

# Gloucester City Swimming Club

## Gala / Relay Selection Policy

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### FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

*GCSC participate in many competitions. Some are open, based on individual swimmer's qualifying times, but others have limited capacity, including events such as relays.*

Entries to a competition that are based on qualifying times are normally open to any number of swimmers. Any limit on entered events will be at the discretion of the Promoter (i.e. maximum of 5 events per swimmer). The choice of event(s) is up to the swimmer, based on qualifying times (from British Swimming rankings) and agreement with their coach. Sometimes, due to total capacity, it is necessary to reject some entries. The Promoter will make such adjustments as necessary (usually based on entry times) and advise the participating club, who will pass the information out to the swimmers, confirming in which events their entry has been accepted.

Some competitions have a specific number of swimmers allowed to participate. In these cases, the participating club will select the swimmers to represent them and in which events. Unfortunately, whilst we have many talented and dedicated swimmers, it is not possible to include everyone when attending limited capacity galas. However, there are plenty of opportunities to represent GCSC throughout a swimming career.

At some competitions, such as Regional and National events, there are often additional opportunities for swimmers to represent GCSC in relay events. As for limited capacity galas, it is not possible for every swimmer to be included in relay teams, so the team is selected by the club.

The selection criteria for offering swimmers the opportunity to represent GCSC in a limited capacity gala or relay event are as follows.

- Commitment to the cause
  - Commitment to training
  - Positive attitude and good behaviour
  - Supportiveness of the club
- Team player
  - Working as part of group
  - Mutual support and encouragement of team mates
- Performance / Form
  - Rankings / Team statistics
  - Previous results
  - Overall form
- Availability and reliability
- Coaches choice and discretion, based on the combination of the above

Occasionally, selected swimmers are unable to attend a specific event, in which case, the club would offer their place to an alternative swimmer, based on the above criteria.