

**National Aquatics Programme**

**Selection Policy**

**2020 – 2021**

**Amendment – 13 July 2020**

## **Introduction**

Following the early cessation of the competitive season due to COVID-19 in March, it has been necessary to re-consider the athlete selection process to the National Aquatics Programme 2020-2021. This amendment has been produced in order to ensure that the selection process is completed as effectively and efficiently as possible during these challenging times. The main thrust of the National Aquatics Programme Selection Policy 2020 – 2021 is maintained and should be referred to alongside this policy amendment.

Link: <https://www.scottishswimming.com/media/3296537/Aquatics-National-Squad-Selection-Policy-for-2020-21-FINAL.pdf>

This policy amendment is in reference to swimming, para swimming and marathon swimming only. For diving, please continue to refer to the National Aquatics Programme Selection Policy 2020 – 2021.

## **Updated Selection Principles**

In order to address the current challenges and on-going changes within the aquatic landscape, the following selection principles will be applied;

1. Selections will not unduly disadvantage any athlete currently involved within the National Programme
2. The existing objective elements of the National Aquatics Programme Selection Policy (standards, events, competitions) will remain
3. Coaches will be asked to play a contributory role as part of the National Aquatics Programme Selection Policy process at all levels
4. A rolling selection process will be implemented with appropriate review points applied in December 2020 and April 2021

## **Selection Process Outline**

1. The selection process for each squad will be completed in line with the dates outlined within the National Aquatics Programme Selection Policy 2021
2. Initial lists of athletes will be compiled for each squad as follows;
  - Current National Programme athletes will be allocated a place within the squad they are currently part of (or equivalent)
  - Objective elements of the National Squad Selection Policy (standards, events, competitions) will be applied
3. Following compilation of initial lists, an athlete nomination process will follow for the District Regional Programme, Youth Development Squad and Senior Bronze squads (15/16yrs

only). The discretionary process outlined within the National Aquatics Programme Selection Policy 2021 will be applied for all other squads.

Electronic nomination forms can be found on HIVE (Coaching Matters, National Squads Selection) and should be made by Head Coaches only.

#### 5. Age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

### **District Regional Programme**

- Athletes achieving the required elements of the National Aquatics Programme 2020 - 2021 Policy will be selected
- All current DRP athletes aged 12 – 14yrs will be invited to continue as part of the DRP
- Current DRP athletes aged 15yrs will be offered a place on the Senior Bronze Programme
- Remainder of spaces of the programme will be allocated by Scottish Swimming following an athlete nomination process

### **Process**

- An initial list of DRP athletes will be placed on HIVE by 14th July for information and checking
- Nominations for discretionary places should be made by the club Head Coach only and submitted directly to Scottish Swimming using the published electronic nomination form
- All nominations need to be submitted by 20th July 2020

### **Youth Development Squad**

- Athletes achieving the required elements of the National Aquatics Programme 2020 - 2021 Policy will be selected
- All current YDS athletes aged 14 – 16yrs (female) or 15 -17yrs (male) will be offered a place on the Youth Development Squad Programme
- All current Youth Development Squad athletes aged 17yrs (female) or 18yrs (male) will be offered a place on the Senior Bronze programme
- Additional athletes may be added through the discretionary selection process (as outlined within the National Aquatics Programme Policy 2020 – 2021) following coach nomination for consideration by the National Coach

### **Process**

- An initial list of YDS athletes will be placed on HIVE by 14th July for information and checking
- Nominations for discretionary places should be made by the club Head Coach and submitted directly to Scottish Swimming using the published electronic nomination form
- Nominations to be completed by 20th July 2020

### **Senior Bronze Athletes**

- Athletes achieving the required elements of the National Aquatics Programme 2020 - 2021 Policy will be selected
- All current Senior Bronze athletes will be offered the opportunity to continue as part of the Senior Bronze squad
- Additional athletes may be added through the discretionary selection process (as outlined within the National Aquatics Programme Policy 2020 – 2021) following coach nomination for consideration by the National Coach

### **Process**

- An initial list of Senior Bronze athletes will be placed on HIVE by 14th July for information and checking
- Nominations for discretionary places should be made by the club Head Coach and submitted directly to Scottish Swimming using the published electronic nomination form
- Nominations to be completed by 20th July 2020

### **Youth Squad/Senior Gold/Senior Silver Athletes**

- Athletes achieving the required elements of the National Aquatics Programme 2020 - 2021 Policy will be selected
- All current Youth Squad, Senior Silver and Senior Gold squad athletes will be offered the opportunity to remain at the current level of the National Programme
- Additional athletes may be added through the discretionary selection process as outlined within the National Aquatics Programme Policy 2020 – 2021. Discussion with home coaches will be included as part of the discretionary selection process

### **Process**

- An initial list of Youth/Senior athletes will be placed on HIVE by 14th July for information and checking
- The discretionary selection process will be completed as per established and published process

### **Additional Information**

- For information related to appeals, please refer to appendix 4 of the National Aquatics Programme Policy 2020 – 2021
- Should you have any queries regarding the above amendment or require additional information please contact [s.mccallum@scottishswimming.com](mailto:s.mccallum@scottishswimming.com) in the first instance.