



Junior Team Selection for 2009

The selection process for 2009 Junior Europeans will comprise of two (2) phases.

Phase one (1) will take place at the 2008 National Age Groups December 5 – 7 2008.

Phase two (2) will take place at a Selection Camp in 2009. Dates To be Determined at a later date:

Suggestion:

February 9– 20, 2009

Camp Dates: March 15 – April 19 – Competition 20 – 27, 2009

Selection Criteria and Process

- Athletes must be entered into the 15 - 17 (Junior Figure Trial Event) Figure event at the 2008 National Age Groups. This is an open event for all age eligible athletes.
- Athletes are exempt from skills testing eligibility and may enter the 15-17 (Junior Figure Trial Event) figures with out skill testing eligibility.
- Each athlete will perform the compulsory figures and 1 figure group drawn on the day or the day before, from FINA Junior figure groups in front of a panel/s of judges. For the Junior figure groups please see the FINA Handbook 2005-2009 page 306. Please see page 247 for the judgement of figures.
- The top 16 Athletes from the results of the figure competition will be selected to the phase 2 of the Junior Squad selection process and invited to attend the selection camp
- The Junior Figure competition results will be listed separately to the National Age Group Result. Only swimmers with Skill Level 5 will be listed in the 15/16/17 National Age Group results
- **The top 16 athletes invited to a selection camp (dates and location to be confirmed) will then be cut to 10 athletes who will be then selected to the Junior Team for the Junior Europeans Championships.**
- **The Junior Head Coach, Junior Assistants Coaches (and the NPD) will select the 10 athletes to the Junior Squad. They will select athletes 11 and 12 as reserves to the Squad.**
- Athletes 11 and 12 are the reserves to the Junior Squad and may be invited at their own expense to participate in the British Junior Camps 2009 by the NPD
- If any places are refused, the NPD will consider inviting the next highest ranked athlete following the selection camp in 2009

- Only 10 athletes will be selected to compete at the Junior Europeans – athletes 11 and 12 may be invited by the NPD to attend the Junior Europeans as pre swimmers (figures).
- Athletes must comply with all UK Sport and British Swimming provisions consisting of the ASFGB Doping Control Rules and Protocols, Selection Agreement and Code of Conduct, the ASFGB Disciplinary Code and ASA Child Protection Procedures.

As a British Junior Squad Trial applicant, you will have confirmed that you meet the following criteria:

1. Birth year 1991-94
2. Be eligible to compete for Great Britain
3. Be eligible to take part in the training camps in 2009. (Camp dates TBD – March 15 – April 19 – Competition 20 – 27, 2009) 5 week camp
4. Be eligible to compete in the 2009 Junior European Championships: April 22 to 27, in Gloucester, England.

Team Selection

- The NPD/ Junior Squad Coaches will select the 8 athletes to compete in the Team event at the 2009 Europeans.
- The figure results from the trial day may be taken into consideration.
- Date of selection will be announced at the camps.

Team Free Combination

- The NPD/ Junior Squad Coaches will select the 8 – 10 athletes to compete in the Team Free Combination at the 2009 Europeans at the Junior Camps
- Date of selection will be announced at the camps

Duet Selection

- The NPD/ Junior Squad Coaches will select the duet athletes to compete in the Duet event at the 2009 Europeans.
- The figure results from the trial day may be taken into consideration

Solo Selection

- The NPD/ Junior Squad Coaches will select the soloist to compete in the Solo event at the 2009 Europeans
- The figure results from the trial day may be taken into consideration

The NPD/Junior Squad Coaches will all so consider the following in the selection of athletes for the team, free team combination, duet and solo event at the camp

1. Compatibility with other athletes and coaches
2. Work Ethic
3. Physical competitive readiness and physical suitability

The NPD may remove any athlete where the athlete:

1. Is unable to maintain training standards as required
2. Is unable to meet performance expectations
3. Is unable to perform due to injury or illness
4. Exhibits conduct that is detrimental to British Swimming. The athlete code of conduct will be given to selected athletes

