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

The Irish Schools Swimming Association will compete at the UK School 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:

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 School Games team are selected from the following meetings.

- The Dave McCullough Long Course Gala March 2008
- Long Course Nationals April 2008
- 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 30 August 2008. An athlete may swim in a maximum of 2 individual races plus relays

Individual

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

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.

Multi Disability Events

Swimmers will be considered for selection based upon the published "Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria".

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



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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 coopt selectors, external to the ISSA, as is deemed necessary.

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.

Selection will be completed by the 31 May 2008 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

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 2008
- 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 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 and will be reviewed by the ISSA Executive.

APPENDIX

Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria

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

For selections to be confirmed all swimmers must be eligible to compete for the Irish 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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