

## DECLARATION OF AVAILABILITY

To be considered for selection, this form must be completed, stating your availability or unavailability to represent Great Britain in the event below and your compliance with the associated Selection Policy and preparatory requirements.

### 1. ATHLETE AVAILABILITY/NON-AVAILABILITY

Please indicate your availability, non-availability or non-eligibility by ticking the appropriate box:

	<b>Available</b>	<b>Not Available</b>
<b>EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS BELGRADE, SERBIA 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2008</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*If you are not available, please indicate your reasons below:*

PLEASE NOTE THAT 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 PARTICIPATE IN BRITISH SWIMMING EVENTS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FINE HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL

### 2. PERSONAL DETAILS

<b>Name</b>		<b>Date of Birth</b>
<b>Current Mobile/ Contact Number</b>		
<b>Current Coach</b>		
<b>Doping Control</b>	Are you taking any medication, including nutritional supplements and over the counter medicines? <b>YES/NO</b>  If you have answered <b>YES</b> to the above and you have not yet completed a Medical Declaration or Therapeutic Use Exemption Form then please contact Wendy Coles at the British Swimming Office immediately.	

### 3. AGREEMENT

I have read and fully understood all aspects of the European Junior Championships 2008 Selection Policy and acknowledge that failure to comply with any of the Selection Policy conditions including the compulsory dates, could result in my non-selection or withdrawal from the team.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### 4. COACH SIGNATURE

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

#### IMPORTANT NOTE

This form, together with a copy of the European Junior Championships 2008 Selection Policy signed on each page, must be returned **NO LATER THAN SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008**

It is your responsibility to personally hand in your completed form to a World Class representative who will be in attendance at the British Long Course Championships. Contact number 07824 314057

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TOGETHER WITH THE SIGNED SELECTION POLICY WILL BE INTERPRETED AS NON AVAILABILITY**

## 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1. The reference to 'available' in the sections above denotes British swimmers and coaches who have declared their availability (as outlined in 4.8) to attend the European Junior Championships 2008.
- 1.2. Only swimmers eligible to represent Great Britain at the European Junior Championships 2008 will be selected.
- 1.3. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- 1.4. Only times recorded at the 'Trials' will be considered.
- 1.5. If swimmers under consideration for selection have finished in an equal placing in the Heats, their Final performances will be considered for selection if appropriate. If the said swimmers do not compete in the final, or record an equal time again in the Final, then a swim off will be arranged at a time to be determined by the Director of World Class Programmes if required.
- 1.6. It is compulsory for all selected team members to attend ALL European Junior Championship 2008 programmed training camps/activities organised between the selection trials and departure for the European Junior Championships.
- 1.7. Swimmers may not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions following European Junior Championships 2008 team selection and the European Junior Championships 2008 without prior written approval from the Director of World Class Programmes to ensure no interruption to training.
- 1.8. **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 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.
- 1.9. Swimmers may be subjected to British Swimming fitness (land/water) and/or medical testing protocols at any time following selection to the European Junior Championship 2008 team and the conclusion of the European Junior 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.
- 1.10. Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between the Trials and the European Junior 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.
- 1.11. Where a swimmer is withdrawn from the team, they may, under exceptional circumstances, be replaced by the next fastest and eligible swimmer from the 'Trials' but only if this swimmer achieved the qualifying time as specified in section 1 or 2 and whose 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.
- 1.12. 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.
- 1.13. The Director of World Class Programmes will exercise his authority to ensure that the final selection of the European Junior Championship 2008 squad will achieve the best possible results.
- 1.14. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct.
- 1.15. 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.

2008 EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – COMPULSORY DATES	
27 July	Team departs for Belgrade, Serbia
30 July – 3 August	European Junior Swimming Championships
4 August	Team returns to UK

**Please Note: British Swimming will use its best endeavours to secure flights for the specified travel dates above. However, departure and return dates will be subject to flight availability.**