

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:

Available Not Available

OLYMPIC GAMES 8TH – 24TH AUGUST 2008

<i>If you are not available, please indicate your reasons below:</i>

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

Name		Date of Birth
Current Mobile/ Contact Number		
Current Coach		
Doping Control	Are you taking any medication, including nutritional supplements and over the counter medicines? YES/NO If you have answered YES 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 Olympic Games 2008 Selection Policy and acknowledge that failure to comply with any of the Selection Policy conditions including the team requirements, 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 Olympic Games 2008 Selection Policy signed on each page** must be returned **NO LATER THAN SATURDAY 5TH 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 4.15) to attend the Olympic Games 2008.
- 1.2 Only swimmers eligible and available to represent Great Britain at the Olympic Games 2008 as documented in the Olympic Charter Rules will be selected. The BOA in consultation with FINA and the IOC will decide on any question of eligibility and their decision will be final.
- 1.3 Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered.
- 1.4 Where there are **no qualifiers** in an individual event, the National Performance Director may use his discretion to nominate swimmers for that event if the swimmer has met the qualifying standard specified in Table 1 in the final but not the heats or semi-finals, or the swimmer has met the qualifying standard in the heats or semi-finals but is not one of the fastest swimmers in the final of that event.
- 1.5 Selection of swimmers for individual events via 1.4 and 2.4 will be subject to the FINA Olympic qualification rules.
- 1.6 Swimmers unable to compete at the 'Trials' due to an illness or injury that has been certified by an independent medical advisor approved by British Swimming Medical Staff, may, at the discretion of the National Performance Director, be considered for selection for the Olympic Games 2008 team if places remain in their event and they are currently world ranked top 8 (2 per nation) in the individual event based on the 2007 end of year world rankings. To confirm selection, the swimmers must prove their fitness at a long course meet approved by the National Performance Director prior to the 31st May 2008 and have recorded a qualification time as required by FINA and the BOA at an Olympic Qualification meet.
- 1.7 If an equal placing occurs, then the swimmer with the fastest time in the heats will be nominated.
- 1.8 **ALL** team members will be expected to attend **ALL** Olympic preparation activities organised between the end of the 'selection meets' and the Olympic Games 2008, if selected and required to attend by the GB Head Coach. 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 following consultation with the BOA.
- 1.9 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.
- 1.10 Swimmers may not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the 'Trials' and the Olympic Games 2008 without prior written approval from the GB Head Coach and the National Performance Director.**
- 1.11 Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between the 'selection meets' and the BOA Delegation Registration Meeting 20th July 2008, must notify British Swimming immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team.
- 1.12 Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time between the BOA Delegation Registration Meeting 20th July 2008 and the conclusion of the Olympic Games 2008. Any swimmer judged to be unfit by the BOA and British Swimming, following tests conducted by British Swimming in the presence of a BOA representative, may be de-selected from the team.
- 1.13 There will be a no replacement policy for swimmers.
- 1.14 All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct and the BOA Team Member's Agreement.
- 1.15 **Availability Forms:** all swimmers and coaches will be expected to complete an Availability Form to confirm they will be available to participate in the Olympic Games 2008. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the Federation. Availability forms will be posted on the British Swimming website and will also be available for collection at the venue of the 'Trials'. The completed form along with a signed copy of this selection policy must be presented to the nominated British Swimming representative(s) at the 'Trials'. Availability forms must be submitted prior to the final session on the last day of the 'Trials'.
- 1.16 All team members will be expected to abide by the Media Protocols of the British Swimming Programme. Athletes must only speak to the media about their own performances and group coaches must only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. The GB Head Coach and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team. During the Games period 27th July - 24th August, swimmers must also comply with the BOA media rules as set out in the Team Members Agreement.
- 1.17 Team staff nominations will be made to the BOA following an interview process conducted the day after the conclusion of the 'Trials'. The interview panel will comprise of the National Performance Director, the GB Head Coach, a BOA representative, an independent coach and a sports science representative. Final nominations will be made to the BOA immediately following the World Short Course Championships in Manchester 9-13th April 2008.
- 1.18 The National Performance Director and GB Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final nominations for the Olympic Games 2008 team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the Olympic Games 2008.
- 1.19 Any appeals against nominations in relation to this GB Technical Swimming Committee selection policy must be made in accordance with the British Swimming appeals procedures.

2008 OLYMPIC GAMES (SWIMMING) – TEAM REQUIREMENTS (ATHLETES)		
6 April	Nominated Olympic Team Presentation/Press Conference and full Olympic Team Meeting immediately following the conclusion of morning finals session at British Championships/Trials.	All Athletes
13 April	Olympic Team Orientation Day Assembly Hilton Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester by 7.30pm	Not required For Overseas Athletes Based Outside of Europe unless attending the World Short Course Championships 2008, Manchester
14 April	Olympic Team Orientation Day - Hilton Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester	Not required For Overseas Athletes Based Outside of Europe unless attending the World Short Course Championships 2008, Manchester
25-27 April	Stage 1 Meet - Loughborough (Including Team Building/Media Training 1pm 25 th April)	Not required For Overseas Athletes Based Outside of Europe
27 April-4 May	Male Camp Fred Vergnoux - Sardinia Female Camp Coach Ben Tittley - Palma	Not required For Overseas Athletes
4-8 June	Stage 2 Meet (7 Hills Meet Rome)	Optional For All Athletes
9-15 June	Camp 1 Coach Fred Vergnoux Camp 2 Coach Ben Tittley (Final venues TBC)	Optional For All Athletes
3-20 July	BOA kit collection – NEC Birmingham exact day(s) TBC	All Athletes
10-13 July	Stage 3 Meet/ASA Nationals - Liverpool (Including full Olympic Team Meeting 2.30pm, 10 th July)	All Athletes
25 July -5 August	Olympic Holding Camp - Osaka, Japan	All Athletes
5-8 August	Olympic Final Preparation Camp - Beijing	All Athletes
9-17 August	Olympic Games (Swimming) - Beijing	All Athletes
25 August	Depart Beijing	All Athletes

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.