

# Commonwealth Games 2022

## Swimming and Para Swimming Nomination Policy

Birmingham 29 July – 3 August 2022

### 1. PURPOSE of this nomination policy

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to nominate a Commonwealth Games England Swimming Team for the Commonwealth Games being held in Birmingham (B2022). The dates of the competition are 29 July to August 3 2022.
- 1.2 This policy replaces the original, published in July 2021, because of the revised dates of the 2022 FINA World Championships (50m).
- 1.3 The Swimming nomination process is listed from Clause 4.
- 1.4 The Para Swimming nomination process is listed from Clause 9.
- 1.5 General guidelines are listed from Clause 13.

### 2 PERFORMANCE Objective

- 2.1 The performance objective is to maximise the medal outcomes in all Swimming, Para Swimming, Individual and Relay events.

### 3 TEAM Size

- 3.1 The total team size for Swimming and Para swimming will not exceed 49. The team will be nominated as follows;
  - a) A maximum of 34 swimmers. There is no obligation on Swim England to nominate 34 swimmers.
  - b) A maximum of 15 Para swimmers. There is no obligation on Swim England to nominate 15 swimmers.
  - c) The final team size will be determined by the England Team Leader at his absolute discretion in relation to the performance objective listed in clause 2.1.

### 4 SWIMMING Selections

- 4.1 There will be a two phase nomination process:
  - a) Phase 1 nominations will be made from performances achieved at the Tokyo Olympic Games in July 2021.
  - b) Phase 2 nominations will be made from performances at the British Swimming Championships (Ponds Forge, Sheffield, 5 -10<sup>th</sup> April 2022).
- 4.2 Subject to eligibility (clause 13.1), a Swim England Review Panel (clause 15) will check all nominations made by the England Team Leader before they are submitted to Commonwealth Games England for confirmation. It is only once Commonwealth Games England confirmation is received that the final team selection will be confirmed.
- 4.3 A maximum of three swimmers per individual event and one relay team per relay event can be selected.

- 4.4 Final ratification from Phase 1 and Phase 2 with Commonwealth Games England will be 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

## 5 PHASE 1 Nominations

- 5.1 Swimmers can gain a nomination from performances at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2021.
- 5.2 Any eligible English swimmer that qualifies for an individual final will gain a nomination place. Please refer to 7.1 of this policy in relation to event selection.
- 5.3 Swimmers nominated in Phase 1 will need to abide by clause 14.8.
- 5.4 Phase 1 nominations will be ratified by Commonwealth Games England by December 1 2021 (clause 8).

## 6 PHASE 2 Nominations

- 6.1 Will be made based on performances achieved in any final of the British Swimming Championships in April 2022.
- 6.2 Following the final day of the British Swimming Championships, Swim England will produce a list of ranked performances from swimmers who have recorded a time that equals or betters the consideration time listed in Table 1. This list will also take into consideration clauses 4.3 and 13.1.
- 6.3 Phase 2 nominations will be made from the above list according to the following criteria, up to a team size of 30 swimmers:
- In line with this policy's objective outlined in 2.1 above, swimmers will be ranked in order of time percentage equal to or in front of the consideration times listed in Table 1. This list will also include relay times as listed below.
  - For relay selections; the fastest combination of four individual swimmers' times in the Men's and Women's 100m and 200m Freestyle events and the fastest 100m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly and 100m Freestyle will be added together and a total allowance of 1.50 seconds will be deducted for takeovers to establish a combined time for relays. Only performances from Tokyo Olympic Games (including relay lead off times) and British Swimming Championship 2022 finals will be considered.
  - Where swimmers are fastest in multiple 100m events the England Team Leader at his absolute discretion will nominate swimmers as alternates to ensure the relay has the best chance to reach its medal winning potential.
  - The mixed relay teams will be selected from swimmers already nominated in the team at the absolute discretion of the Head Coach as per clauses 7.1 and 7.2.
- 6.4 Should the full allocation of swimmers, up to 30 **not** be selected through phases 1 and 2, the England Team Leader in consultation with the Head Coach, can select up to 30 swimmers at his complete discretion, in line with clauses 2.1 and 3.1 of this policy.
- 6.5 The remaining 4 nominations will be selected at the absolute discretion of the England Team Leader, in consultation with the Head Coach in line with clauses 2.1 and 3.1 of this policy.

## 7. EVENT selection

- 7.1 This policy only selects athletes onto the B2022 Swim England Commonwealth Games Team. The England Team Leader in consultation with the Head Coach will determine individual event entries at their absolute discretion.
- 7.2 All team members will be considered to be eligible for relay team selections.

