



GREAT BRITAIN DEAF SWIMMING CLUB SELECTION POLICY: DEAFLYMPICS 2017

The Deaflympics is the highest profile event for Deaf swimmers and correspondingly the team selected to represent Great Britain will be one that provides us with the best chance of success. Therefore swimmers selected will be those considered to have medal potential either individually or as part of a relay team. Additionally there may be scope for selecting an emerging swimmer who might benefit from the experience with a view to future Deaflympic medal potential. GBDSC will make selections based on qualifying times as set out below. However, GBDSC also maintain the performance philosophy as set out by UK Deaf Sport (UKDS) and as such are looking at podium athletes (i.e. those athletes on a clear, evidenced trajectory to win a medal in 2017) or podium potential (i.e. those athletes on a clear, evidenced trajectory to win a medal in 2021 or beyond). Consequently some younger athletes with slower times may be selected based on this rationale. The team will be selected based upon the following considerations:

1. Swimmers must achieve qualifying times (QT) within the period starting 1st July 2015 and ending on the date by which GB Deaf Swimming and Deaflympics UK make their team selection. *[Selections to be made at selection event over the weekend of 11th – 13th November 2016 at the London Aquatics Centre.]*
2. Swimmers are expected to
 - fully engage in GBDSC activities, such as training weekends and our National Championships
 - provide the Head Coach with information regarding their training and competition results on a regular basis and in a format agreed with the Head Coach (eg monthly training logs, times, records, PBs)
 - be role models in demonstrating good behaviour, commitment, respect and support to fellow club members.
3. The maximum team size and will be determined by the Technical Regulations for the event, the Head Coach and Chair of GB Deaf Swimming and the Deaflympics GB Chef de Mission. [Up to 12 swimmers will be selected]
4. Swimmers seeking selection for the Great Britain Deaf Swimming Team will be required to be paid up members of GBDSC at all times up to the period of the Deaflympics 2017.

5. Swimmers will be required to have satisfied the Audiological requirement of the ICSD.

6. Selections will be based on swimmers who have reached qualifying times for the 2017 Deaflympics and consideration times drawn up by the Head Coach and as agreed by the Deaflympics GB Chef de Mission, within the qualifying period as determined by the Technical Regulations for the event and the cut-off date as set out in Section 1 above. All swimmer qualifying times must be achieved in one of the following events:

- Licensed swimming meets (at Level 3 or above)
- GBDSC annual championships
- ICSD accredited events.

In the event that there are more swimmers who achieve QTs than there are places, the Head Coach will select swimmers on the basis of medal potential and then development potential for future games as defined in the opening paragraph above.

7. Swimmers will at all times be expected to comply with the requirements of their GBDSC Squad. It is expected that in the main this will be Performance squad swimmers. The Head Coach may also consider Development Squad swimmers for selection.

8. All swimmer selections will be independently ratified by Deaflympics GB in accordance with the Deaflympics GB Selection Policy.

9. Appeals against non-selection must firstly be made in writing to the Chair of GB Deaf Swimming and state the grounds for making the appeal. An appeal panel consisting of GBDSC committee members may be convened to consider such appeals before the selections are notified to Deaflympics GB. After this, appeals may be made to the Chef de Mission, Deaflympics GB in accordance with the Deaflympics GB appeals procedure.

10. All selected swimmers will be required to engage fully in preparation activities as set out in the Contract to Swim in Deaflympics 2017 which will be signed by swimmers/their parents (for those under 18 years of age at the date of selection)

11. After selection, a swimmer may be deselected if he/she, for no good reason, does not adhere to the terms of the Contract to Swim in Deaflympics 2017. An appeal against deselection will be heard by the Deaflympics GB Chef de Mission. In the event of the appeal being unsuccessful, the deselected swimmer will be subject to further payments towards the cost of their place only to the extent that his/her deselection puts a further financial burden on the remaining swimmers.
12. Further swimmer(s) may be brought into the team in the following circumstances: to replace an injured/deselected swimmer, because they were “discovered” after the selection process (and become members of the club as per 4 above), or because their performance warrants it. Further swimmers may be added to the team at the discretion of the Head Coach, Chair of GB Deaf Swimming and the Deaflympics GB Chef de Mission provided that those individuals meet all other criteria as set out above.
13. Coach/Team Manager selection: The decision as to which Coach(es)/Team Manager(s) to attend each competition will depend upon the availability of the Head Coach. In the event of a male Head Coach being unable to attend Deaflympics 2017, the club committee will invite another Coach to attend for that particular competition only. In the event of that replacement Coach being female, then a male Team Manager will be found so as to have one each male and female chaperones in the event of the team comprising swimmers aged under 18 at the date of outward travel.
14. Qualifying and Consideration Times:

Swimmers achieving A times are likely to be selected subject to satisfying any other criteria set out in the selection policy. Swimmers achieving B times will be considered for selection subject to satisfying any other criteria set out in the selection policy.

Events	MALE A Times	MALE B Times	FEMALE A Times	FEMALE B Times
50m freestyle	25.26	27.28	27.89	30.21
100m freestyle	54.84	59.23	1.00.81	1.05.67
200m freestyle	1.59.93	2.09.52	2.17.85	2.28.88
400m freestyle	4.18.07	4.38.72	5.53.97	6.22.29
800m freestyle			10.21.15	11.10.84
1500m freestyle	17.30.05	18.54.05		
50m breaststroke	31.61	34.14	36.67	39.60
100m breaststroke	1.15.10	1.21.11	1.22.70	1.29.32
200m breaststroke	2.33.49	2.45.77	2.55.71	3.09.77
50m butterfly	27.19	29.37	31.11	33.60
100m butterfly	59.72	1.04.50	1.09.06	1.14.58
200m butterfly	2.27.59	2.39.40	2.57.85	3.12.08
50m backstroke	28.69	30.99	32.46	35.06
100m backstroke	1.05.65	1.10.90	1.14.24	1.20.18
200m backstroke	2.19.27	2.30.41	2.36.61	2.49.14
200 Individual Medley	2.18.77	2.29.87	2.44.12	2.57.25
400 Individual Medley	5.01.62	5.25.75	6.37.71	7.09.53