

**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 (MARATHON SWIMMING) 20<sup>th</sup> –21<sup>st</sup> 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**

<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 Selection Statement, as printed on the back of this form and acknowledge that failure to comply with any of the Selection Statement, including the Team Requirements, could result in my non-selection or withdrawal from the team.

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

**4. COACH SIGNATURE**

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

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

It is your responsibility to personally hand in your completed form, **NO LATER THAN SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008**, to a World Class representative who will be in attendance at the British Long Course Championships. Contact number 07824 314057

Open Water athletes not attending the British Long Course Championships in Sheffield may submit their Olympic Marathon Swimming Availability Form to Sylvia Armiger or Maria Kelly on assembly at the Hilton Hotel for the Olympic Orientation Day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2008

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

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 **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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 **Swimmers may not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between selection and the Olympic Games 2008 without prior written approval from the GB Head Coach and the National Performance Director.**
- 1.5 Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between the 'selection meets' and the BOA Delegation Registration Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 1.6 Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time between the BOA Delegation Registration Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 1.7 There will be a no replacement policy for swimmers.
- 1.8 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.
- 1.9 **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 British Long Course Championships. The completed form must be presented to the nominated British Swimming representative(s) at the British Long Course Championships no later than Saturday, 5 April.
- 1.10 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. The GB Head Coach and National Performance Director may discuss performances of the entire team. During the Games period 27<sup>th</sup> July - 24<sup>th</sup> August, swimmers must also comply with the BOA media rules as set out in the Team Members Agreement.
- 1.11 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 (MARATHON SWIMMING) – TEAM REQUIREMENTS		
13 April	Olympic Team Orientation Day Assembly Hilton Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester by 7.30pm	Athletes Selected For The World OW Championships Seville
26 April – 1 May	World OW Swimming Championships Preparation Camp - Seville	Athletes Selected For The World OW Championships Seville
1-7 May	World OW Swimming Championships - Seville	Athletes Selected For The World OW Championships Seville
25-28 May	OW Olympic 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qualification Pre-Camp – Osaka, Japan	OW Olympic Qualifiers and OW Athletes Seeking Qualification in Secondary Qualification Event Beijing
28 May – 2 Jun	OW Olympic 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qualification - Beijing	Optional for athletes selected for Olympic Games Pool Swimming Team
3-20 July	BOA kit collection – NEC Birmingham exact day(s) TBC	OW Olympic Qualifying Athletes
2 -17 August	Olympic Holding Camp, Osaka, Japan	OW Olympic Qualifying Athletes
17- 19 August	Olympic Final Preparation Camp - Beijing	OW Olympic Qualifying Athletes
20-21 August	Olympic Games (Marathon Swimming)	OW Olympic Qualifying Athletes
25 August	Depart Beijing	OW Olympic Qualifying Athletes

**NOTE: AN OPEN WATER ORIENTATION DAY FOR OLYMPIC TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE CONFIRMED FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION OF THE NOMINATED TEAM.**

**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.**