

VII Commonwealth Youth Games

Trinidad and Tobago

4 August 2023 to 11 August 2023

Nomination Policy and Standards

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This policy outlines the process to Nominate the team to represent England at the Commonwealth Youth Games (CWYG) in 2023.
- 1.2. This nomination policy has been agreed by Swim England (SE) and Commonwealth Games England (CGE). It provides detail on the process by which SE will arrive at its nominations for the selection of athletes within the English Team in Trinbago 2023 which will be submitted to CGE for ratification.
- 1.3. The nominations provided to CGE for Ratification by SE will be made by a Swim England nomination panel.
- 1.4. The final decision in selection for the 2023 Youth Games lies with CGE. Achievement of the selection criteria therefore represents **eligibility for nomination**, not automatic selection for the team.
- 1.5. SE will nominate only those athletes using the nomination criteria stated in this policy.

2. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 The CWYG is one of only a small number of events where Olympic sports can compete in a multi-sport environment. Therefore, the target for this meet is to provide a positive competitive opportunity for the long-term development of English junior swimmers with the potential to compete at the Olympic or Commonwealth Games in the future, whilst providing strong medal opportunities across the event.

3. AGE ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Boys 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 14-18 years old.
- 3.2 Girls 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 14-18 years old
- 3.3 Swimmers must meet the respective age requirements in 3.1 and 3.2 by the 31 of December 2023.

4. INDIVIDUAL SELECTION

- 4.1 Nominations for the Swimming Team will be made from performances at the British Swimming Championships (4-9 April 2023, Sheffield) subject to clause 4.6.
- 4.2 Swimmer will only be eligible for nomination from performances in events being held at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games swimming competition. Only swimmers who are age eligible see clause 3 and clause 5 will be considered for nomination, priority will be given to times swam in finals subject to clause 4.6.
- 4.3 For the men's 1500 Freestyle and the women's 800 Freestyle, times achieved in the heats and the fastest final are eligible, will be ranked and then considered for nominations subject to clause 4.6.
- 4.4 Nominations will consider the ability of a swimmer to perform multi-events to ensure the performance objective is supported.
- 4.5 Swimmers will be **considered** for nomination, should they have achieved a time equal to or faster than those listed in Appendix A. Times have been generated based on achieving 725 World Aquatic points. Following publication of the 2022 World Aquatic scores. These are the correct World Aquatic points at the time of publication.
- 4.6 Final nominations are at the sole discretion of the nomination panel.
- 4.7 Final selection is at the sole discretion of CGE following nominations made by SE against this policy. The team will only be announced following ratification by Commonwealth Games England on an agreed date.

5. OTHER ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Only pre-accredited athletes who provide information in full as requested by both the Commonwealth Games Federation and CGE will be eligible for nomination.
- 5.2 The SE Selection Panel reserves the right not to nominate swimmers for the CWYG if it is deemed to be detrimental to the swimmer's long-term potential. Such decisions will take into consideration the potential to qualify for Paris 2024 and the congestion of summer meet racing. Such a decision will only be taken following consultation with the swimmers' coach and British Swimming's Head of Performance Development.

6. TEAM SIZE

- 6.1 A team of up to 12 swimmers (comprising of up to 6 females and up to 6 males) will be nominated.

7. INDIVIDUAL EVENT SELECTION

- 7.1 Nominations will be made in the best interest of providing a balanced team to cover all events at the CWYG. All athlete nominations will be made at the

absolute discretion of the Swim England Selection Panel following consultation with British Swimming's Head of Performance Development.

- 7.2 This policy nominates swimmers to the team. Individual entries and relays in consultation with the athlete's home coach, are at the absolute discretion of the team leader
- 7.3 All team members nominated will be considered at the absolute discretion of the England Team Leader for any relay team selection.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT

- 8.1 The nominations for the CWYG Team will be notified on or before 30 April 2023 via email.
- 8.2 Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation to nomination or Selection matters until authorised to do so by the Team Leader.

9. COACH NOMINATION

- 9.1 Coach nomination will be made to CGE for final selection at the discretion of the Swim England nomination panel in conjunction with the SE Coach Development Manager. Consideration for nomination will be based on the balance of coaching team, current or past engagement on the Swim England Talent Pathway at the appropriate levels of Youth Development programme, Youth Performance Squad and Senior Performance squad, All coaches will require a Current Enhanced DBS and have completed the required Safeguarding training.

SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be a British citizen (Full British passport holder) and eligible to represent England as of 30th July 2023.
- G2 Have completed a Selection Acceptance Form to confirm they will be available to participate by the deadline to be imposed by SE. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by SE. Selection Acceptance Forms will be provided by Swim England to qualifying team members.
- G3 Be available to fulfil all team commitments from the time of selection through to the Championships.
- G4 Complete the CGF Entry and Eligibility Conditions form and appropriate anti-doping education and training.
- G5 Comply with any other World Aquatics eligibility criteria from time to time, including in respect of nationality and/or anti-doping.

TEAM COMMITMENTS

All Team members will be required to:

- G6 Comply with the SE Code of Conduct and Team England's Team Members agreement. A breach of these may result in de-selection from the team.
- G7 Adhere to all prescribed travel arrangements which may involve different travel dates to other members of the team.
- G8 Abide by media protocols of SE and the CGE. Athletes must only speak to the media about their own performances and group coaches must only comment on the performances of swimmers in their group. The SE Team Leader may discuss the performances of the entire team. Swimmers must not publicise any information in relation to selection matters until authorised to do so by the Team Leader.
- G9 Not take holiday or attend overseas camps and/or competitions between the selection trials and the meet for which they have been selected without prior written approval from the Team Leader.
- G10 Make themselves available for all team activities. No team member will be allowed to leave a national team camp or undertake any activities that are not directly relevant to the team camp programme; this includes any external media, sponsorship 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 Team Leader
- G11 Comply with SE and world Aquatics swimwear regulations whilst competing at the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games.

WITHDRAWALS AND REPLACEMENTS

- G12 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G5 to G10) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G13 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury (physical or mental) at any time following their selection must notify SE immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the Team Leader. In the event of injury or illness athletes may be deselected if they pose a risk to themselves, other athletes or team staff as determined by the SE Chief Medical Officer or his designate.

REPLACEMENTS

- G14 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the Team Leader in the best interest of the overall team performance and in line with the CGF entry timescales.

OTHER

- G15 The Swim Leadership Group may amend Nomination policies, within reason at its discretion.

G16 The England Team leader will exercise their authority to ensure that the final selections for the 2023 Commonwealth Youth Games team are in line with this policy and will result in the best possible achievements at the 2023 Games.

APPEALS

G17 Any appeals against non-nomination must be made to Swim England in accordance with the Swim England Team nomination Appeals Procedures, available online at swimming.org or by request via email legal@swimming.org Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.

Swim Management Group

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APPENDIX

A. Minimum consideration times

Male	Event	Female
23.27	50 Freestyle	26.34
52.16	100 Freestyle	57.56
01:53.54	200 Freestyle	02:05.76
04:04.97	400 Freestyle	04:23.14
16:09.57	1500/800 Freestyle	08:59.64
26.39	50 Backstroke	30.03
57.43	100 Backstroke	01:03.95
02:04.58	200 Backstroke	02:17.30
28.88	50 Breaststroke	32.61
01:03.31	100 Breaststroke	01:11.38
02:20.20	200 Breaststroke	02:34.67
24.79	50 Butterfly	27.19
55.04	100 Butterfly	01:01.75
02:02.82	200 Butterfly	02:15.59
02:06.89	200 I.M	02:20.39
04:31.43	400 I.M	04:56.49