

EUROPEAN JUNIOR OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008
12th July 2008 Sete, France

Selection Policy

For any selection to be confirmed, all swimmers and team staff wishing to be considered for selection must have completed and returned a Declaration of Availability Form, as outlined in 3.10

The team for the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008 will be identified from performances at the British Long Course (50m) Championships Sheffield 31st March–6th April 2008 (the 'Trials'), Time Trials for the 1500m Freestyle Men and 800m Freestyle Women, Sheffield, 6th April 2008 (the 'Time Trials'), and from the 10km LEN European OWS Cup, Piombino, Italy 15th June 2008.

1. ATHLETE SELECTION

1.1. Ages eligible for selection:

- 1.1.1. Boys born 1989/1990/1991
- 1.1.2. Girls born 1990/1991/1992

1.2. There are 3 male and 3 female places available for selection.

1.3. The fastest 5 'available' male swimmers from times taken in the heats of the 1500m Freestyle at the 'Trials' and the 1500m Freestyle 'Time Trials' will be selected to compete at the 10km LEN European OWS Cup, Piombino, Italy 15th June 2008 which will act as the 2nd stage selection meet for the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008.

1.4. The fastest 5 'available' female swimmers from times taken in the heats of the 800m Freestyle at the 'Trials' and the 800m Freestyle 'Time Trials' will be selected to compete at the 10km LEN European OWS Cup, Piombino, Italy 15th June 2008 which will act as the 2nd stage selection meet for the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008.

1.5. From those swimmers selected in 1.3 and 1.4 above, the 3 fastest male swimmers and the 3 fastest female swimmers in the 10km LEN European OWS Cup, Piombino, Italy 15th June 2008 will be selected for the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008.

1.6. Selected athletes will be required to participate in any team events that are held at the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008 if selected by the Head Coach.

2. COACH SELECTION

2.1 The Head Coach and support coaches will be selected at the discretion of the National Performance Director.

2.2 In addition to the coach selections in 2.1, the 2 'available' coaches of the highest placed qualifiers at the 10km LEN European OWS Cup, Piombino, Italy 15th June 2008 will be selected.

2.3 The coach must be a holder of the ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an ASA Coach Course at time of selection

2.4 The coach 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.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 3.1 The reference to 'available' in the sections above denotes British swimmers and coaches who have declared their availability (as outlined in 3.10) to attend the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008.
- 3.2 Only swimmers eligible and available to represent Great Britain at the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008 will be selected.
- 3.3 ALL team members will be expected to attend ALL activities organised between the end of the 'selection meets' and the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008, if selected and required to attend by National Performance Director. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the National Performance Director. Failure to attend compulsory activities could result in withdrawal from the team.
- 3.4 Team members will be expected to attend each programmed camp, where selected, on a full-time basis, taking part in all programmed activities. No team member will be allowed to leave a camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the camp programme, this includes any external media or social activities.
- 3.5 Swimmers wishing to take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the 'selection meets' and the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008 must gain prior written approval from the National Performance Director.
- 3.6 Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between the 'selection meets' and the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008 must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being withdrawn from the team.
- 3.7 Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time between the 'selection meets' and the conclusion of the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008. Any swimmers judged to be unfit by the British Swimming National Performance Director will be withdrawn from the team. This decision shall be final.
- 3.8 There will be a no replacement policy for swimmers.
- 3.9 All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct.
- 3.10 **Availability Forms:** all swimmers and coaches will be expected to complete an Availability Form to confirm they will be available to participate in the European Junior Open Water Championships 2008. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation. Information regarding the distribution of Availability forms will be posted on the British Swimming Website.
- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 The National Performance Director will exercise his authority to ensure that the best team is selected.
- 3.13 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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