

COMMONWEALTH GAMES, NEW DELHI, INDIA

3rd – 14th OCTOBER 2010

ENGLAND SELECTION POLICY

The team will be identified from performances at the British Gas Long Course Championships 29 March–3 April 2010 Sheffield, the European LC Championships Budapest 9-15 August 2010, and the ASA Championships 18-21 August 2010 (venue TBC). The final selections will be made at the sole discretion of the Commonwealth Games Council For England and will be based on nominations made against this ASA selection policy.

1. ATHLETE SELECTION

- 1.1 There are 3 places available in each individual event.
- 1.2 There is a maximum number 21 male and 21 female athlete places.
- 1.3 Up to a maximum of 19 male and 19 female places will be filled from performances at the British Gas Long Course Championships 2010 as follows:
 - 1.3.1 The fastest 'available' swimmer in the final of each individual Olympic event will be nominated irrespective of time achieved.
 - 1.3.2 The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th fastest 'available' swimmers in the 100m and 200m Freestyle events will be nominated irrespective of time achieved. Times recorded 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.
 - 1.3.3 The 2nd fastest 'available' swimmer in the final of each individual Olympic event will be identified for nomination if the event qualifying standard set out in Table 1 is met. If the number of swimmers identified exceeds 19 males or 19 females, precedence will be given to the highest ranked athletes based on their times calculated as a percentage of the Beijing Olympic Bronze medal time.

TABLE 1

FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
25.03	50 Freestyle	22.31
54.31	100 Freestyle	49.24
1:58.11	200 Freestyle	1:47.41
4:08.65	400 Freestyle	3:49.40
8:36.23	800 Freestyle	
	1500 Freestyle	15:09.24
1:01.55	100 Backstroke	54.89
2:12.01	200 Backstroke	2:00.72
1:07.83	100 Breaststroke	1:01.17
2:25.39	200 Breaststroke	2:12.26
58.89	100 Butterfly	52.73
2:09.87	200 Butterfly	1:58.55
2:13.86	200 Individual Medley	2:01.56
4:47.11	400 Individual Medley	4:17.24

Fastest bronze medal time from last CWG 2002 and 2006

- 1.4 The remaining places will be filled by the fastest 'available' swimmers (who have not already qualified for the event via 1.3) using times recorded, in the heats, semis and finals of the European Long Course Championships 2010, the ASA Nationals 2010 and the British Gas Long Course Championships 2010. Swimmers will be selected in the following priority order:
 - 1.4.1 The fastest 'available' swimmers in each individual Olympic event will be identified to fill remaining 2nd and 3rd places in the event if the qualifying standard set out in Table 1 is met.
 - 1.4.2 The fastest 'available' swimmer in each individual Olympic event will be identified to fill remaining 2nd spots in the event irrespective of time achieved, and the fastest 'available' swimmer in the 100m Freestyle and 200m Freestyle events will be identified to fill the 5th spot in the 4x100m and 4x200m Freestyle events.
 - 1.4.3 The next fastest 'available' swimmer in each individual Olympic event will be identified to fill the remaining 3rd spot in the event irrespective of time achieved

- 1.4.4 If the total number of swimmers identified in each priority above exceeds the 21 male or 21 female places, precedence will be given to the highest ranked athletes in that priority based on their times calculated as a percentage of the Beijing Olympic Bronze medal time. When ranking the freestyle and medley relay swimmers alongside individual event athletes identified in priority 1.4.2, the aggregate times achieved by the 4 fastest swimmers identified for the relay events will be used to calculate the percentage of the Beijing Olympic Bronze medal time.
- 1.5 Where a swimmer has qualified in more than one event, and the England Team Leader and Head Coach views participation in additional event(s) will detract from the swimmer's performance in their main event due to the Commonwealth Games 2010 programme scheduling, then a replacement swimmer may be nominated for the additional event(s) at the complete discretion of the England Team Leader and the Head Coach
- 1.6 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 Commonwealth Games 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.
- 1.7 Entries in non-Olympic events may be offered to Olympic event qualifiers, if the England Team Leader and Head Coach view participation in the non-Olympic event will not detract from the swimmer's performance in the Olympic event.

2. COACH SELECTION

- 2.1 The Head Coach of the England Commonwealth Games Team 2010 will be nominated by the England Team Leader.
- 2.2 Subject to available accreditations, up to 6 Assistant Coaches will be nominated by the England Team Leader in consultation with Head Coach following the conclusion of the British Gas Long Course Championships 2010 from "available" coaches of athletes identified from this selection meet.
- 2.3 Subject to available accreditations, 2 additional Assistant Coaches will be nominated by the England Team Leader in consultation with Head Coach, following the conclusion of ASA Nationals 2010 from "available" coaches of athletes nominated for the Commonwealth Games team.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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 English swimmers and coaches who are eligible and available to represent England at the Commonwealth Games 2010.
- 3.2 Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- 3.3 A 1.5 second take over tolerance will be applied when calculating the aggregate relay times achieved by the 4 fastest swimmers identified for the relay events in 1.4.4.
- 3.4 If an equal placing occurs in 1.3.1 or 1.3.3, the swimmer with the fastest time in the semi finals will be identified (or the fastest time in the heats where there are no semi finals). If said swimmers have recorded an equal time in the semi finals, the swimmer with the fastest time in the heats will be identified. If the said swimmers have recorded an equal time in the heats then a swim-off may be conducted to confirm nominations at a time and venue to be determined by the England Team Leader and Head Coach.
- 3.5 Swimmers must demonstrate an uncompromised commitment to training preparation for peak performance at the Commonwealth Games 2010 as determined by their personal coach and approved by the Head Coach. If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fulfill this commitment, they may be withdrawn from the team by the Head Coach following consultation with the England Team Leader and England Commonwealth Games Council.
- 3.6 **ALL** team members will be expected to attend **ALL** required preparation activities organised between the end of the selection trials and the Commonwealth Games 2010, if selected and required to attend by the England Team Leader and 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 England Team Leader.
- 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 between the selection trials and the Commonwealth Games 2010 without prior written approval from the England Team Leader and Head Coach.
- 3.9 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time between selection and the Commonwealth Games 2010 must notify the England Team Leader 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 England Team Leader and the England Commonwealth Games Council.
- 3.10 Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time between selection and the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games 2010. Any swimmer judged to be unfit following tests conducted by 2 independent medical advisors, may be de-selected from the team at the discretion of the England Team Leader and the England Commonwealth Games Council.
- 3.11 Recommendations to replace swimmers withdrawn from the Commonwealth Games 2010 will be made to the England Commonwealth Games Council by the England Team Leader and Head Coach if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance. Replacement swimmers will be identified at the complete discretion of the England Team Leader and Head Coach.
- 3.12 All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct.
- 3.13 The ASA 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 ASA Medical Staff).
- 3.14 All team members will be expected to abide by the World Class Media Protocols. 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 England Team Leader and Head Coach may discuss performances of the entire team.
- 3.15 The England Team Leader and Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the Commonwealth Games 2010 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the Commonwealth Games 2010.
- 3.16 Any appeals against nominations in relation to this ASA Technical Swimming Committee selection policy must be made in accordance with the ASA appeals procedures.

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