

CANADIAN TRI MEET QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC

(CANADA v FRANCE v GREAT BRITAIN)

1ST -2ND AUGUST 2008

SELECTION POLICY

For any selection to be confirmed, all swimmers and coaches wishing to be considered for selection must have completed and returned a Declaration of Availability Form, as outlined in 4.8

The team for the Canadian Tri Meet will 2008 will be identified from performances at the British Long Course Championships Sheffield 31st March-6th April 2008 (the selection 'Trials').

1. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1.1. Ages eligible for selection:

1.1.1. Males: 22 years of age and under i.e. born 1986 or later.

1.1.2. Females: 20 years of age and under i.e. born 1988 or later.

1.2. There will be a maximum of 2 places available for selection in each Olympic event.

1.3. The 2 highest ranked 'available' swimmers from times recorded in both the A and B Final of each individual Olympic event at the 'Trials', who have not qualified for the Olympic Games or European Junior Championships 2008, will be selected. For selection purposes, equal priority will be given to both the A and B Finals.

1.4. If places remain in an event due to the ineligibility of swimmers in the A and B finals, then the remaining place(s) will be filled by the highest ranked 'available' swimmer(s) from the heats of the event.

2. RELAY TEAMS

2.1. Selection on to the Canadian Tri Meet team via 2.2 and 2.3 may not guarantee a relay place. The Head Coach will determine the final make-up of all relay teams at the Canadian Tri Meet.

As such, time trials may be conducted at any time at the discretion of the Head Coach to establish athlete fitness and/or confirm final make-up of the relay team.

2.2. 4x100m Freestyle Relay Selection

The 4 highest ranked 'available' swimmers from the Finals of the individual 100m Freestyle event at the 'Trials', who have not qualified for the Olympic Games or European Junior Championships 2008, will be considered for the 4x100m Freestyle relay team.

2.3. 4x200m Freestyle Relay Selection

The 4 highest ranked 'available' swimmers from the Finals of the individual 200m Freestyle event at the 'Trials', who have not qualified for the Olympic Games or European Junior Championships 2008, will be considered for the 4x200m Freestyle relay team.

2.4. 4x50m Freestyle and 4x100m Medley Relay Selection

The Canadian Tri Meet Head Coach will determine the make-up of the 4x50m Freestyle relay team and the 4x100m Medley relay team from Canadian Tri Meet selected team members.

2.5. If places remain in 2.2 or 2.3 due to the ineligibility of swimmers in the A and B finals then the remaining place(s) will be filled by the highest ranked 'available' swimmer(s) from the heats of the relevant event.

3. COACHES

- 3.1. The National Performance Director will appoint the Canadian Tri Meet Head Coach.
- 3.2. The National Performance Director in conjunction with the Director Of World Class Programmes will select additional coaches with priority given to 'Available' coaches of the highest ranked swimmer(s) identified in section 1. Swimmers will be ranked on equivalent FINA Long Course Performance Ratings (taken from the most recently published list) as prepared by the Selectors.
- 3.3. The recommendations of the National Performance Director with a view to "balancing" the team coaching staff will be applied.
- 3.4. Coaches must be holders of the ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an ASA Coach Course at time of selection.
- 3.5. Coaches 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.

4. GENERAL

- 4.1. 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 Canadian Tri Meet 2008.
- 4.2. Only swimmers eligible to represent Great Britain at the Canadian Tri Meet 2008 will be selected.
- 4.3. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- 4.4. Only times recorded at the 'Trials' will be considered.
- 4.5. If swimmers under consideration for selection have finished in an equal placing in the Finals, their Heat performances will be considered for selection. If the said swimmers record an equal time in the Heats, then a swim off will be arranged at a time to be determined by the Director of World Class Programmes if required.
- 4.6. It is compulsory for all selected team members to attend ALL Canadian Tri Meet 2008 programmed training camps/activities organised between the selection trials and departure for the Canadian Tri Meet 2008.
- 4.7. Swimmers may not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions following Canadian Tri Meet 2008 team selection and the Canadian Tri Meet 2008 without prior written approval from the National Performance Director to ensure no interruption to training.
- 4.8. **Availability Forms:** all swimmers and coaches will be expected to complete an Availability Form to confirm they will be available to participate in the Canadian Tri Meet 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.
- 4.9. Swimmers may be subjected to British Swimming fitness (land/water) and/or medical testing protocols at any time following selection to the Canadian Tri Meet 2008 team and the conclusion of the Canadian Tri Meet 2008. Any swimmers judged to be unfit by the National Performance Director following these performance/medical fitness tests will be withdrawn from the team. This decision shall be final.
- 4.10. Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between the Trials and the Canadian Tri Meet 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.
- 4.11. 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's current fitness is to the satisfaction of the National Performance Director. Such a replacement will be at the discretion of the National Performance Director.
- 4.12. 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.

- 4.13. The National Performance Director will exercise his authority to ensure that the final selection of the Canadian Tri Meet 2008 squad will achieve the best possible results.
- 4.14. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct.
- 4.15. 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.

**GB Technical Swimming Committee
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