

English Schools' Swimming Association

ISF WORLD SCHOOLS GAMES Brasilia, BRAZIL
27th November – 4th DECEMBER 2013



SELECTION POLICY

For any selection to be confirmed, all swimmers and coaches wishing to be considered for selection must have completed and returned a Declaration of Availability Form, as outlined in 4.6.

The ESSA team for the ISF World Schools' Games will be identified from performances at Level 1/2 Licensed Long Course Meets (Including Stage 1 / 2 meets) between October 1st 2012 and May 6th 2013. The Regional Youth Championships in May will act as the final event / trials to establish an age ranking for each qualifying age group.

1. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1.1. Ages eligible for selection:

- 1.1.1. Boys born 1996/1997/1998/1999
- 1.1.2. Girls born 1996/1997/1998/1999

- 1.2. A maximum of 24 swimmers (12 boys and 12 girls) will be selected provided their performance equals or betters the qualifying time set out in Table 1 below. Swimmers must be 'available' and eligible to swim for ESSA, Selection will be from rankings after 6th May 2013 will be used to select for the Championship events listed in table 1 below.

TABLE 1

FEMALE	EVENT	MALE
27.25	50m Freestyle	24.31
58.66	100m Freestyle	52.95
2.07.74	200m Freestyle	1.55.41
4.27.83	400m Freestyle	4.07.63
31.10	50m Backstroke	27.95
1.05.61	100m Backstroke	59.39
2.21.79	200m Backstroke	2.09.42
34.09	50m Breaststroke	30.64
1.14.94	100m Breaststroke	1.06.25
2.38.21	200m Breaststroke	2.23.82
28.93	50m Butterfly	26.24
1.03.85	100m Butterfly	57.36
2.23.26	200m Butterfly	2.08.13
2.24.18	200m Individual Medley	2.10.82
5.03.46	400m Individual Medley	4.39.79

The times shown above are based on the 8th place times averaged out from the last four ISF World Schools' Games in 1998, 2002, 2006 & 2009.

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NB. 'available' referred to in sections 1 and 2 denotes ESSA swimmers who have declared their interest and availability to compete in the events as outlined in 4.6

2. RELAY TEAMS

2.1. Existing team members selected in 1.2 for individual events will be considered for selection for the relay teams at the discretion of the Head Coach in consultation with the Team Director.

3. COACHES

3.1. The ESSA International Organiser will assume the position of Team Director.

3.2. The Head Coach position will be selected at the discretion of the Team Director

3.3. Team Coaches will be considered for selection by the ESSA Council, in consultation with the Team Director and Head Coach based on the recommendations from the ESSA International Selection Committee. A minimum ratio of one coach to twelve swimmers will be selected. (Subject to 3.4. below)

3.4. Coaches must have been involved in ESSA / Schools swimming events over the last 3 Year's and must hold the ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent experience.

3.5. Subject to funding, additional coaches could be selected following a Divisional Representative recommendation. A coach from GB Youth Swimming could be selected, subject to appropriate funding from GB Swimming.

4. GENERAL

4.1. Only swimmers 'in full time education' and eligible to represent ESSA at the ISF World Schools' Games will be selected.

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

4.3. Split times or performances will not be considered. Only times recorded at Level 1/2 Licensed meets between 1st October 2012 and 4th May 2013 will be considered. Selection if more than 12 Boys / 12 Girls make the qualifying standard will be by rankings and taking into account the swimmers being required to swim multiple events as part of the team competition.

4.4. It is compulsory for all selected team members to have taken part in an ESSA School, Divisional, National, or WISE event since 2010. All selected team members need to be ratified by their ESSA Divisional Representative.

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- 4.5. All selected team members will be expected to complete and submit a weekly training log to the ESSA International Committee, for a period following selection until departure for the ISF World Schools' Games.
- 4.6. Swimmers and team staff members will be expected to complete an availability form to confirm their availability for selection to the ESSA Hon. International organiser by 1st April 2013. Swimmers will need to list the events they wish to be considered for. All forms need to be counter signed by their Head teacher and Parent. Failure to do so will be interpreted as non- availability by the ESSA. Forms can be found on the ESSA Website: www.essa-schoolswimming.com
- 4.7. Swimmers may be subject to fitness tests (land and/or water) at any time between the selection and departure for the ISF World Schools' Games.
- 4.8. Swimmers will be notified of selection by the middle of the Summer Term. Subject to finances and sponsorship, swimmers may be required to raise some of the funds to contribute towards the cost of the trip. Selected swimmers should contact the Team Director if difficulties arise.
- 4.9. Swimmers becoming ill or injured at any time between their selection and the ISF World Schools' Games may be required to undertake a full medical examination which may result in the swimmer being released from the team.
- 4.10. Where a swimmer is withdrawn from the team as a result of 4.9 they may be replaced by the next fastest and eligible swimmer from rankings, as long as they have achieved the qualifying time as specified in section 1 or 2 and whose current fitness is to the satisfaction of the ESSA International selection Committee.
- 4.11. Other than substitution via 4.10 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 ESSA for reimbursement of any costs incurred.
- 4.12. All selected team members will be required to sign and comply with the ESSA Code of Conduct.
- 4.13. Any appeals against selections in relation to this ESSA International Selection Committee selection policy must be made in writing to the ESSA Hon. International Organiser by the end of August 2013 , which will be reviewed by an ESSA Jury of Appeal.

**ESSA International Selection Committee version
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