

## UK School Games 2009 Swimming Selection Policy

### The English Schools Swimming Association

The ESSA Regional teams for the UK School Games will be selected from performances at Licensed Meets between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009. The Regional Youth Championships in May will act as the final event for rankings.

#### 1. DESIGNATED REGIONS

- 1.1. The English Schools' Swimming Association will compete in the UK School Games as four approximately geographical regional teams.
- 1.2. Regional Teams will be:
 

<b>England North</b>	(ESSA Divisions 1, 2, 3)
<b>England Central</b>	(ESSA Divisions 4, 6, 7)
<b>England East</b>	(ESSA Divisions 8, 10, 11)
<b>England South</b>	(ESSA Divisions 5, 9, 12)

#### 2. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- 2.1. Eligible swimmers are Boys and Girls aged 16 and under on the 5th September (Final day of competition) Each team will enter one swimmer in each event.
- 2.2 Able-bodied swimmers for the four ESSA Regional Teams will be selected from ASA rankings after 4<sup>th</sup> May. An able bodied swimmer may compete in a maximum of 2 individual races plus relays.
- 2.3 Multi-disability event swimmers may compete in a maximum of 3 individual races and will be considered for selection based upon the published "Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria" – appendix.

#### EVENTS:

<b>50m Freestyle</b>
<b>100m Freestyle</b>
<b>200 Freestyle</b>
<b>400m Freestyle</b>
<b>800m Freestyle</b>
<b>1500m Freestyle</b>
<b>100m Backstroke</b>
<b>200m Backstroke</b>
<b>100m Breaststroke</b>
<b>200m Breaststroke</b>
<b>100m Butterfly</b>
<b>200m Butterfly</b>
<b>200m Individual Medley</b>
<b>400m Individual Medley</b>
<b>50m MD Freestyle</b>
<b>100m MD Freestyle</b>
<b>100m MD Backstroke</b>
<b>100m MD Butterfly</b>
<b>100m MD Breaststroke</b>
<b>200m MD Individual Medley</b>

### 3. TEAM EVENTS

- 3.1. A 4 x 200 Freestyle Team, a 4 x 100 Freestyle Team and a 4 x 100 Medley Team will be declared from the athletes selected for each regional schools team.

### 4. COACHES / TEAM STAFF

- 4.1. The ESSA Divisional Representatives will assume the position of Regional Team Directors and select appropriate coaches, team managers and support staff. The "Safe Away" Protocol for Team Managers and Coaches will apply.
- 4.2. The Lead Team Manager and Head Coach positions will be selected at the discretion of the Team Directors.
- 4.3. A minimum ratio of one coach/team manager to ten swimmers will be selected.
- 4.4. Coaches must have been involved in ASA or ESSA swimming events over the last three years and must hold the UKCC Level 3 Coaches Certificate or have equivalent experience.

### 5. GENERAL

- 5.1. Only swimmers in full time education in England at the time of the UKSG, and who are ASA Category 2 members, will be considered for selection. Eligibility for Regional Teams will be based on the location of the school attended by the swimmer on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009.
- 5.2. In the event of equal ranking times, the most recent performance will be taken into consideration by the selection committee.
- 5.3. Split times or performances from time trials will not be considered
- 5.4. Swimmers and their schools will be notified as soon as possible after selection.
- 5.5. 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. Should this occur the swimmer may be replaced by the next fastest eligible swimmer from ranking whose current fitness is to the satisfaction of the ESSA Regional Managers.
- 5.6. Other than substitution as in 5.5 there is no replacement policy for swimmers. Any swimmer who withdraws from the team following selection for any reason other than illness or injury, as confirmed by a Doctors Medical Certificate, may be liable to the ESSA for reimbursement of any costs incurred.
- 5.7. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the UK School Games Code of Conduct.
- 5.8. Current World Class Athletes can be selected providing they have not been selected for the European Junior Championships Team 2009 or the European Youth Olympic Festival Team 2009. British Swimming will forward the names of these selected swimmers in April 2009.



5.9 Should an event be withdrawn from the programme by the UK School Games Organising Committee, after the final selection date, the swimmer selected for that event may be de-selected.

