



2017

# LEN European Championships (25m) Selection Policy



<b>Competition:</b>	- LEN European Championships (25m)
<b>Location:</b>	- Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>Dates:</b>	- 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Selection Policy Date of Issue:</b>	- March 2017

<b>Section 1.0</b>	
<b>Year of Birth for Eligibility:</b>	- Born 2003 & Later
<b>Team Size:</b>	- Up to a maximum of 10 athletes will be selected for the LEN European Championships (25m) 2017. There is no obligation on Swim Ireland to select 10 athletes and the total team size will be determined by the National Performance Director (NPD) at his discretion - Up to a maximum of two athletes per individual event and one relay team per event can be selected

<b>Section 2.0</b>	
<b>Eligible Selection Events:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>LEN European Junior Championships 2017</b> (in <u>addition</u> to competing in one or more meet from 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7 and/or 2.8 in their primary Olympic event)</li> <li>2. <b>Slovenian Open 2017</b> (in <u>addition</u> to competing in one or more meet from 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7 and/or 2.8 in their primary Olympic event)</li> <li>3. <b>Commonwealth Youth Games 2017</b></li> <li>4. <b>European Youth Olympic Festival 2017</b></li> <li>5. <b>FINA World (50m) Championships 2017</b></li> <li>6. <b>Irish Age Groups &amp; Summer Open Championships 2017</b></li> <li>7. <b>World University Games 2017</b></li> <li>8. <b>FINA World Junior Championships 2017</b></li> </ol>

Section 3.0	
<b>Performance Objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The target in selection to this team is to provide a meaningful and beneficial competitive opportunity to further the development of Irish athletes towards senior international success at World Championship and Olympic level. Team selections will be made taking into consideration:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The long term vision of the Swim Ireland Performance Programme</li> <li>• The development needs of individual athletes in terms of their potential to swim in the Ireland team at the 2020 Olympic Games. Priority will be given to targeted athletes with Olympic Games 2020 medal potential</li> <li>• The higher priority and needs of other international teams or squads selected by Swim Ireland in 2017</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Selection Procedure (Athletes):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At the conclusion of the Eligible Selection Events (Section 2.0), all eligible athletes will be ranked using 2017 FINA Long Course Rankings (from FINA, as of 01/10/17) using the fastest time achieved in the final round of their individual events only and from the Eligible Selection Events only</li> <li>- The top six ranked athletes will be invited for selection. In the event of a tie, FINA points for the tied performances will be used as a selection tool.</li> <li>- If any of the top six athletes decline their selection, additional selections from the Eligible Selection Events may be made by the NPD at his discretion</li> <li>- Up to four additional athletes may be selected at the discretion of the NPD, providing they meet the requirements of Section 2.0. Priority will be given to targeted athletes with Olympic Games 2020 medal potential</li> </ul>
<b>Selection Procedure (Staff):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team staff (coaches and support staff) will be selected at the discretion of the NPD. Selections will be reflective of the team size, the needs of the individual athletes and/or relays selected as well as considering the optimum balance of the team as a whole</li> </ul>
<b>Proof of Fitness (Following Selection):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selected athletes will be required to prove that they are 'Fit to Compete' in November 2017 at their respective Regional SC Championships. 'Fit to Compete' will be determined by the NPD. Any athlete deemed 'unfit to compete' may be de-selected by Swim Ireland prior to the event</li> </ul>

Section 4.0	
<b>Eligibility Criteria:</b>	<p>In order to be eligible to represent Ireland at this event an athlete <b>must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold an Irish Passport at the time of achieving the Consideration Standard</li> <li>- Fulfil all of the Nationality requirements as per FINA General Rule (GR 2)</li> <li>- Be a registered Swim Ireland Member for 2016/2017 and 2017/2018</li> </ul>

Section 5.0	
<b>Team Kit:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All Team uniform and racing suits will be provided for the Irish Team by Swim Ireland</li> </ul>
<b>Team Commitments:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team Commitments will be confirmed following the selection process</li> </ul>
<b>SI Code of Conduct:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Selected athletes must sign and comply with the provisions of the Swim Ireland Athlete Commitment Agreement containing the Code of Conduct. A breach in this agreement may result in de-selection from the Team</li> </ul>
<b>Medical Form</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All athletes must complete a Swim Ireland Medical Form prior to competing at the event</li> </ul>

Section 6.0			
<b>Notice of Amendments:</b>	Swim Ireland may amend this Selection Criteria provided reasonable notice is given to all athletes and coaches. Any amendments to the Selection Criteria will be made and updated through the SI website		
<b>Queries:</b>	<p>All queries should be directed to the following:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;">                     Jon Rudd                      National Performance Director                      Swim Ireland  <a href="mailto:npd@swimireland.ie">npd@swimireland.ie</a> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;">                     Niamh McDonnell                      Performance Coordinator                      Swim Ireland  <a href="mailto:hp@swimireland.ie">hp@swimireland.ie</a> </td> </tr> </table>	Jon Rudd National Performance Director Swim Ireland <a href="mailto:npd@swimireland.ie">npd@swimireland.ie</a>	Niamh McDonnell Performance Coordinator Swim Ireland <a href="mailto:hp@swimireland.ie">hp@swimireland.ie</a>
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<b>Application for Nomination:</b>	The <i>2017 European SC Application Portal</i> will open on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2017. All athletes who seek nomination by the NPD to the National Selection Panel for this event MUST apply through this portal.
<b>Appeals:</b>	Any appeals against selections in relation to the Selection Policy must be made in accordance with the Swim Ireland Selection Appeals Procedures, available by request from Niamh McDonnell, Swim Ireland Performance Coordinator, via email at <a href="mailto:hp@swimireland.ie">hp@swimireland.ie</a> Athletes should be aware of the time limits contained in the Procedures, which are designed with the intention of resolving issues expediently and fairly