

## **ESSA Selection Policy for International Schools' Teams**

The ESSA International Selection Committee will select swimmers and water polo players for each International event. The competitors will be selected for each Schools' International competition based on the following generic criteria, subject to the publication of a competition-specific selection policy should ESSA Council deemed it necessary:

### **ESSA Selection Policy for Swimmers**

- Swimmers must attend schools that are affiliated to an ESSA Division.
- Swimmers must have competed in an ESSA event during the twelve months prior to the event.
- Swimmers must be in full time education at a school or college.
- Swimmers must be approved by their ESSA Division and have their head teacher's consent to be nominated.
- For the WISE Four Nations Home International (held on an annual basis) the winners from our National Inter-Divisional Championships will be selected for each event. Up to ten additional swimmers may be selected from ASA Rankings but the final team selection will be subject to any restrictions imposed by British Swimming.
- For the ISF Gymnasiade-World Schools Games (held every four years)/European Schools Games (held every two years) the range of events is much wider than at our National Championships so the Selection Committee will also consider performances in ASA Regional, National and International competitions and ASA licensed meets during the twelve months prior to the Gymnasiade. The committee will also consult ASA rankings.
- For the ISF Swim Cup (held every two years – this is an International for school teams) a boys' team and a girls' team will be selected on performances at the ESSA National Secondary Team Championships – all swimmers in each team must attend the same school.

### **ESSA Selection Policy for Water Polo Players**

- Players must attend schools that are affiliated to an ESSA Division.
- Players must be in full time education at a school or college.
- Players must be approved by their ESSA Division and have their head teacher's consent to be nominated.
- Players for Under 16 and Under 18 England Teams will be invited to attend one of four designated trials, which will be geographically decided to minimise travel. Ten players will be selected from each regional trial to go forward to the final National Team Trials.
- Schools competing in our ESSA Water Polo Championships will be asked to nominate players but players attending schools not entered in our championships are also eligible to be nominated for trials.
- Players selected for the Under 16 National Schools Team may be invited by the National Coach to attend the Under 18 trials.

Application for information on the Swimming Internationals should be sent to the ESSA Hon. International Organiser and for Water Polo International to the ESSA Hon. Water Polo Organiser.

Details of all International Schools events/trials will be published in the relevant sports publications *i.e.* Swimming Times, Water Polo News and on the ESSA web-site.