



## 2020 GBR Team Selection and Criteria Invitation to Declare

### Selection Eligibility Conditions

An Athlete who is a full, current member of either RLSS, SLSA Wales or SLSGB, in good standing with their member organisation and a holder of the relevant competition competency award for the event they wish to compete in may declare for selection. There will be no "Squad" system in 2020.

### Selection Declaration

An athlete must declare:

- As an individual Full member of either SLSGB or RLSS UK or SLSA Wales
- They are a British Citizen / hold a British Passport and be in good standing with RLSS UK/SLSGB/SLSA Wales
- The events that they wish to be considered for selection
- If selected they are willing and available to compete in Italy in 2020 at the Lifesaving 2020 World Championships and will make themselves available for pre event training between 18<sup>th</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> September on days determined and agreed for Team Training
- Will sign the Athlete Agreement and Code of Conduct. [Click here](#) to see the Athlete Agreement and [Click here](#) to see the Code of Conduct
- Will pay their contribution towards their costs on the due date as stated in the Athlete Agreement

### Selection

It is expected that Athletes declaring for selection in their respective chosen events will be considered by the Selectors to already be in the highest levels of National competition and will have either proved or have the clear potential to compete at the highest levels in the 2020 World Championships.

The aim is to select a GBR Team of athletes who have demonstrated a commitment to year-round training and will fully support each other as a team to compete at the highest level.

### Selectors

The Selection Panel will be:

- The Open Team Manager
- The Youth Team Manager
- The Ocean Coach
- The Pool Coach
- An independent Pool Competition Expert
- An independent Ocean Competition Expert

The Selection Panel will be directed by a non- voting Chairman





**The decision of the Selection Panel will be final.**

**A Protest may only be made if the selection process has not been followed and this can be clearly and independently evidenced and shown to have impacted a selection decision.**

**A protest against the process must be made in writing by the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 together with all the evidence and a deposit of £50. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not upheld.**

The Selectors have the right to deselect an Athlete at any time for reasons that may include, but is not exclusive to, an unexpected drop in performance, non-attendance at training and competition, poor attitude/behavior or a breach of the Code of Conduct.

### **Selection Time Table**

OPENING OF ATHLETE DECLARATION FOR SELECTION	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
CLOSING OF ATHLETE DECLARATION FOR SELECTION	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEAMS	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
PROTEST CLOSING DATE	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
CLOSING DATE FOR SIGNED CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

### **Selection Pool Evaluation Events and Ocean/ Beach Trial**

All Athletes are required to declare the specific in-competition events that they wish to be considered for selection and to provide a summary of their relevant 2019 competition results in their declaration

The Competitions listed below will be used for up to date performance evaluation for Selection and will be a major influence in decisions made. There will be no wild card, fast track or bypass options for those failing to attend.

Pool Athletes are not required to attend the Ocean Trail Event but may do so if they feel they can be competitive in any of the Ocean/Beach disciplines

### **POOL Evaluation Events for Selection**

SLSA Wales Still Waters Championships 2020	25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> January
RLSS National Speed Lifesaving Championships 2020	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March
SLSGB National Pool Championships 2020	18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> April

**There will be no other organized separate Pool test trail(s) - The above competitions will be used to provide current indicative performance results for selection decisions**

An athlete declaring for pool selection must, as a minimum, compete in one of the above competitions to register a valid result for the event(s) that they have nominated in their declaration.

A DSQ or poor time will count if that is the only result available. Failure to register a result will not be grounds for a protest.

If results are available from more than one competition, then the best performance will be used for the selection evaluation.

Athletes are advised that for the best opportunity to be selected they compete at as many of the Pool evaluation competitions listed above as possible.





## OCEAN/BEACH

Exmouth Trial Event	13 <sup>th</sup> June
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This will be the only Ocean/Beach trail event and all athletes declaring for Ocean events **MUST ATTEND** this event. Failure to attend shall not be grounds for a protest.

### Team Reserves

Selectors will name Reserve Athletes who may be called upon at any time after the Team is announced to take a place in the team due to the displacement of a selected team athlete.

There will be two named male and two female reserves for each of the Youth Team and the Open Team.

Reserves must fully comply with the Selection Eligibility Conditions and the Selection Declaration Requirements and will be required to sign the Athlete Contract but only to pay the Athlete Contribution when confirmed as a full team member on the due date as set out in the Athlete Contract.

They will not travel to the World Championships unless and until asked to become a full team member and have paid in full their Athlete Contribution.

Reserves are expected to take part in all scheduled pre event training prior to the Team Departure date to the event.

### Training Days

Team training sessions are a new activity to improve team preparations for the best possible results in competition. There will be training sessions for both Pool and Ocean/Beach Athlete preparations. All selected Team Athletes and Reserves will be required to attend the Team Training events. These will be planned by the respective Managers and Coaches and dates and details will be advised before Selection is confirmed. A limited contribution towards UK only travel expenses will be offered to attend the Training days.

### Commitment to Give Back

All selected Athletes will be required to support their Club "Grass Roots" sport development programmes by providing 40 Hours of logged volunteer coaching within the Youth Section of their club. Part of this may be attending a new annual Regional event that will be started in 2020 to coach and mentor 15 to 17 age group aspiring athletes. The volunteer hours are to be delivered by the anniversary of the athletes 2020 Selection confirmation date (19<sup>th</sup> June 2021) Selected Athletes must also attend and compete in their own Governing Body National Championships either in 2020 or 2021. This is to provide aspiring athletes the opportunity to compete against the best.

### Young Person Declaration

A declaration for an athlete that is under 18 years of age must be countersigned by a parent or guardian.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the **Selection Declaration**

