

**2023 World Aquatics World Championships**  
**19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Fukuoka, Japan**  
**SELECTION POLICY**

## **1. POLICY PURPOSE**

- 1.1. This selection policy outlines the process to select the team to represent Great Britain at the 2023 World Championships.

## **2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1. The targets for this event are to:
- i. Optimise medal outcomes in Olympic individual events
  - ii. Optimise medal outcomes and secure quota places for targeted Olympic relay events
  - iii. Provide international experience for athletes on a trajectory for podium performance at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

## **3. SELECTION TRIALS**

- 3.1. Selections will be made from performances at the 2023 British Swimming Championships, Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheffield, 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April 2023, subject to clause 5.2 below.

## **4. TEAM SIZE**

- 4.1. Up to a maximum of 30 athletes will be selected for the 2023 World Championships. There is no obligation on British Swimming to select 30 athletes and the total team size will be determined by the Performance Director (PD) at his complete discretion.
- 4.2. Up to a maximum of two athletes per individual event and one relay team per event can be selected.

## **5. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 5.1. The first place finisher in the open final of each individual Olympic event at the 2023 British Swimming Championships will be selected, subject to the athlete recording a time that equals or better the qualifying time listed in Table 1 in the open final of that event.
- 5.2. Following the selection of athletes under 5.1, up to a maximum of eight (8) additional selections may be made at the discretion of the PD and the GB Head Coach. As well as other considerations, the PD and GB Head Coach may use the rankings compiled under 5.3 below as a guide to assist the exercise of their discretion. In the event the PD and GB Head Coach are unable to agree then the PD's selection decision shall be final.
- 5.3. Following the selection of the athletes under 5.1 and 5.2 above, consideration for selection of other athletes will then be given to athletes recording a time that better or equals the time listed in Table 2. Athletes' times from their performance in the open final will be ranked based on the percentage inside the Table 2 time. There is no guarantee that swimming inside or equalling a table 2 time will earn selection.

Athletes will be ranked against times in Table 2 on the following basis<sup>1</sup>:

- I. Only athletes in events where places remain will be considered for selection.
- II. The top two finishers in the final of each individual Olympic event will be ranked using their open final time. For events where an athlete has been selected under 5.1 then the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed athlete only will be ranked using their final time.

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<sup>1</sup> Not priority order



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- III. The top four finishers in each of the final of the 100m and 200m Freestyle events will be ranked as a relay team on the basis of their combined finals time against the time in Table 2. This will qualify the relay for consideration but it does not automatically qualify the top four athletes that swam the combined time inside the time in Table 2. The decision on which athletes swim in which relay (once that relay is qualified) will be made by the GB Head Coach in consultation with the PD.
- 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 open 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 PD may, at his complete discretion, use the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed swimmer to create the fastest combined finals time.
- V. If no athletes are considered for selection under 5.3 iv above, the PD and GB Head Coach reserve the right to rank any 4x100 mixed medley combination from results in finals at the 2023 British Championships and include these athletes for consideration if their combined time is equal to or inside the time in Table 2
- VI. 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. If these are still equal the PD will have the final decision on selection.
- VII. Athletes outside of the published times in Table 2 will not be considered for selection with the exception of athletes selected under 5.2 or in exceptional circumstances as determined by the PD at his complete discretion.

5.4 Selection via 5.1 qualifies the athlete to swim in that event in the 2023 World Championships. Selection via 5.2 and 5.3 selects athletes onto the 2023 World Championship team. The GB Head Coach in consultation with the PD will determine individual event entries. Selection under clauses 5.2 and 5.3 does not guarantee any athlete a place in any specific event or relay.

## 6. SELECTION NOTIFICATIONS

6.1 All athletes selected will be notified by email on or before 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

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**TABLE 1 – 1ST PLACE FINISHER QUALIFYING STANDARDS – SELECTIONS UNDER 5.1**

<b>1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE FINISHERS - QUALIFYING STANDARDS</b>		
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MALE</b>
24.38	50 Freestyle	21.57
52.98	100 Freestyle	47.60
1:55.86	200 Freestyle	1:45.01
4:02.16	400 Freestyle	3:44.06
8:19.00	800 Freestyle	7:45.32
15:56.86	1500 Freestyle	14:48.53
58.95	100 Backstroke	52.58
2:07.29	200 Backstroke	1:56.05
1:05.97	100 Breaststroke	58.93
2:22.88	200 Breaststroke	2:08.11
56.41	100 Butterfly	50.88
2:06.81	200 Butterfly	1:54.22
2:10.22	200 Individual Medley	1:56.22
4:36.00	400 Individual Medley	4:09.18

**TABLE 2 – INDIVIDUAL AND RELAY SWIMMER CONSIDERATION TIMES – SELECTIONS UNDER 5.3**

<b>CONSIDERATION TIMES</b>		
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MALE</b>
24.65	50 Freestyle	21.85
53.55	100 Freestyle	48.05
1:56.85	200 Freestyle	1:45.99
4:04.92	400 Freestyle	3:46.34
8:26.34	800 Freestyle	7:49.07
16:01.46	1500 Freestyle	14:54.52
59.65	100 Backstroke	53.32
2:08.07	200 Backstroke	1:56.60
1:06.42	100 Breaststroke	59.16
2:23.31	200 Breaststroke	2:08.55
56.81	100 Butterfly	51.56
2:07.91	200 Butterfly	1:55.33
2:10.98	200 Individual Medley	1:57.61
4:37.96	400 Individual Medley	4:13.00
3:34.91	4 x 100 Freestyle	3:13.04
07:49.00	4 x 200 Freestyle	07:07.40
3:55.96	4 x 100 Medley	3:31.50
<b>CONSIDERATION TIMES – MIXED EVENTS</b>		
4x100 Mixed Medley		3:42.04



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## **SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen and eligible to represent Great Britain as per the rule GR2 as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- 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 selection through to the Championships.
- G4 Comply with any other World Aquatics 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 GB Head Coach and 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 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. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the Performance Director.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming and swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2023 World Championships.

### **WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS**

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G5 to G10) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time following their selection 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 complete discretion of the GB Head Coach. In the event of injury or illness athletes may be deselected if they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff as determined by the British Swimming Chief Medical Officer or her designate.



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**REPLACEMENTS**

G13 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the GB Head Coach in the best interest of the overall team performance.

**OTHER**

- G14 The World Class Programme Swimming Leadership Team may amend selection policies, within reason at its discretion.
- G15 The Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2023 World Championships team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 2023 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 online at <https://www.britishswimming.org/performance/swimming/selection-policies/team-selection-appeals/> or by request from Adam Clarke, Associate Director 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.