## 8. NOTIFICATION

- 8.1 Swimmers nominated through Phase 1 will be ratified by Commonwealth Games England no later than 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
- 8.2 Swimmers nominated through Phase 2 will be ratified by Commonwealth Games England no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

**TABLE 1**

<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MALE</b>
24.80	50m Freestyle	22.09
54.25	100m Freestyle	48.75
1:58.44	200m Freestyle	1:47.60
4:11.03	400m Freestyle	3:47.99
8:34.44	800m/1500m Freestyle	15:01.46
28.04	50m Backstroke	25.19
1:00.81	100m Backstroke	54.23
2:10.04	200m Backstroke	1:58.46
30.93	50m Breaststroke	27.51
1:07.30	100m Breaststroke	59.72
2:24.00	200m Breaststroke	2:10.22
25.82	50m Butterfly	23.85
58.23	100m Butterfly	52.19
2:09.45	200m Butterfly	1:58.21
2:12.32	200m Individual Medley	1:58.86
4:39.68	400m Individual Medley	4:15.54
3:37.21	4x100m Freestyle Relay	3:14.28
7:52.67	4x200m Freestyle Relay	7:08.44
3:59.45	4x100m Medley Relay	3:32.88
	4x100m Mixed Freestyle Relay	
	4x100m Mixed Medley Relay	

## Para-Swimming Nominations

### 9. PURPOSE of this Para Swimming nomination policy

- 9.1 The focus for this policy is to nominate swimmers that will maximise the medal winning potential at the 2022 Commonwealth Games being held in Birmingham (B2022). The dates of the competition are 29 July to 3 August 2022.

### 10. ATHLETE eligibility

To be eligible for nomination by Commonwealth Games England an athlete must:

- 10.1 Be internationally classified with a confirmed sports class status or a review in 2023 or later at the time of entries closing in June 2022.
- 10.2 Hold an active World Para Swimming license 2022.
- 10.3 Have competed in at least one sanctioned/approved World Para Swimming Competition between period 31 December 2020 and 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- 10.4 Not be currently disqualified or suspended from the Commonwealth Games Federation, IPC or under the World Anti-Doping Authority.
- 10.5 Abide by all Clauses of the general policy conditions listed in Clause 13 onwards of this nomination policy.

### 11. NOMINATION process

There will be three phases for this nomination process:

- 11.1 Phase 1 - swimmers can only be nominated if they are named on the Athlete Allocation list produced by World Para Swimming for eligible 'slots' to compete at the Commonwealth Games 2022. This list will be based on the World Para Swimming rankings (31 December 2020 to 18 April 2022).
- 11.2 Phase 2 - requires the achievement of the England consideration time in a chosen event and classification as outlined in clause 12.
- 11.3 Phase 3 - one Bipartite Invitation Slot per event may be issued at the absolute discretion of the Commonwealth Games Federation and/or World Para Swimming.
- 11.4 Athletes that have fully achieved Phase 1 and Phase 2 will then be nominated for selection.
- 11.5 Where numbers exceed the maximum Commonwealth Games allocation the athletes will be ranked against the consideration times and the appropriate classification as detailed in clause 12.
- 11.6 All team members, where appropriate and allowable, will be considered to be eligible for relay team selection.
- 11.7 Relay selections will be made from athletes who have reached the consideration as laid out in clause 12 for their individual event.
- 11.8 Where a swimmer has qualified as part of phase 1 but not phase 2 they will be considered at the absolute discretion of the England Team Leader if this nomination allows for an individual or a relay to have medal winning potential.
- 11.9 Para Swimmers being nominated to Commonwealth Games England for selection will be notified no later than 2 May 2022.

## 12. PARA CONSIDERATION standards

Table 2

AGES AS OF THE 31 DECEMBER 2022					
FEMALE EVENTS			MALE EVENTS		
EVENT	OTHER CLASS	CONSIDERATION TIME	EVENT	OTHER CLASS	CONSIDERATION TIME
S13 50m Freestyle	S11/S12	29.98	S13 50m Freestyle	S11/S12	26.50
S8 100m Backstroke	S7	1:23.20	S9 100m Backstroke	S8	1:07.75
SB6 100m Breaststroke	SB5	1:41.65	SB8 100m Breaststroke	SB7	1:25.00
S9 100m Freestyle	S8	1:05.70	S7 50m Freestyle	S6	32.85
SM10 200m IM	SM9	2:45.00	S10 100 Butterfly	S9	1:05.10
S14 200 Freestyle		2:11.51	S14 200m Freestyle		1:58.65