5.10 Any appeals against selections in relation to this ESSA Regional Selection Policy must be made in writing to the ESSA Divisional Representative within one week of the publication of the provisional selected teams on the ESSA website – [www.essa-schoolswimming.com](http://www.essa-schoolswimming.com). Any such appeal will be considered by the ESSA Regional Selection Committee, and referred if necessary to the ESSA Council

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## APPENDIX

### **Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria**

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

**For selections to be confirmed all swimmers must be eligible to compete for the English Schools' Swimming Association in the UK School Games and hold a British Swimming national classification, IPC international classification or INAS-FID international classification and hold a current Functional Ability Card (FAC).**

The events shall be on a S1-14 Multi-disability basis with the medallist being determined by the 3 swimmers scoring the highest number of British Disability Swimming Points in the following events.

	50m Freestyle	100m Freestyle	100m Backstroke	100m Breaststroke	100m Butterfly	200m Individual Medley
Male	S1-S14	S1-S14	S6-S14	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14	S8-S14	SM5-SM14
Female	S1-S14	S1-S14	S6-S14	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14	S8-S14	SM5-SM14

### **SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA**

1. Swimmers must hold a current British Swimming national classification, IPC International classification or INAS-FID international classification, and must present their British Swimming FAC for inspection at the competition.
2. Swimmers for each event shall be identified, in the first instance, by the swimmer holding the highest number of British Disability Swimming points based upon the results from the 2008 DSE Short Course Championships and the 2009 DSE Junior Championships.
3. For events in which swimmers have not been identified from the competitions specified in point 2 above the ESSA Regional Selection Committees may consider selecting additional swimmers from within their Regional Team areas.
4. Athletes on the World Class Podium Programme may not be considered for selection.

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## The Irish Schools Swimming Association

The Irish Schools Swimming Association will compete at the UK Schools' Games as one regional team.

There is a distinct lack of Long Course opportunities to make a selection close to the Games and therefore the following meets will be used as selection meets:

### 1. SELECTION CRITERIA

As there is a need for early selection the selectors will also use the Swim Ireland Rankings where deemed necessary to ensure the strongest team.

The Irish, UK Schools Games team will be selected from the following meetings.

- The Dave McCullough Long Course Gala March 2009
- Long Course Nationals April 2009
- Any UK Recognised Long course meeting

**The selectors' decision will be final.**

Swimmers should note that the events that they have been chosen to swim could be changed up to the day of the meet by the coaches, in liaison with the team manager, where swimmers have lost form or are considered to be ill or injured. This will be done to ensure the best possible result for the team.

### **Ages eligible for selection:**

Boys and Girls aged 16 and under on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

### 2. INDIVIDUAL

An able bodied swimmer may compete in a maximum of 2 individual races plus relays.

Swimmers will be selected to compete in the following individual events:

50 m 100m 200m and 400m	FREESTYLE
800 Freestyle	FREESTYLE GIRLS
1500 Freestyle	FREESTYLE BOYS
100m and 200 m	BACKSTROKE
100m and 200 m	BREASTSTROKE
100m and 200 m	BUTTERFLY
200m AND 400m	INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

### 3. RELAY EVENTS

Swimmers will be selected, using the selection criteria above, for three relay events:

4 x 100m Freestyle; 4 x 100m Individual Medley; 4 x 200m Freestyle.
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### 4. MULTI DISABILITY EVENTS

Multi-disability event swimmers may compete in a maximum of 3 individual races and will be considered for selection based upon the published "Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria".

### 5. SELECTION PROCEDURE

A Selection Committee, chaired by the International Team Manager, comprising the ISSA chairperson, the coaching staff from the ISSA Executive and selected individuals from the Executive, who can meaningfully contribute to the selection process, will form a selection committee to select both swimmers and team staff. The Executive also reserve the right to co-opt selectors, external to the ISSA, as is deemed necessary.

Current World Class Athletes can be selected providing they have not been selected for the European Junior Championships Team 2009 or the European Youth Olympic Festival Team 2009. British Swimming will forward the names of these selected swimmers in April 2009.

Selection will be completed by the 31 May 2009 to allow sufficient time to inform both swimmers and their schools.

Swimmers will be selected in line with the criteria above.

Team staff will be selected in line with the ISSA Constitution regarding the selection of team staff.

