

COACHES BRIEFING NOTE



2015 European Games

The European Games is a multi-sport event that will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan during the month of June 2015. From a swimming perspective, LEN have negotiated that this event will replace the normal European Junior Championships this year. We wait to see whether the European Games will be a regular event in the quad-cycle.

The British Swimming Championships (14th – 18th April 2015) to be staged at the London Aquatics Centre will act as the sole selection event ("the Trials") for this competition. Core details for the European Games swimming event are set out below:-

AGE GROUPINGS:	Males born 1997 & 1998 Females born 1999 & 2000
TRAVEL DATES:	Outbound: 18 th June 2015 Inbound: 28 th or 29 th June 2015 [There will be no pre-event Camp prior to departure]
COMPETITION DATES:	23 rd – 27 th June 2015 inclusive (5 days)
KITTING OUT:	At the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham and provisionally set for Wednesday 27 th May 2015
SESSION TIMES (provisional):	Heats: 1130 – 1400 Finals: 1930 – 2200
TEAM SIZE:	24 athlete places

The British Olympic Association, who ratify nominations made by British Swimming as well as providing all logistical support, is administering the event. The swimming team will travel under the wider 'Team GB' brand, and be kitted out by adidas.

The team will stay in the Athletes' Village (a 40-minute one-way journey from the competition venue) alongside many other sports. It will be a typical multi-sport environment – large food halls, high-rise accommodation and some limited retail outlets.

PLEASE NOTE:-

We do have one significant challenge. The Local Organizing Committee has determined the final accreditation deadline to be well before the final closing date for Games' entries, and well ahead of our Trials. We also cannot make any late accreditation requests. Therefore we will need to pre-accredit all eligible swimmers competing at the Trials to cover all Team GB selection possibilities prior to the closing date for the British Championships.

We will therefore be encouraging all European Games-aged swimmers to enter the British Championships as early as possible.

Details on how to enter alongside the accreditation process will be publicised shortly. We kindly request the support of all coaches in assisting their athletes to complete and return any information by the specified deadline dates.

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