



ESSA

English Schools' Swimming Association

SCHOOL GAMES, LONDON 6th – 9th May 2012

SELECTION POLICY 2012

The ESSA Regional teams for the School Games 2012 will be selected from performances at Licensed Meets prior to 6th February 2012.

1. DESIGNATED REGIONS

1.1. The English Schools' Swimming Association will compete in the School Games as four approximately geographical regional teams.

1.2. Regional Teams will be based on ESSA Divisions prior to 1st September 2011:

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

2. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

- 2.1. Eligible swimmers are Boys and Girls aged 15 and under on the 9th May (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 6th February. An able bodied swimmer may compete in a maximum of 2 individual races plus team events.
- 2.3 Multi-disability event swimmers may compete in any number of events at the discretion of the Team Manager/Coach of the team, taking into account that it is a one-day competition, and will be considered for selection based upon the published "Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria" – appendix.

EVENTS:

50m Freestyle
100m Freestyle
200 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

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 Lead Team Manager and Head Coach positions will be selected at the discretion of the ESSA.

4.2. The lead Team Managers will select appropriate coaches, team managers and support staff. The “Safe Away” Protocol for Team Managers and Coaches will apply.

4.3. A minimum ratio of one coach/team manager to ten swimmers will be selected, up to a maximum of six. At least one member of Team Staff should be under the age of 25.

4.4 Coaches must have been involved in ASA or ESSA swimming events over the last three years and Lead Coaches 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 School Games, and who are registered as 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 6th February 2012.

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 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, providing that the cut-off date for selection required by the organisers has not been reached.

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 School Games Code of Conduct.

5.8 Current World Class Development Athletes are not available for selection.

5.9 Should an event be withdrawn from the programme by the 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 Hon.Championship Co-ordinator within one week of the publication of the provisional selected teams on the ESSA website – www.essa-schoolswimming.com. Any such appeal will be considered by the ESSA Regional Selection Committee, and referred if necessary to the ESSA Council

APPENDIX

Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria

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

For selections to be confirmed all swimmers must be eligible to compete for the English Schools' Swimming Association in the School Games 2012 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 if requested to do so.
2. Swimmers are eligible to compete in any number of events at the discretion of the Team Manager/Coach of the team, taking into account that it will be a one-day competition..
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 2011 DSE National SC 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. Swimmers named on Disability World Class Talent and Development should be available for selection.
6. Swimmers on the Disability World Class C Podium programme (or S14 Level 1 Fast Track) or selected for the 2012 Paralympic Games would not be eligible (this includes any swimmers who may have fallen back onto Development who have previously been on Podium)

