

## **1. PERFORMANCE TARGET**

- 1.1 The Commonwealth Youth Games is one of only a small number of events where Olympic sports that can compete in a multi-sport environment. Therefore, with medals in mind, the target for this meet is to provide a positive competitive opportunity for the long-term development of English junior swimmers.

## **2. TEAM SIZE**

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

## **3. INDIVIDUAL SELECTION**

- 3.1 Nominations for the Swimming Team will be made from performances at the British Swimming Championships only, (18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017, Sheffield) to Commonwealth Games England (CGE)
- 3.2 Only swimmers who qualify for the 'Junior Final' in an Olympic event (except the women's 800 Freestyle and men's 1500 Freestyle, see 3.3), and who are age eligible (see 4.1 and 4.2) and available (see 7.1) will be considered for nomination as per 5.2 below.
- 3.3 For the men's 1500 Freestyle and the women's 800 Freestyle, times achieved within the heats and the fastest final, and are eligible (see 4.1 and 4.2) will be ranked and then considered for nominations as per 5.2 below.
- 3.4 Final selections are at the sole discretion of the CGE following nominations made by the England Team Leader against this policy. The team will only be announced following ratification by CGE.

## **4. AGE ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 Boys born 1999 / 2000 / 2001 / 2002
- 4.2 Girls born 2000 / 2001 / 2002 / 2003

## **5. INDIVIDUAL EVENT SELECTION**

- 5.1 To be eligible for nomination swimmers must have compete in the 'Junior Final' at the British Championships, as detailed in 3.1 and 3.2 above
- 5.2 Nominations will be made in the best interest of providing a balanced team to cover all events at the Commonwealth Youth Games. All athlete nominations will be made at the absolute discretion of the England Team Leader, following consultation with The England Programmes Team Leader and British Swimming's Head of Elite Development.
- 5.3 All team members nominated under this clause for individual events will be considered at the absolute discretion of the England Team Leader for relay team selection.

## **6. EVENT ENTRIES**

- 6.1 At the Commonwealth Youth Games 2017 entries will be made at the absolute discretion of the England Team Leader in consultation with the home coach of each selected swimmer. It will be expected that selected swimmers will participate in multiple individual events and relays.

## **7. OTHER ELIGIBILITY**

- 7.1 Swimmers selected by British Swimming for the 2017 World Championships (Budapest), the 2017 World Junior Championships (Indianapolis) and the European Youth Olympic Festival (Gyor) will not be considered for nomination for the Commonwealth Youth Games.
- 7.2 Taking into account 7.1 above, swimmers selected by British Swimming for the European Junior Championships (Netanya) will be considered available, but not prioritised for selection.
- 7.3 Only pre-accredited athletes who provide information in full as requested by both the Commonwealth Games Federation and CGE will be eligible for nomination.
- 7.4 The England Team Leader reserves the right not to nominate swimmers for the Commonwealth Youth Games if it is deemed to be detrimental to the swimmers long term potential. Such a decision will only be taken following consultation with the swimmers' coach and British Swimming's Head of Elite Development.

## **8. COACH SELECTIONS**

At the absolute discretion of the England Team Leader, two coaches will be selected who have completed or are in the process of completing British Swimming Elite Coach development programme or England Programmes Coach 2024.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENT**

The nominations for the Commonwealth Youth Games Team will be notified on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017. Athletes must keep all decisions relating to selection/non-selection strictly confidential until such time as instructed by the ASA.

## SELECTION POLICY GENERAL CONDITIONS

### ELIGIBILITY

Swimmers must:

- G1 Be eligible to represent England as per eligibility requirements outlined in Article 24 of the Commonwealth Games Federation's Constitution.
- G2 Have completed and signed the relevant Commonwealth Games England Team Member's Agreement.
- G3 Be available to fulfill national team commitments.

Coaches must:

- G4 Be holders of the UKCC/ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an UKCC/ASA Coach Course at time of selection.
- G5 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.

### TEAM COMMITMENTS

All Team members will be required to:

- G6 Comply with the ASA Code Of Conduct. A breach of the ASA Code of Conduct may result in de-selection from the team
- G7 Abide by media protocols of the ASA. Athletes must only speak to the media about their own performances and group coaches must only comment on performances of swimmers in their group. The England Team Leader may discuss performances of the entire team.
- G8 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 England Team Leader.
- G9 Make themselves available for all team activities designated by the England Team Leader (including but not limited to preparation camps and staging camps). 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, 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.
- G10 Comply with British Swimming, Commonwealth Games and FINA swimwear regulations.

## WITHDRAWALS

- G11 If for any reason a swimmer is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team Commitments (G6 to G10) they may be withdrawn from the team.
- G12 Swimmers becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection must notify ASA immediately and will be required to undertake a full medical examination by the nominated Medical staff, which may result in the swimmer being de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the England Team Leader
- G13 Swimmers may be subjected to fitness (land/water) and/or medical tests at any time following their selection. Any swimmer judged to be unfit by ASA, following tests conducted by ASA, may be de-selected from the team at the complete discretion of the England Team Leader.

## REPLACEMENTS

- G14 Replacement of swimmers withdrawn from the team will be considered at the complete discretion of the England Team Leader if viewed to be in the best interest of the overall team performance.

## APPEALS

- G15 Nominations will be verified by an independent policy panel that will ensure selections made are fair and transparent while being within the true spirit of this policy.

Any appeals against nominations in relation to this England Selection Policy must be made in accordance with the Amateur Swimming Association Team Selection appeals procedure, available on request from ASA legal department, via email at [legal@swimming.org](mailto:legal@swimming.org)

Swimmers should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expeditiously and fairly.