



English Schools' Swimming Association

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# **Sainsbury's 2015 School Games** **3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

## **SELECTION POLICY 2015**

The ESSA Regional teams for the School Games will be selected from performances at Licensed Meets between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

The Regional Youth Championships in May will act as the final event for rankings.

### **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 reorganisation on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011:

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

### **2. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

2.1. Eligible swimmers are Boys and Girls aged 16 and under 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Each team will enter one swimmer in each event.

2.2 Swimmers for the four ESSA Regional Teams will be selected from ASA rankings after 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Competitors may compete in a maximum of 2 individual events plus relays with the exception of multi-classification swimmers who may compete in 3 individual events.

2.3 Multi-classification swimmers will be considered for selection based upon the published "Multi-Classification Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria" – see appendix.

#### **EVENTS:**

<b>50m Freestyle</b>	<b>100m Butterfly</b>
<b>100m Freestyle</b>	<b>200m Butterfly</b>
<b>200 Freestyle</b>	<b>200m Individual Medley</b>
<b>400m Freestyle</b>	<b>400m Individual Medley</b>
<b>800m Freestyle</b>	<b>50m MD Freestyle</b>
<b>1500m Freestyle</b>	<b>100m MD Freestyle</b>
<b>100m Backstroke</b>	<b>100m MD Backstroke</b>
<b>200m Backstroke</b>	<b>100m MD Butterfly</b>
<b>100m Breaststroke</b>	<b>100m MD Breaststroke</b>
<b>200m Breaststroke</b>	<b>200m MD Individual Medley</b>

### **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. It is desirable that 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 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
- 5.2. In the event of equal ranking times, the most recent performance will be taken into consideration by the selection committee. The positioning of events within the programme may also have an influence on the events allocated to swimmers.
- 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 For full details on eligible swimmers please see Sainsburys 2015 School Games Swimming Conditions
- 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 Lead Team Manager of the appropriate Region within one week of the publication of the provisional selected teams on the ESSA website – [www.essa-schoolswimming.com](http://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-Classification 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 Sainsburys 2015 School Games and hold a British Swimming national classification, IPC international classification or INAS-FID international classification.**

The events shall be on a S1-14 Multi-classification basis with the medallists 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
2. Swimmers are eligible to compete in a maximum of 3 events.
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 2015 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. For full swimmer eligibility see the Sainsburys 2015 School Games Swimming conditions

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