



**2009 IPC EUROPEAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS – Reykjavik, Iceland,
14th – 26th October inclusive
Selection Policy for S14 Athletes**

The team shall be selected¹ following the British International Disability Swimming Championships (Incorporating the GBR Selection Trials for Reykjavik). The Trials will take place 15th – 17th May 2009 inclusive at Ponds Forge ISC, Sheffield.

1. Individual Events

1.1 Subject to 1.2 and 1.3 the overall fastest two (2) swimmers in each S14 event from the British International Disability Swimming Championships. (Incorporating the GBR Selection Trials for Reykjavik) 15th - 17th May 2009 inclusive, will be selected for that event providing that the performance equals or betters the published qualifying time² and providing that the total number of qualified swimmers does not exceed ten (10).

1.2 If more than ten (10) swimmers achieve the published qualifying times then the top ten (10) athletes shall be determined by those athletes who have the highest British Disability Swimming Points for that event in which that they have achieved the qualifying time from the British International Disability Swimming Championships. (Incorporating the GBR Selection Trials for Reykjavik) 15th – 17th May 2009 inclusive.

1.3 If, due to illness or injury, a swimmer is unable to compete at the above Trials they may be considered for selection provided that they have competed in at least one 2009 IPC European Swimming Championship S14 medal event between 1st November 2008 and 30th April 2009 inclusive and have achieved the criteria relating to the published qualifying times and place availability as set out in sections 1.1 and 1.2. British Swimming will appoint a medical practitioner with prior agreement of the athlete, to ensure their fitness to compete in the IPC European Swimming Championships. The decision of the medical practitioner on fitness shall be final.

1.3.1 Swimmers must notify, in writing, no later than 5pm on the day prior to commencement of the Trials (14th May 2009) to the National Performance Director (NPD) – Disability Swimming, any injury or illness within the previous 6 weeks that may impact upon their performance at the designated Trials. A medical practitioner will be appointed by British Swimming, with prior agreement of the athlete to review the notified injury or illness.

1.4 For a swimmer to be eligible for consideration to compete in an additional event(s) all of the criteria indicated below must be met.

1.4.1 The swimmer having been selected for the team in an S14 event as set out in 1.1 and 1.2.

¹ The selection panel will consist of members nominated by British Swimming and the British Swimming Disability Swimming Technical Committee

² The Qualifying Times shall be established utilising all known S14 performances from the IPC Long Course Competitions (e.g. British International Disability Swimming Championships) and the International Federations World Long Course Rankings from 1st January 2007 to 31st December 2008.

1.4.2 All additional swims are dependant upon place (2 entries per nation per S14 event) for that event for which the swimmer wishes to be considered and will be at the sole discretion of the NPD – Disability Swimming.

1.4.3 Swimmers will be withdrawn from all additional events entered if due to their events for which they have been selected for as outlined in 1.1 and 1.2 are withdrawn by the IPC after final entry.

2. General

The conditions outlined below must be met for any team member who wished to be considered for selection:

2.1 Only swimmers eligible to represent Great Britain at the IPC European Swimming Championships will be considered.

2.2 Subject to clause 1.3 above swimmers must have competed in the designated trials/competition as outlined above in all the events for which the athlete wishes to be considered for selection.

2.3 Swimmers must hold a valid current IPC Swimming Licence and be registered to a swimming club that is affiliated to the ASA, SASA or WASA.

2.4 Swimmers must meet the International Classification eligibility Criteria as determined by the IPC for the IPC European Swimming Championships.

2.5 All selected S14 athletes will be required to participate in the on-site sport-specific testing prior to the first day of competition.

2.6 Split times (with the exception of 20 point relays) or performances from time trials will not be considered.

2.7 Swimmers will be required to attend (where selected) all pre-Reykjavik training camps and competitions designated by the NPD - Disability Swimming. Attendance must be on a full-time basis, taking part in all programmed activities. With the exception of injury or illness no team member will be allowed to leave a camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the camp programme, including external media or social activities. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the team member being withdrawn from the team.

2.8 All team members will be required to attend the following:

Welsh Disability SC Championships, 4th and 5th July 2009 or the INAS-FID Global Games, 4th – 14th July 2009.

ASA LC Champs, 28th July – 2nd August 2009

European Championships Orientation Camp and Sprint Competition 11th and 12th September 2009.

2.9 If the IPC withdraw an event from the programme after the final entry date the swimmer will be withdrawn from the team if there are no remaining S14 events for which the swimmer has been selected as outlined in section 1.1.

2.10 All selected swimmers will be required to maintain trainability and performance targets at all times between 18th May 2009 and the conclusion of the IPC European Swimming Championships. Trainability and performance targets shall be agreed between the NPD – Disability Swimming, the GB Head Coach and the

swimmers home programme coach. A swimmer failing to maintain trainability and performance targets may result in the swimmer being withdrawn from the team.

- 2.10.1** All selected swimmers shall be required to demonstrate fitness to compete at the IPC European Swimming Championships by achieving the qualifying time in a minimum of one event for which they have been selected as set out in 1.1 at the ASA LC Championships 28th July – 2nd August 2009 inclusive.
- 2.11** Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between 18th May 2009 and the conclusion of the IPC European Swimming Championships may be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the team member being withdrawn from the team. All team members may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time between 18th May 2009 and the conclusion of the IPC European Swimming Championships.
- 2.12** Any team member who withdraws from the team following selection may be liable for the reimbursement of any costs incurred on behalf of that team member.
- 2.13** All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with all IPC Swimming requirements, Rules and Regulations, British Swimming provisions consisting of the British Swimming Doping Control Rules and Protocols and other requirements, Selection Agreement and Code of Conduct, the British Swimming Disciplinary Code and Child Protection procedure policies.
- 2.14** The team will be posted on the British Swimming website no later than 1pm, Wednesday 20th May 2009.
- 2.15** Any appeals against selection and de-selection in relation to this selection policy must be made in accordance with the British Swimming appeals procedures. Appeals should be made within 3 days of the team being published on the British Swimming website (www.britishswimming.org).