

WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS MEXICO
8th – 13th JULY 2008

SELECTION STATEMENT

A 4 x100m Freestyle Team, 4x200m Freestyle Team and 4x100m Medley Team will be selected to compete at the World Youth Championships 2008. Selections will be made from performances at the British LC Championships Sheffield 31st March-6th April 2008 (the 'Trials'). The World Youth Championships Head Coach will determine the final make-up of the relay teams at the World Youth Championships

Ages eligible for selection are Males aged 15-18 years and Females aged 14-17 years (age as at 31st December 2008) i.e. males born in years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and females born in years 1991, 1992, 1993 1994.

The 5 fastest eligible and 'available' swimmers from the Heats of the individual 100m freestyle event at the 'Trials' will be selected for the 4x100m Freestyle Team.

The 5 fastest eligible and 'available' swimmers from the Heats of the individual 200m freestyle event at the 'Trials' will be selected for the 4x200m Freestyle Team.

The 2 fastest eligible and 'available' swimmers from the Heats of the individual 100m Backstroke, 100m Butterfly, 100m Breaststroke and 100m Freestyle events at the 'Trials' will be selected for the 4x100m Medley Team.

Swimmers selected for the relay teams above, may be offered the opportunity to compete in individual events at the discretion of the Director of World Class Programmes.

'Available' coaches will be selected at the discretion of the Director of World Class Programmes. Coaches must have a swimmer on the team, be holders of the ASA Coaches Certificate or enrolled on an ASA Coach Course at the time of selection, and must have been resident within the UK for a minimum period of two years, unless employed or deployed by a British or Home Country National Governing Body.

CONDITIONS

1. The reference to 'available' in the sections above denotes British swimmers and coaches who have declared their availability to attend the World Youth Championships 2008. All swimmers and coaches will be expected to complete an Availability Form to confirm they will be available to participate in the World Youth Championships 2008. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation.
2. Only swimmers eligible to represent Great Britain at the World Youth Championships 2008 will be selected.
3. It is compulsory for all selected team members to attend ALL World Youth Championships 2008 programmed training camps/activities organised between the selection trials and departure for the World Youth Championships 2008.
4. Swimmers may not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions following World Youth Championships 2008 team selection and the World Youth Championships 2008 without prior written approval from the Director of World Class Programmes to ensure no interruption to training.
5. Swimmers may be subjected to British Swimming fitness (land/water) and/or medical testing protocols at any time following selection to the World Youth Championships 2008 team and the conclusion of the World Youth Championships 2008. Any swimmers judged to be unfit by the British Swimming Podium Development Group following these performance/medical fitness tests will be withdrawn from the team. This decision shall be final.
6. Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between the Trials and the World Youth Championships 2008 will be required to notify the team manager and may be requested to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being released from the team.
7. Where a swimmer is withdrawn from the team, they will be replaced by the next fastest 'available' and eligible swimmer from the heats of the relevant event at the 'Trials', but only if their current fitness is to the satisfaction of the Director Of World Class Programmes. Such a replacement will be at the discretion Director Of World Class Programmes.
8. 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
9. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct.
10. 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
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