

EUROPEAN LONG COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS BUDAPEST
9th – 15th AUGUST 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 Long Course Championships 2010 will be selected from performances at the British Gas Long Course Championships 29 March–3 April 2010 Sheffield (the 'Trials').

1. ATHLETE SELECTION

- 1.1. There is a maximum of 19 male and 19 female athlete places.
- 1.2. Selections will be made from performances in the final events at the Trials in the following priority order:
 - 1.2.1. The fastest 'available' swimmers in each individual Olympic event will be selected for that event, and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th fastest 'available' swimmers in the 100m Freestyle and 200m Freestyle events will be selected.
 - 1.2.2. The 2nd fastest 'available' swimmer in each individual Olympic event will be selected for that event, and the 5th fastest swimmer in the 100m Freestyle and 200m Freestyle events will be selected.
 - 1.2.3. If the total number of swimmers identified in 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 exceeds 19 male or 19 female places, swimmers identified in 1.2.2 will be ranked, and precedence given to the highest ranked athletes based on their Trials times calculated as a percentage of the Beijing Olympic Bronze medal time. The 5th Freestyle relay swimmers will be ranked alongside individual event athletes and the combined times (minus a 1.5sec takeover tolerance) of the 4 fastest 'available' 100m /200m Freestyle swimmers will be used to calculate the percentage of the relay Beijing Olympic Bronze medal time.
 - 1.2.4. If places remain following the above selections, the next highest ranked 'available' swimmers, based on their time calculated as a percentage of the Beijing Olympic Bronze medal time, will be selected to fill the 3rd spot in the relevant individual Olympic event
- 1.3. In individual events where LEN permits 4 entries, selected swimmers may be offered additional individual Olympic events if the GB Head Coach views participation will not detract from the swimmer's performance in their main event
- 1.4. Entries in non-Olympic events may be offered to Olympic event qualifiers if the GB Head Coach considers participation in the non-Olympic event will not detract from the swimmer's performance in the Olympic event.
- 1.5. All selected 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 Long Course Championships 2010, 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.

2. COACHES

- 2.1. The National Performance Director will act as Team Leader for the European Long Course Championships 2010.
- 2.2. The GB Head Coach will assume the role of Head Coach for the European Long Course Championships 2010.
- 2.3. Assistant coaches will be selected at the discretion of the GB Head Coach in consultation with the National Performance Director, following the conclusion of the 'Trials' from "available" coaches of selected athletes.
- 2.4. Performances in non-Olympic events will not be considered for Coach Selection.
- 2.5. 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.
- 2.6. 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 Long Course Championships 2010 and who have declared their availability to attend the European Long Course Championships 2010 as outlined in 3.14
- 3.2. Only swimmers eligible to represent Great Britain at the European Long Course Championships 2010 will be selected.
- 3.3. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- 3.4. Only times recorded in the finals at the 'Trials' will be considered.
- 3.5. If swimmers under consideration for selection have finished in an equal placing in the Finals, their Semi Final performances will be considered for selection if appropriate. If the said swimmers record an equal time in the Semi Final, then their Heat times will be considered for selection. If the said swimmers have recorded an equal time in the Heats then a swim off may be arranged at a time and venue to be determined by the GB Head Coach if required.
- 3.6. **All** team members will be expected to attend **ALL** preparation activities organised between the end of the 'Trials' and European Long Course Championships 2010, 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 GB Head Coach.
- 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 Long Course Championships 2010 team selection and the European Long Course Championships 2010 without prior written approval from the GB 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 Long Course 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 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 the 'Trials' and the conclusion of the European Long Course 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 GB Head Coach and National Performance Director
- 3.11. Swimmers must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for peak performance at the European Long Course Championships 2010 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.
- 3.12. Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the European Long Course Championships 2010 team will be considered by the GB Head Coach and National Performance Director if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance. Replacement swimmers will be identified at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach and the National Performance Director.
- 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 Long Course 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 GB Head Coach and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team.

- 3.17. The GB Head Coach and National Performance Director will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the European Long Course Championships 2010 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the European Long Course 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
October 2009**