

EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL TAMPERE, FINLAND
20th-24th July 2009

SELECTION STATEMENT

This is a British Olympic Association (BOA) team event limited to a maximum team size of 16 athletes.

Eligible swimmers with the best medal chances will be identified entirely at the discretion of the British Swimming Development Coach in consultation with Director Of World Class Programmes from performances at the British Long Course Championships, 16-20 March 2009, Ponds Forge, Sheffield (the 'Trials').

Swimmers selected for the World Long Course Championships 2009 are ineligible for European Youth Olympic Festival 2009 team selection.

Ages eligible for selection are Boys born in 1993/1994 and Girls born in 1995/1996.

Priority consideration will be given to eligible swimmers as follows:

- The top 4 highest ranked swimmers at the 'Trials' based on FINA 2008 International Point Scores
- The next 8 highest ranked swimmers at the 'Trials' based on a combined total of FINA 2008 International Point Scores from 2 events.
- The remaining 4 athletes will be selected to balance the team.

Two coach positions are available and these will be selected at the discretion of the British Swimming Development Coach in consultation with Director Of World Class Programmes. Coaches must have a swimmer on the team, be holders of the ASA Coaches Certificate or enrolled on an ASA Coach Course at the time of selection, and must have been resident within the UK for a minimum period of two years leading into selection, unless employed or deployed by a British or Home Country National Governing Body.

Recommendations will be made to the GB Technical Swimming Committee for approval prior to nominations being submitted to the BOA for final endorsement.

CONDITIONS

1. All swimmers and coaches will be expected to complete an Availability Form to confirm their availability to participate in the European Youth Olympic Festival 2009. 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.
2. Only swimmers eligible to represent Great Britain at the European Youth Olympic Festival 2009 will be selected.
3. It is compulsory for ALL selected team members to attend ALL programmed activities organised between selection and departure for the European Youth Olympic Festival 2009.
4. Any swimmer wishing to take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between selection and the European Youth Olympic Festival 2009 must gain prior written approval from the British Swimming Development Coach to ensure no interruption to training.
5. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the British Swimming Code of Conduct
6. 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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