

Competition	European Short Course Championships Herning, Denmark December 2013
Version 2 Release Date	July 2013

Section A

Selection Window	November 22 nd 2012 – October 31 st 2013
Primary Selection Events:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. European Short Course 2012 2. Irish Short Course National Championships 2012 3. Dave McCullagh Memorial Meet 2013 4. Irish Long Course National Championships 2013 (Attendance Compulsory) 5. European Youth Olympic Festival 2013 6. World University Games 2013 7. European Juniors 2013 8. US Open 2013 9. World Championships 2013 10. Irish Youth & Open Championships 2013
Note:	If the athlete is unable to attend any of the selection events then the athlete must make a request to the National Performance Director (NPD) to swim in another FINA sanctioned qualifying meet between May 1 st and October 31 st 2013.

Section B

Performance Requirements:	The Qualifying Times for the European Short Course Championships are as follows:				
	Men		European Short Course Championships	Women	
	Short Course	Long Course	Events	Long Course	Short Course
	00:22.00	00:22.74	50m Freestyle	00:25.79	00:25.08
	00:48.31	00:49.82	100m Freestyle	00:55.93	00:54.46
	01:45.78	01:50.09	200m Freestyle	02:01.88	01:58.28
	03:45.84	03:52.92	400m Freestyle	04:16.88	04:09.30
	--	--	800m Freestyle	08:51.62	08:42.26
	15:20.10	15:39.35	1500m Freestyle	--	--
	24.51	25.75	50m Backstroke	29.47	28.04
	00:52.66	00:55.59	100m Backstroke	01:03.14	00:59.46
	01:55.74	02:02.23	200m Backstroke	02:16.76	02:08.47
	27.37	28.16	50m Breaststroke	32.38	31.57
	00:59.36	01:01.89	100m Breaststroke	01:10.46	01:07.92
	02:09.74	02:14.62	200m Breaststroke	02:33.09	02:26.83
	23.69	24.28	50m Butterfly	27.25	26.76
	00:52.39	00:53.47	100m Butterfly	01:00.11	00:59.03
	01:56.42	02:00.64	200m Butterfly	02:15.19	02:12.80
	00:54.61	--	100m Individual Medley	--	01:01.48
	01:58.01	02:03.22	200m Individual Medley	02:17.64	02:12.37
	04:14.77	04:23.48	400m Individual Medley	04:57.88	04:41.95

	<p><i>Note: The Long Course times above will also be used as the Qualifying Times for the European Long Course Championships in 2014 Times are based on the average results of the last four years.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To be eligible for consideration swimmers must record a time equal to or better than the times detailed above at one of the selection events. 2. A maximum of four swimmers per event will be considered for selection 3. At the conclusion of the selection events, each qualifying swim will be ranked 1-4 in order of fastest Irish swimmers during the qualification window. Those who have achieved the time will then be selected. 4. Relay splits will not be considered for selection for an individual event or relay <p>Other Conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Athletes who reach the qualifying times and wish to swim other events in which they have not reached the Qualifying Time may do so provided the event they wish to enter has not reached its maximum number of qualified Irish athletes. 6. Swimmers who compete at the selection events and perform to a level that indicates progress towards the Olympic Games in 2016 may be considered for selection to the team at the discretion of the National Performance Director. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In order to be in a position for consideration coaches must submit a claim form, found in Appendix 1). In order to be eligible for consideration swimmers must be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Within 1% of the Qualifying Times ii. Boys born 1995/1996, Girls born 1997/1998 iii. Complete weekly training mileage in line with the National Squads Programme outline for that year of birth. iv. Finalist at the European Junior Championships 2013 <p>Relay Selection: Relays will be selected through the following criteria: <u>Freestyle Relays:</u> The fastest four aggregated times achieved from the selection events will be considered provided two of the relay team members have achieved the Qualifying Time in the individual event with all other members within 1%. Relay take over factors will be considered of 1.95 seconds in the combined time. <u>Medley</u> The fastest swimmer in each stroke 100m event will be considered provided two of the relay team members have achieved the Qualifying Time in the individual event with all other members within 1%. Relay take over factors will be considered of 1.95 seconds in the combined time.</p>
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Section C

<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>To be considered for selection, an athlete must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet Rule 2 under FINA’s General Rule Guidelines: The athlete must be an Irish citizen. If the individual is a naturalised citizen they must have lived in Ireland for 12 months prior to the competition/event. If an athlete has changed affiliation from another governing body to Swim Ireland they must have been a member for 12 months before the competition. 2. Be a registered Swim Ireland Member 3. Be available to fulfil the Team commitments as listed below and any reasonable additional commitments following selection
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Section D

Team Commitments:	<p>All selected athletes must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compete at the Irish Long Course National Championships, April 2013, unless an exemption has been granted by the NPD due to extenuating circumstances. 2. Comply with the provisions of the Swim Ireland Code of Conduct found in the Athlete Commitment Contract 3. Attend, as requested, organised pre-meet camps and media events <p>Please note: A pre-meet camp is not expected to be held prior to European Short Course Championships 2013.</p>
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Section E:

Team Kit	<p>Team Kit will be provided to the National Squad athletes in September 2013 for the season. Additional kit will then be provided to all athletes who have qualified for ESC and must be used throughout the season in subsequent international competitions. Any athlete who qualifies but is not on the National Squad will also receive the kit designated for the meet.</p> <p>Any team kit that has been damaged or lost can be replaced at a set price through the High Performance Department.</p>
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Section F:

Notes	<p>Notwithstanding the time and places and achieved in the heats only the two fastest swimmers from the respective federation may proceed to the semi-finals and/or finals. (ESC 2.2)</p> <p>Swim Ireland may amend this selection criteria provided reasonable notice is given to all athletes and coaches.</p> <p>If an athlete is unable to satisfy the Swim Ireland requirements after selection and needs to withdraw from the team the NPD may, at his discretion, select the next athlete who has met all the eligibility and performance requirements.</p> <p>Attendance at the Irish LC National Championships and any other selection meet where the athlete is not representing the Irish Team will be on a user pays basis.</p> <p>Subject to final budget plans participation at the European Short Course Championships may be on a user pays basis</p>
Further information	<p>Please contact the High Performance Administrator, Niamh O’Sullivan (hp@swimireland.ie) or the National Performance Director, Peter Banks (npd@swimireland.ie) for further information or any queries you may have.</p>

Appendix 2:

European Short Course Championships 2013
Swimmer Claim Form

I (Insert Name) wish to apply for selection to the Irish Team competing at the European Short Course Championships 2013.

Swimmer Name:	
Club:	
Date of Birth:	
Email address:	
Home Address:	
Parent/Swimmer Contact Number:	
Coach Name:	
Coach Email Address:	

Please include below relevant details of when the qualification criteria was achieved. Please note only designated selection meets will be accepted on this form

Event	
Time Achieved	
Name of Competition	
Date of Competition	

Consideration Application

If you have not achieved the QT but have met the consideration guidelines outlined in <i>Section B</i> , please included in the box provided a Statement of Consideration detailing your eligibility for consideration	
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Completed forms should be returned to **Niamh O’Sullivan** either by email or post:

- hp@swimireland.ie
- Swim Ireland, Irish Sport HQ, National Sports Campus, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15