### FOR INFORMATION - STAFF SELECTIONS

- The positions of Head Coach, Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager will be openly recruited in November 2021.
- A maximum of eight Team Coaches will be selected at the sole discretion of the Head Coach, taking into consideration; accreditations available, knowledge, experience in the 'Arena', collective skills of the coaching team, together with the coach's ability in exhibiting and promoting the British Swimming Team Coaching Behaviours.
- All selected coaches, by 2022, will have needed to complete the British Swimming / Home Nation Elite Coach Development Programme and/or Swim England's Coach 2024 programme.
- In line with the 'one team' philosophy coaches will be expected to combine, where appropriate, coaching groups that are inclusive of all swimmers.

## Selection Policy General Considerations

### 13. ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- 13.1 Be eligible to represent England as per eligibility requirements outlined in Article 24 of the Commonwealth Games Federation's Constitution ([www.thecgf.com/about/constitution.pdf](http://www.thecgf.com/about/constitution.pdf)).
- 13.2 Have completed and signed the relevant Commonwealth Games England Team Member's Agreement.
- 13.3 Be available to fulfil all team commitments, from the point of nomination through to the end of the competition at B2022.
- 13.4 Comply with any other CGF and/or Commonwealth Games England eligibility criteria from time to time, including in respect of nationality and/or anti-doping.
- 13.5 All athletes must be eligible to hold a British passport.
- 13.6 All athletes must sign the Commonwealth Games Federation entry and eligibility form.

### 14. TEAM Commitments

**All Team Members will be required to:**

- 14.1 Sign and comply with the Commonwealth Games England Team Members' Agreement. A breach of the Team Members' Agreement may result in de-selection from the team.
- 14.2 Abide by any stipulated media protocols of Commonwealth Games England and Swim England.
- 14.3 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the England Team Leader and Head Coach including but not limited to the holding camp in July 2022. No team member will be allowed to leave a team camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the team camp programme, this includes any external media, sponsor or social activities. Failure to attend the required activities could result in withdrawal from the team. Under exceptional circumstances, written approval to be excluded from activities may be given by the England Team Leader and Head Coach.
- 14.4 Comply with CGF / FINA swimwear rules/regulations.
- 14.5 All athletes must complete appropriate UKAD education and training.
- 14.6 Adhere to all prescribed travel arrangements which might involve different travel dates to other members of the team.
- 14.7 Commit to a full training and preparation programme from the point of nomination for selection to B2022.
- 14.8 Any athlete nominated in **phase 1 of the 'Swimming' selection** policy will be required to agree, in consultation with British Swimming, a plan that supports their season to maximise their performance at B2022.

## **15. WITHDRAWALS**

- 15.1 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments specified in clause 13.2 of this document, they may be withdrawn from the team following consultation with Commonwealth Games England.
- 15.2 Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time following their nomination. Any swimmer judged to be unfit by the England Head Coach, following tests conducted, may be de-selected from the team at the absolute discretion of the England Team Leader and Head Coach following consultation with Commonwealth Games England.

## **16. REPLACEMENTS**

- 16.1 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the Commonwealth Games Team will be considered at the absolute discretion of the England Team Leader and Head Coach following consultation with Commonwealth Games England if viewed to be in the best interest of the B2022 overall team performance. Consideration will be given to the individual event selection criteria (clause 7).
- 16.2 Replacements because of injury or illness, after June 24 2022, will need full medical evidence for consideration by Commonwealth Games England.

## **17. OTHER**

- 17.1 The England Team Leader and Head Coach will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections of the team are in line with this Selection Policy and will result in the best possible achievements at B2022.
- 17.2 The Swim England Leadership Group in consultation with Commonwealth Games England may amend Selection Policies at any time at their discretion and will ensure any amendments are communicated to all potential team members (the submitted long list).

## **18. APPEALS**

- 18.1 Nominations will be verified by a review panel that will ensure selections made are fair and transparent whilst also being within the true spirit of this policy. Members of the review panel will take no other part in the selection/nomination process.
- 18.2 The review panel will consist of three independent selectors.
- 18.3 Any appeals against nomination in relation to this England Selection Policy must be made in accordance with the Swim England Team Selection Appeals Procedure. This must be done within three days after the final announcement of the team which will be 2 May 2022 at the latest. Details are available on request from Swim England Legal Department, at [legal@swimming.org](mailto:legal@swimming.org).
- 18.4 Swimmers should be aware of the time limits contained in the procedures, which is designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.

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