

South West Regional Overseas camp 2018

Bulgarian National Championships, Sofia June 27th – July 2nd

Selection policy

1. Performance objective

1.1 The objective for this event is to provide a positive team experience and exposure to an overseas camp and competition for the development of English athletes aspiring to achieve international representation and success in the future.

2. Coach and Team Manager selection

- 2.1 The Head Coach and Lead Team Manager for the camp and competitions have been selected by the SE South West Swimming Committee.
- 2.2 Three further group coaches and an assistant team manager will be selected from applications received by the selection committee. Applications close on March 23rd and selections confirmed by end of March.

3. Athletes selection Qualifying period

3.1 Selections will be made from the fastest performances achieved in a long course licensed meet between January 1st and May 7th 2018 inclusive.

4. Team announcement

- 4.1 Athletes will be notified of their selection in the week commencing May 14th.
- 4.2 The team will be announced via the regional website by the end of May.

5. Athlete Selection criteria

- 5.1 Selection will be made for the male and female athletes achieving the highest ranked time. Only times achieved in Olympic events will be considered.
- 5.2 Further selections for the next highest ranked athletes will be made based on FINA points at the discretion of the selection committee with a view to achieving an approximate balance across both genders.
- 5.3 Only times achieved in the qualifying period January 1st to May 7th will be considered.
- 5.4 In consultation with their home programme coach athletes will have the opportunity to compete in up to 5 individual events.

6 Age Eligibility

6.1 Age eligibility is for up to 26 athletes born between 2003 and 2000.

6.2 A further 4 athletes born 1999 or earlier may be selected from the highest ranked FINA points at the sole discretion of the selection committee with a view to achieving an approximate balance across both genders.

7. Eligibility

- 7.1 Athletes who have been selected to represent international senior, junior or youth teams for British swimming or England programmes in 2018 will be ineligible for this competition.
- 7.2 Athletes must be in full time training, have a British Swimming ranked time recorded representing a club from the SE South West Region, within the selection qualifying period.
- 7.3 Athletes must have competed at either the 2017 SW Winter Championships or the 2018 SW Summer Championships.
- 7.4 Athletes must be an English citizen and eligible to represent England as per FINA General Rule 2

8. Team Size

8.1 Up to a maximum of 30 athletes may be selected subject to funding. The total number of athletes selected will be decided by the selection committee following the 2018 SW Regional Summer Championships.

9 Team Commitment and withdrawals

All team members will be required to:

- 9.1 Confirm their acceptance by May 18th. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non-availability by the selection committee.
- 9.2 Comply with the SE SW Region's Code of Conduct. A breach of this may result in de-selection form the team.
- 9.3 Provide a race plan, pre-race preparation (dry land and pool warm up) and post-race protocol for each event by completing the appropriate pages in their log book prior to attending the competition
- 9.4 Comply with British swimming and FINA swimwear regulations.
- 9.5 If for any reason the athlete is unable or unwilling to fully comply with the Team commitments outlined in Section 9 they may be withdrawn from the team.
- 9.6 Athletes becoming unfit due to illness or injury at any time following their selection must notify the Head Coach/Lead Team Manager immediately. A review of the ability of the athlete to compete will take place which may result in the athlete being de-selected from the team.
- 9.7 Replacement of an athlete (s) withdrawn from the team will be considered at the discretion of the selection committee.
- 9.8 Contribute the set financial contribution towards the camp as detailed in the selection letter.

10. **Selection Committee**

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