coaches 'available' for selection must have been resident within the UK for a minimum period of two years leading into the 'Open Water Trials', 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 are eligible to represent Great Britain at the European Junior Championships 2010 and who have declared their availability to attend the European Junior Championships 2010 as outlined in 3.14
- 3.2. Only swimmers eligible to represent Great Britain at the European Junior Championships 2010 will be selected.
- 3.3. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- 3.4. Only times recorded at the 'Trials' will be considered.
- 3.5. If swimmers under consideration for selection have an equal placing then a swim off **may** be arranged at a time and venue to be determined by the European Junior Championships Head Coach.
- 3.6. **All** team members will be expected to attend **ALL** preparation activities organised between the end of the 'Trials' and European Junior Championships 2010, if selected and required to attend by the European Junior Championships 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 Director of World Class Programmes.

- 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 European Junior Championships 2010 team selection and the European Junior Championships 2010 without prior written approval from the European Junior Championships Head Coach to ensure no interruption to training.
- 3.9. Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time between the 'Trials' and European Junior Championships 2010 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 European Junior Championships Head Coach and Director of World Class Programmes.
- 3.10. Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time between the 'Trials' and the conclusion of the European Junior Championships 2010. 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 European Junior Championships Head Coach and Director of World Class Programmes
- 3.11. Swimmers must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for peak performance at the European Junior Championships 2010 as determined by their personal coach and approved by the European Junior Championships Head Coach. If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fulfill this commitment, they may be withdrawn from the team.
- 3.12. Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the European Junior Championships 2010 team will be considered by the European Junior Championships Head Coach and Director of World Class Programmes if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance. Replacement swimmers will be identified at the complete discretion of the European Junior Championships Head Coach and the Director of World Class Programmes.
- 3.13. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct
- 3.14. **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 Junior Championships 2010. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation. Selection Acceptance Forms will be provided by British Swimming to qualifying team members at the Trials.
- 3.15. 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). Any athlete fined shall remain ineligible to represent British Swimming or to participate in British Swimming events until such time as the fine has been paid in full.
- 3.16. 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 European Junior Championships Head Coach and Director of World Class Programmes may discuss performances of the entire team.
- 3.17. European Junior Championships Head Coach and Director of World Class Programmes will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the European Junior Championships 2010 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the European Junior Championships 2010.
- 3.18. Any appeals against selections 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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