#### Staffing will consist of:

- One Lead Team Manager.
- One Head Coach
- One Assistant Coach
- Two Team Managers
- One Multi-Disability coach
- Two Officials
- This will give a staff to swimmer ratio 1 : 8

## 6. GENERAL

- Only swimmers 'in full time education' will be considered for selection.
- In the event of equal times, the most recent performance will be taken into consideration by the selection committee.
- Selection will take into consideration the sequence of events related to a swimmer's selection for a particular event
- Swimmers and their schools will be notified of selection by Friday 1 June 2009
- Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between their selection and the UK Schools' 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 they may be replaced by the next fastest and eligible swimmer, taking into consideration the sequence of events
- Other than substitution via 6.6 there is a no replacement policy for swimmers. Therefore any swimmer 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 to the ISSA for reimbursement of any costs incurred
- All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the UKSG and ISSA Code of Conduct
- The decision of the selection committee is final

Any appeals against selections in relation to ISSA selection committee must be made in writing to the ISSA Hon. Secretary by the end of June 2009 and will be reviewed by the ISSA Executive.

- Only swimmers eligible to represent their Home Country Schools Swimming Association at the UK Schools Games will be selected.
- If the UK Schools Games Organising Committee withdraws an event from the programme after the final entry date a swimmer may be de-selected from the Team.
- Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between 1 June 2009 and the conclusion of the UK Schools Games may be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer having their selection withdrawn.

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### Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria

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

**For selections to be confirmed all swimmers must be eligible to compete for the English Schools' Swimming Association in the UK School Games and hold a British Swimming national classification, IPC international classification or INAS-FID international classification and hold a current Functional Ability Card (FAC).**

The events shall be on a S1-14 Multi-disability basis with the medallist being determined by the 3 swimmers scoring the highest number of British Disability Swimming Points in the following events.

	50m Freestyle	100m Freestyle	100m Backstroke	100m Breaststroke	100m Butterfly	200m Individual Medley
Male	S1-S14	S1-S14	S6-S14	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14	S8-S14	SM5-SM14
Female	S1-S14	S1-S14	S6-S14	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14	S8-S14	SM5-SM14

### SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA

1. Swimmers must hold a current British Swimming national classification, IPC International classification or INAS-FID international classification, and must present their British Swimming FAC for inspection at the competition.
2. Swimmers for each event shall be identified, in the first instance, by the swimmer holding the highest number of British Disability Swimming points based upon the results from the 2008 DSE Short Course Championships and the 2009 DSE Junior Championships.
3. For events in which swimmers have not been identified from the competitions specified in point 2 above the ESSA Regional Selection Committees may consider selecting additional swimmers from within their Regional Team areas.
4. Athletes on the World Class Podium Programme may not be considered for selection.

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## Scottish Selection Policy

### 1. DESIGNATED REGIONS

Scottish Swimming will compete at the Games as two Regional Teams. These teams will be selected on a split as West/North, and East/South.

The West/North will be designated as schools lying to the west and north of a line that extends from south of Stonehaven to Pitlochry, to Carluke and finally to a point south of Ayr. The East/South region will be designated as schools lying to the East and South of this line.

### 2. SELECTION CRITERIA

- Boys and Girls aged 16 and under on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009, or last day of the competition in case of change of meet format are eligible for selection.
- There is a distinct lack of long course opportunities to make a selection close to the Games and therefore the following meets will be used as selection meets:
- Any ACCREDITED long course or short course meet in UK from 01 September 2008 to 13 April 2009.
- Results from meets outside the UK during this period may be considered by the Selection Committee at the discretion of the National Coach.
- Selectors will convert short course times to long course using conversion charts on ASA web site. The fastest available swimmer will be selected.
- Swimmers should note that the events they have been selected to swim could be changed up to the day of the meet by the team coaches, in liaison with the team manager, where swimmers have lost form or are considered to be ill or injured. This will be done to ensure the best possible result for the team.

### 3. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

An athlete may swim in a maximum of 2 individual races plus relays.

The fastest available swimmers will be selected to compete in the following individual events:

50m, 100m, 200m and 400m Freestyle  
 800m Freestyle – Girls only  
 1500m Freestyle – Boys only  
 100m and 200m Backstroke  
 100m and 200m Breaststroke  
 100m and 200m Butterfly  
 200m and 400m Individual Medley  
 50m MD Freestyle

100m MD Freestyle  
100m MD Backstroke  
100m MD Butterfly  
100m MD Breastroke  
200m MD Individual Medley

#### 4. RELAYS

Swimmers selected for individual events as above, may be selected for up to three relay events as follows:

4 x 100m Freestyle  
4 x 100m Medley  
4 x 200m Freestyle

#### 5. MULTI DISABILITY EVENTS

Multi-disability event swimmers may compete in a maximum of 3 individual races. Swimmers will be considered for selection based upon the published "Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria, 2009".

