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Selection Policy for Swimming (Welsh Schools Swimming Association) **UK School Games 2008**

The Welsh Schools Swimming Association will for participation in the 2008 UK Games select team swimmers from official confirmed performances at licensed long course meets held between November 1st 2007 and May 22nd 2008 with team selection being made appropriately thereafter by the Welsh Schools Selectors.

Ages eligible for selection will be Boys and Girls aged 16 years and under on 30th August 2008 which is the final day of the competition.

Pupils may swim in a maximum of two Individual events plus two team relays.
The selectors will select from times and ranking between the dates of November 1st 2007 and May 22nd 2008.

Multi-disability event swimmers may compete in a maximum of 3 Individual events and will be considered for selection based upon the published Multi-disability events supplementary eligibility criteria.

GAMES EVENTS

50M freestyle
100m Freestyle
200m Freestyle
400m Freestyle
800m Freestyle
1500m Freestyle
100m Backstroke
200m Backstroke
100m Breaststroke
200m Breaststroke
100m Butterfly
200m Butterfly
200m Individual Medley
400m Individual Medley
50m MD Freestyle
100m MD Freestyle
100m MD Backstroke
100m MD Butterfly
100m MD Breaststroke
200m MD Individual Medley

TEAM RELAYS

The 4 X 100m Freestyle Team, the 4 X 200m Freestyle Team and the 4 X 100m Medley Team will be selected where possible from the Individual swimmers / pupils selected to swim individual events, but where needed relay specific swimmers / pupils may be additionally included as appropriate to need.



WSSA UK SCHOOL GAMES STAFF

Officials will include the WSSA Lead Team Manager and Team Managers, and will be appropriately qualified and will all adhere to the 'Safe Away' Protocol for Team Managers, Coaches and Officials. Details of staff positions and role descriptions will be set out appropriately.

A Head Coach position will be selected at the discretion of the Lead Team Manager and Executive Committee who must be appropriately qualified and accountable to the WSSA.

Assistant Coaches will be appointed according to swimmer numbers and also need to be appropriately qualified.

Team managers will be appointed as appropriate to numbers with consideration given to need for supervised travel between area of residence and venue of event.

Team Staff must have been involved in WSSA swimming events and hold an appropriate ASA qualification or equivalent .

Should the Welsh Schools Association decide to appoint a Coach from the Governing Body of swimming or elsewhere this person or persons will function under the jurisdiction of the Welsh Schools Swimming Association.

The disabled swimming section while included within the framework of the general team composition will have at least one member of team staff with previous experience of disability swimming.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Participating swimmers must be in full time education. In the event of equal ranking times, the most recent performance will be taken into consideration by the selection committee.

Notice will be given of the dates when consideration for team inclusion terminates, selection date occurs and date of team release, and by whom.

Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between their selection and the UK School Games may be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being released from the team.

Where a swimmer is withdrawn from the team as a result of illness or injury they may be replaced by the next fastest and eligible swimmer as appropriate to the selection policy and fitness.

Other than illness and injury as outlined above there is no replacement policy for swimmers. Therefore any swimmer / pupil who withdraws from the team following selection for any other reason other than illness or injury, as confirmed by a Doctors Medical certificate may be liable for reimbursement of unretrievable costs.

The agreement between all home countries is that all swimmers selected for the European Junior Team and World Youth Championships for 2008 will not be eligible to swim in the UK School Games 2008.

These selections will take place following the British LC and Olympic trials, therefore the swimmers names who are not available will be confirmed at the end of April.

All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the WSSA & UK School Games Code of Conduct.

Any appeals against selections in regard to the WSSA selection policy must be made in writing within one week of the publication of the provisional teams selection. Any such appeal will be considered by the WSSA Selection Committee and referred if necessary to the WSSA Executive Committee who's decision will be final.



APPENDIX

Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria

These criteria must be read in conjunction with the WSSA Selection Policy.

For selections to be confirmed all swimmers must be eligible to compete for the Welsh Schools' Swimming Association in the UK School Games and hold an IPC Swimming National or International authorised classification.

The events shall be on a S1-13 Multi-disability basis with the medallist being determined by the 3 swimmers scoring the highest number of British Disability Swimming Points in the following IPC Paralympic Games events.

	50m Freestyle	100m Freestyle	100m Backstroke	100m Breaststroke	100m Butterfly	200m Individual Medley
Male	S1-S13	S1-S13	S6-S13	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB13	S8-S13	SM5-SM13
Female	S1-S13	S1-S13	S6-S13	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB13	S8-S13	SM5-SM13

SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA

1. Swimmers must hold a current authorised IPC Swimming National or International classification, and must present their British Swimming Functional Ability Card (FAC) for inspection at the competition
2. The swimmer holding the highest number of British Disability Swimming points, based upon the results from the DSE SC Championships on 3rd-4th Nov 07 and DSE Junior Championships on 1st-2nd March 08 shall identify swimmers for each event.
3. For events in which swimmers have not been identified from the competitions specified in 2. above the Selection Committees may consider selecting additional swimmers from within their Team areas.
4. Athletes from within all disability World Class programmes may be considered for selection with the exception of those Athletes selected as a member of the Beijing Paralympic Games team.

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