

# ENGLAND TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – NORTHERN REGION OPEN WATER DISTANCE FREESTYLE SELECTION POLICY 2011-12 SEASON



## 1. ATHLETE SELECTION

- 1.1. Ages eligible for selection
  - 1.1.1 Boys competing as 14, 15, 16 or 17 years at British Gas ASA National Age/Youth Championships 2011
  - 1.1.2 Girls competing as 14, 15, 16 or 17 years at British Gas ASA National Youth Championships 2011
- 1.2. There are 12 places available for selection of which 2 wildcard places are available to the England Talent Development Team if required
- 1.3. Times can only be achieved at identified selection meets (3.1 to 3.5)
- 1.4. Times from the European Junior Championships 2011 (3.2) will be considered from the Male 1500m and Female 800m events only.
- 1.5. Times will only be considered from top 10 finishes in each individual age group (1500m males & 800m females) in Olympic events at the British Gas ASA National Age & Youth Championships (3.4 & 3.5)
- 1.6. Athletes selected for England Talent Development Level 3 Programme will not be considered for selection
- 1.7. Swimmers selected for World Class Programmes will not be considered for selection.
- 1.8. Only athletes selected will be notified by the England Talent Team
- 1.9. Athletes will be ranked initially on position, then in the situation of a tie on SwimNews International Points Scores

## 2 COACH SELECTION

- 2.1. There are 2 places available for selection. This will be broken down in the form of a head coach and 1 group coach
- 2.2. The England Talent Team will be responsible for the identification and selection of all coaches
- 2.3. Coaches 'available' for selection must be holders of the UKCC Level 3/ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an UKCC/ASA Coach Course at time of selection.
- 2.4. All coaches must be able to fully commit to attending all aspects of the ETDP and any coach who has withdrawn or been excluded from the current ETDP season is ineligible for selection.

## 3. SELECTION MEETS

- 3.1. British Gas ASA National Championships, Sheffield-UK-14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011
- 3.2. European Junior Championships, Belgrade, Serbia-6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011
- 3.3. European Youth Olympic Festival, Trabzon, Turkey-25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011
- 3.4. British Gas ASA National Age Group Championships, Sheffield UK-21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011
- 3.5. British Gas ASA National Youth Championships, Sheffield, UK-27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011

## 4. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 4.1. All swimmers participating in the England Talent Development Programme (ETDP) must be a member of an ASA affiliated club, or eligible to represent England at international level.
- 4.2. All athletes must be able to fully commit to attending all aspects of the ETDP and any athlete who has withdrawn or been excluded from the current ETDP season is ineligible for selection.
- 4.3. All camps will be residential
- 4.4. Should you have any queries or would like to discuss any of the above points please contact The England Talent Development Team – [englandtalentswimming@swimming.org](mailto:englandtalentswimming@swimming.org).



**5. PROGRAMME ITINERARY**

- 5.1. 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011 – John Charles Centre, Leeds
- 5.2. 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – Manchester Aquatic Centre
- 5.3. Competition TBC June/July 2012- One day only