



**ESSA**  
**English Schools' Swimming Association**

**Sainsbury's UK School Games, Sheffield 2011**  
**1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**SELECTION POLICY 2011**

The ESSA Regional teams for the UK School Games will be selected from performances at Licensed Meets between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011. 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 UK School Games as four approximately geographical regional teams.

1.2. Regional Teams will be:

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

**2. INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**

2.1. Eligible swimmers are Boys and Girls aged 16 and under on the 4<sup>th</sup> September (Final 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May. An able bodied swimmer may compete in a maximum of 2 individual races plus relays

2.3. Multi-disability event swimmers may compete in a maximum of 3 individual races and will be considered for selection based upon the published "Multi-Disability Events Supplementary Eligibility Criteria" – appendix.

**EVENTS:**

<b>50m Freestyle</b>
<b>100m Freestyle</b>
<b>200 Freestyle</b>
<b>400m Freestyle</b>
<b>800m Freestyle</b>
<b>1500m Freestyle</b>
<b>100m Backstroke</b>
<b>200m Backstroke</b>
<b>100m Breaststroke</b>
<b>200m Breaststroke</b>
<b>100m Butterfly</b>
<b>200m Butterfly</b>
<b>200m Individual Medley</b>
<b>400m Individual Medley</b>
<b>50m MD Freestyle</b>
<b>100m MD Freestyle</b>
<b>100m MD Backstroke</b>
<b>100m MD Butterfly</b>
<b>100m MD 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 ESSA Divisional Representatives will assume the position of Regional Team Directors and select appropriate coaches, team managers and support staff. The "Safe Away" Protocol for Team Managers and Coaches will apply.
- 4.2. The Lead Team Manager and Head Coach positions will be selected at the discretion of the Team Directors.
- 4.3. A minimum ratio of one coach/team manager to ten swimmers will be selected, up to a maximum of six.
- 4.4 Coaches must have been involved in ASA or ESSA swimming events over the last three years and 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 UKSG, and who are 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011.
- 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 UK 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.
- 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 UK School Games Code of Conduct.
- 5.8 Current World Class Athletes can be selected providing they have not been selected for the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games and 2011 World Youth Championships.
- 5.9 Should an event be withdrawn from the programme by the UK 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 Divisional Representative 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-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 UK School Games 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.
2. Swimmers are eligible to compete up to a maximum of three 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 2010 DSE National SC Championships and the 2011 DSE National Junior 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) would not be eligible (this includes any swimmers who may have fallen back onto Development who have previously been on Podium)
7. Any Disability swimmers who have previously competed at the Paralympics and or IPC World Championships should not be eligible to compete.

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