

Swim England County Development Programme (CDP)

This is the first step on the Swim England Talent Pathway, which is implemented and delivered by each home county with support from the Swim England Talent team.

Programme aims to support athletes and the workforce to:

- ◆ Develop fundamental movement skills and core aquatic skills to advance physical literacy.
- ◆ Develop technical skills across all four competitive strokes.
- ◆ Create awareness of Swim England's culture and its associated talent programmes.
- ◆ Develop characteristics in-line with the swimmer's age and 'Development' stage of the Optimal Athlete Development Framework (OADF).
- ◆ Increase opportunities for the workforce delivering at this stage of the pathway, to experience and facilitate an integrated and inclusive training environment.

Key consideration criteria

- ◆ 12 years of age on 31st December 2026.
- ◆ Up to 48 swimmers (24 male and 24 female) per county selected from **200m Individual Medley** rankings. Long and short course times will be considered.
- ◆ If counties do not have the minimum number of swimmers for each sex they can reduce as required or increase swimmers of one particular sex.
- ◆ To reflect relative age, two selection bands will be implemented, with the aim of selecting equally between the two where possible;
 - Selection Band A – birthday between and including 1st January to 30th June
 - Selection Band B – birthday between and including 1st July to 31st December
- ◆ Additional selections, if required, can be made for either selection band from swimmers meeting the required minimum standard.
- ◆ Times used for selection to the CDP must be taken from the Swim England national rankings, and be achieved between 1st January 2026 and 4th August 2026.
- ◆ Further selections can be made from second, third etc. ranked positions until maximum numbers are achieved.
- ◆ Swimmers will be selected for their CDP based on the county their 'ranked' club is affiliated to.
- ◆ Swimmers will have worked with their home coach to achieve the standard of **levels 1 & 2** of the **Swim England Club Awards**. Confirmation of these standards being achieved will be signed off by the club head coach.
- ◆ Para-swimmers will be selected nationally by the Swim England Sport Officers and selections will be communicated to the respective county.
- ◆ Up to 6 para-swimmers per county (**nationally selected from 2 IPC events** and included within the total of 48 swimmers) **see general conditions for more information.*
- ◆ As a minimum, swimmers will only be considered where they are in excess of the below World Aquatics Points (WAP) / British Para-Swimming Points (BPSP).
- ◆ **Please note, achieving these points does not guarantee selection to a talent programme;**

Sex	Age	WAP (long course)
Male & Female	12	175

Sex	Age	Impairment	BPSP (long course)
Male & Female	12	Physical (1-10)	250 event 1 & 200 event 2*
Male & Female	12	Visual (11-13)	250 event 1 & 175 event 2
Male & Female	12	Intellectual (14)	350 event 1 & 275 event 2

*PI selection 2 strokes where impairment allows