#### 6. SELECTION PROCEDURE

A Selection Committee, chaired by Scottish Swimming National Coach (Doug Campbell), comprising District Conveners and Scottish Swimming Disability Development Officer (Paul Wilson), will select both swimmers and team staff.

The Selection Process will be completed the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 to allow sufficient time to inform both swimmers and their schools.

Swimmers will be selected in line with the criteria above.

Staffing will consist of:

- Two Lead Team Managers - one for each regional team
- Two assistant Team Managers – one for each regional team
- Four coaches – two for each regional team
- One Multi-Disability Coach or Disability Support Staff (as required)

#### 7. GENERAL

7.1 Only swimmers 'in full time education' will be considered for selection.

7.2 In the event of equal times, the most recent performance will be taken into consideration by the selection committee.

7.3 Selection will take into consideration the sequence of events related to a swimmer's selection for a particular event.

7.4 Swimmers and their schools will be notified of selection the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009.



- 7.5 Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between their selection and the UK Schools' Games may be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being released from the team.
- 7.6 Where a swimmer is withdrawn from the team as a result of 7.5 they may be replaced by the next fastest and eligible swimmer, taking into consideration the sequence of events.
- 7.7 Other than substitution via 7.6 there is a no replacement policy for swimmers. Therefore any swimmer who withdraws from the team following agreeing to their selection, for any other reason other than illness or injury, as confirmed by a Doctors Medical Certificate, may be liable for reimbursement of any costs incurred.
- 7.8 All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the UKSG Code of Conduct.
- 7.9 Following agreement between the Home Countries, swimmers selected for the European Junior and European Youth Olympic Teams for 2009 will not be eligible to swim in the UK School Games 2009.
- 7.10 If the UK Schools Games Organizing Committee withdraws an event from the programme after the final entry date a swimmer may be de-selected from the Team.
- 7.11 Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between 1 June 2009 and the conclusion of the UK Schools Games may be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer having their selection withdrawn.
- 7.12 The decision of the selection committee is final.



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**For selections to be confirmed, all swimmers must be eligible to compete for Scottish Swimming in the UK School Games and hold a British Swimming national classification, IPC international classification or INAS-FID international classification and hold a current Functional Ability Card (FAC).**

The events shall be on a S1-14 Multi-disability basis with the medallist being determined by the 3 swimmers scoring the highest number of British Disability Swimming Points in the following events.

	50m Freestyle	100m Freestyle	100m Backstroke	100m Breaststroke	100m Butterfly	200m Individual Medley
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Female	S1-S14	S1-S14	S6-S14	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14	S8-S14	SM5-SM14

### SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA

1. Swimmers must hold a current British Swimming national classification, IPC International classification or INAS-FID international classification, and must present their British Swimming FAC for inspection at the competition.
2. Swimmers are eligible to compete up to a maximum of three events.
3. Swimmers for each event shall be identified, in the first instance, by the swimmer holding the highest number of British Disability Swimming points based upon the results from the 2008 DSE Short Course Championships and the 2009 DSE Junior Championships.
4. For events in which swimmers have not been identified from the competitions identified in 3. Home Country Associations may wish to consider selecting additional swimmers from within their own Home Country Association.
5. Athletes on the World Class Podium Programme may not be considered for selection.

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## Welsh Selection Policy

The Welsh Schools Swimming Association will select swimmers from official confirmed performances at licensed long course meets held between November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 and May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009 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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2009 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 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 and May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009.

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.

### **1. 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**

### **2. 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.





### 3. 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.

### 4. 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 un-retrievable costs.

Current World Class Athletes can be selected providing they have not been selected for the European Junior Championships Team 2009 or the European Youth Olympic Festival Team 2009. British Swimming will forward the names of these selected swimmers in April 2009.

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 team selection. Any such appeal will be considered by the WSSA Selection Committee and referred if necessary to the WSSA Executive Committee whose decision will be final.



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Female	S1-S14	S1-S14	S6-S14	SB4-SB9, SB11-SB14	S8-S14	SM5-SM14

### SUPPLEMENTARY CRITERIA

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- Swimmers for each event shall be identified, in the first instance, by the swimmer holding the highest number of British Disability Swimming points based upon the results from the 2008 DSE Short Course Championships and the 2009 DSE Junior Championships.
- For events in which swimmers have not been identified from the competitions specified in point 2 above the ESSA Regional Selection Committees may consider selecting additional swimmers from within their Regional Team areas.
- Athletes on the World Class Podium Programme may not be considered for selection.

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