

## 1. SELECTION TRIALS

- 1.1. Selections will be made from performances at the British Swimming Championships, Tollcross International Swimming Centre 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April 2016, subject to clause 3.2 and 3.3 VIII below. Athletes being nominated to the BOA for selection will be notified on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. All nominations are subject to BOA ratification.

## 2. TEAM SIZE

- 2.1. As an Olympic team, the focus is on a team with medal winning potential. Up to a maximum of 30 athletes will be selected for the Olympic Games 2016. There is no obligation on British Swimming to select 30 athletes. The total team size will be determined by the National Performance Director (NPD) at his complete discretion.
- 2.2. Up to a maximum of two athletes per individual event and one relay team per event can be selected.

## 3. SELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1. The first place finisher in the open final of each individual Olympic event (as determined by FINA) will be selected, subject to the athlete recording a time that equals or betters the qualifying time listed in Table 1 in the final.
- 3.2. Following the selection of athletes under 3.1, up to a maximum of six (6) additional selections may be made at the discretion of the NPD and the GB Head Coach. As well as other considerations, the NPD and GB Head Coach may use the rankings compiled under 3.3 below to assist their exercise of discretion. If used, the rankings compiled under 3.3 below will only be used as a guide. In the event the NPD and GB Head Coach are unable to agree then the NPD's selection decision shall be final.
- 3.3. Following the selection of the athletes under 3.1 and 3.2 above, consideration for selection of other athletes will then be given to athletes ranked inside or closest to (in percentage terms) times listed in Table 2. For the avoidance of doubt, the NPD and Head Coach shall have the option, but shall not be obliged, to select further athletes, always subject to the maximum team size and to the provisions of clause 2.1.

Athletes will be ranked against times in Table 2 on the following basis:

- I. Only athletes in events where places remain will be considered for selection.
- II. The top two finishers in the final of each Olympic event (as determined by FINA) will be ranked using their final time. For events where an athlete has been selected under 3.1 then the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed athlete will be ranked using their final time.
- III. The top four finishers in each of the final of the 100m and 200m Freestyle events will be ranked as a relay team<sup>1</sup> on the basis of their combined finals time against the time in Table 2.

---

<sup>1</sup> All Relay nominations dependent upon Team GB having a relay team place at the Olympic Games

- IV. The winner from the final of the 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle will be ranked as a relay team on the basis of their combined finals time against the time in Table 2, subject to one swimmer winning more than one of the above events (100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle), in which case the NPD may, at his complete discretion, use the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed swimmer to create the fastest combined finals time.
- V. In the event of a tie (equal 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> or where two or more swimmers are ranked the same percentage difference to the times listed in Table 2) the swimmers' heat time will be considered.
- VI. In the event of an equal 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 100m and/or 200m freestyle final, the heat time of the swimmers will be used to determine which swimmer is ranked as part of the relay team.
- VII. Athletes outside 2% of the published times in Table 2 will not be considered for selection except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the NPD at his complete discretion.
- VIII. In the event the relay time as calculated in III and IV above falls outside 2%, the NPD may at his complete discretion re-rank a relay time using combined individual times from the 2016 British Championships or a faster relay split (in freestyle for III above and any stroke for IV above), from the 2015 World Championships. Where this additional split time brings the new combined relay time under the 2% threshold then the relay team may be considered for selection. For the purposes of this new relay selection, the athlete whose time is used in this calculation from the 2015 World Championships may replace the athlete that may have previously been in consideration under III or IV above. Any relay selection under this clause is at absolute discretion of the NPD.

3.4 Athletes **may only** be considered for entry in events where places remain, if they are already selected to the team under 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3 above. This decision is at the sole discretion of the GB Head Coach.

