



**COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES PUNE INDIA
15th – 17th OCTOBER 2008**

ENGLAND SWIMMING TEAM SELECTION STATEMENT

Selection nominations for the Commonwealth Youth Games 2008 will be made from performances at the British LC Championships Sheffield 31st March-6th April 2008 (the 'Trials'). The Commonwealth Youth Games is viewed as a key part of the World Class Swimming programmes plan.

Swimmers selected or 'unavailable' to compete at the European Junior Championships 2008 or World Youth Championships 2008 are ineligible for Commonwealth Youth Games 2008 selection.

Ages eligible for selection are swimmers born 1990 or later.

The maximum number of athlete places is 16.

The fastest eligible and 'available' swimmers from the heats of the 200m Freestyle, 200m Backstroke, 200m Breaststroke, 200m Butterfly and 200m IM events at the 'Trials' will be nominated for selection to compete in that event. Entries in the 50m and 100m events will be offered to the 200m qualifiers in their respective events.

The nomination of relays for selection is subject to a minimum of 5 Commonwealth Associations entering. If relay entries are offered, the next 3 fastest eligible and 'available' swimmers from the heats of the 200m Freestyle will be selected to compete in the 4x200m Freestyle team and 4x100m Freestyle team. The Commonwealth Youth Games Head Coach will determine the make-up of the 4x100m Medley Relay from the Commonwealth Youth Games team members finally endorsed for selection.

Selected swimmers may be offered the opportunity to compete in additional events at the discretion of the Head Coach in consultation with the England Talent Development Manager and the Director of World Class Programmes.

Swimmers will be nominated to the Commonwealth Games Association of England, who will give final endorsement of the selections to this team. Nominations will be at the discretion of the England Talent Development Manager in consultation with the Director Of World Class Programmes.

A Head Coach and one further coach will be nominated for selection at the discretion of the England Talent Development Manager in consultation with the Director Of World Class Programmes.

Coaches must 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.

A team manager will be appointed through the British Swimming World Class programmes for this team.

CONDITIONS

1. The reference to 'available' in the sections above denotes coaches and English swimmers who have declared their availability to attend the Commonwealth Youth Games 2008. All swimmers and coaches will be expected to complete an Availability Form to confirm they will be available to participate in the Commonwealth Youth Games 2008. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation.
2. Only swimmers eligible to represent England at the Commonwealth Youth Games 2008 will be nominated for selection.
3. It is compulsory for all selected team members to attend ALL Commonwealth Youth Games 2008 programmed training camps/activities organised between the selection trials and departure for the Commonwealth Youth Games 2008.
4. Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between the Trials and the Commonwealth Youth Games 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.
5. Where a swimmer is withdrawn from the team, they may be replaced by the next fastest and eligible swimmer from the 'Trials', but only if their current fitness is to the satisfaction of the England Talent Development Manager and the Director of World Class Programmes. Such a replacement will be at the discretion of England Talent Development Manager and the Director of World Class Programmes.
6. 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 ASA Medical Staff). Any athlete fined shall remain ineligible to represent England/British Swimming or to participate in ASA/ British Swimming events until such time as the fine has been paid in full
7. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the ASA/ British Swimming Code of Conduct
8. Any appeals against selections in relation to this ASA Technical Swimming Committee selection policy must be made in accordance with the ASA/British Swimming appeals procedures.

**ASA Technical Swimming Committee
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