

1. TEAM SIZE

- 1.1. There are up to two male and two female places available for selection for the 10km race. 10km selections will be made in accordance with 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 below.
- 1.2. Up to two male and two female selections may also be made for the 5km event. 5km selections will be made in accordance with 3.1 and 3.2 below.
- 1.3. Up to two additional swimmers may be invited for the 5km Team Relay in accordance with 4.1 below.

2. ATHLETE SELECTION – 10KM

- 2.1. Up to 10 British Swimming funded places (subject to budget availability) will be available for the 2017 USA Open Water Championships 10km (19th – 21st May 2017) which will be used as a selection event for the World Championships team. Up to eight invitations for funded places to attend the USA Open Water Championships will be at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Swimming Lead with notification to these athletes made by **1st March 2017**. Up to two additional invites may be made on 24th April 2017. Other British athletes may enter the selection race independently on a self-funded basis.
- 2.2. The first British male and first British female finisher at the 2017 USA Open Water National 10km Championship, Castaic Lake, California, 19th May 2017) will be selected for the 2017 World Open Water Championships.
- 2.3. Additionally, one male and one female selection for the 2017 World Open Water Championships may be made at the absolute discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead. The British Swimming Marathon Lead shall consider, and use as a guide, open water performances in 2016 and 2017.

3. ATHLETE SELECTION – 5KM

- 3.1. The first British male swimmer and first British female swimmer in the 5km elite race at the Great North Swim in Windermere on 11th June 2017 (if not already selected under 2.2) will be selected.
- 3.2. Additionally one male and one female selection may be made at the absolute discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead. The British Swimming Marathon Lead shall consider, and use as a guide, open water performances in 2016 and 2017.
- 3.3. In case of event cancellation (Great North Swim), all swimmers will be selected at the absolute discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead in consultation with the GB Head Coach and Head of Elite Development.

4. TEAM RELAY

- 4.1. Selections, up to a maximum of two swimmers (male or female) for the 5km Team Relay will be made at the complete discretion of the British Swimming Marathon Lead in consultation with the GB Head Coach and Head of Elite Development. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no obligation to select any additional swimmers for the Team Relay event.

5. NOTIFICATION

- 5.1. Notifications of selections will be made by 13th June 2016.
- 5.2. Selected swimmers must be available to compete at the FINA World Cup, Setubal (POR) on 24th June 2017.

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the FINA rule GR2.
- 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 fulfil all team commitments from the time of nomination through to the Championships.
- G4 Comply with any other FINA 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. A breach of the British Swimming Code of Conduct 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 British Swimming Marathon Swimming Lead, GB Head Coach and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team. 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 British Swimming Marathon Swimming Lead (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. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the National Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and FINA swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2017 World Championships.

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.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection 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 British Swimming Marathon Swimming Lead.

REPLACEMENTS

G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of British Swimming Marathon Swimming Lead in the best interest of the overall team performance.

OTHER

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

G15 The National Performance Director, British Swimming Marathon Swimming Lead and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2017 World Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 2017 World Championships.

APPEALS

G16 Any appeals against non-selection 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. Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.