**TABLE 1 – 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE FINISHER QUALIFYING STANDARDS – SELECTIONS UNDER 3.1**

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE FINISHERS - QUALIFYING STANDARDS</b>		
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MALE</b>
24.37	50 Freestyle	21.84
53.68	100 Freestyle	48.16
1:55.88	200 Freestyle	1:45.91
4:04.66	400 Freestyle	3:44.81
8:22.93	800 Freestyle	n/a
n/a	1500 Freestyle	14:55.11
59.05	100 Backstroke	52.99
2:08.21	200 Backstroke	1:55.13
1:06.43	100 Breaststroke	59.38
2:22.08	200 Breaststroke	2:08.52
57.44	100 Butterfly	51.24
2:06.51	200 Butterfly	1:54.46
2:10.19	200 Individual Medley	1:56.82
4:35.46	400 Individual Medley	4:12.08

**TABLE 2 – INDIVIDUAL AND RELAY SWIMMER CONSIDERATION TIMES – SELECTIONS UNDER 3.3**

<b>CONSIDERATION TIMES</b>		
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MALE</b>
24.23	50 Freestyle	21.51
52.84	100 Freestyle	47.65
1:55.06	200 Freestyle	1:44.59
4:02.56	400 Freestyle	3:43.50
8:17.18	800 Freestyle	n/a
n/a	1500 Freestyle	14:42.70
58.52	100 Backstroke	52.42
2:06.01	200 Backstroke	1:53.64
1:05.63	100 Breaststroke	59.03
2:21.92	200 Breaststroke	2:07.90
56.58	100 Butterfly	50.80
2:05.64	200 Butterfly	1:53.75
2:08.33	200 Individual Medley	1:56.07
4:31.15	400 Individual Medley	4:08.74
03:32.90	4 x 100 Freestyle	03:10.74
07:45.49	4 x 200 Freestyle	07:03.35
03:54.47	4 x 100 Medley	03:30.35

## **SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the Olympic Charter Rules. The BOA in consultation with FINA and the International Olympic Committee ("IOC") will decide on any question of eligibility (having regard to all eligibility criteria including as set by the BOA, British Swimming, FINA and the IOC) and the IOC's decision shall be final.
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline to be imposed by British Swimming. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by British Swimming. Selection Acceptance Forms will be provided by British Swimming to qualifying team members.
- G3 Be available to fulfill all team commitments from the time of nomination through to the Games.
- G4 Comply with any other BOA and/or IOC eligibility criteria from time to time, including in respect of nationality and/or anti-doping.

### **TEAM COMMITMENTS**

All Team members will be required to:

- G5 Comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct and the BOA's Team Members Agreement. A breach of the British Swimming Code of Conduct or the BOA Team Members Agreement may result in de-selection from the team.
- G6 Adhere to all prescribed travel arrangements which might involve different travel dates to other members of the team.
- G7 Abide by 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. Swimmers must also comply with the BOA Media rules as set out in the Team Members Agreement, for the dates specified therein. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation selection-related matters until authorised to do so by the Team Leader.
- G8 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the selection trials and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the National Performance Director.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the GB Head Coach (including but not limited to preparation camps and staging camps). No team member will be allowed to leave a national team camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the team camp programme; this includes any external media, sponsor or social activities. Failure to attend the required activities could result in withdrawal from the team following consultation with the BOA. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the National Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming, FINA, IOC and BOA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the Olympic Games 2016.

### **WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS**

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G4 to G9) they may be withdrawn from the team following consultation with the BOA.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their nomination by British Swimming and prior to the end of the delegation registration process ("DRP") (18<sup>th</sup> July 2016) must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination (which may include fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests) by British Swimming Medical staff, which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach following consultation with the BOA.

### **REPLACEMENTS**

G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team prior to the DRP will be considered at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach following consultation with the BOA if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance. Where athletes are de-selected from the Team following the DRP, any replacement decisions shall be made by the BOA (in consultation with British Swimming) in accordance with the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

### **OTHER**

G14 The World Class Programme Performance Leadership Group may amend selection policies, within reason at its discretion.

G15 The National Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the Olympic Games 2016 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the Olympic Games 2016.

### **APPEALS**

G16 Any appeals against non-selection prior to the DRM and within the period provided allowed for appeals must be made to British Swimming in accordance with the British Swimming Team Selection Appeals Procedures, available by request from Adam Clarke, Head of Performance Services via email at [adam.clarke@swimming.org](mailto:adam.clarke@swimming.org). Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.

G16 Any appeal in respect of a decision by the BOA not to select or to de-select a nominated athlete shall be made to, and dealt with by, the BOA in accordance with the BOA's appeals policy.