THE ASA TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME POWERED BY BRITISH GAS

LEVEL 2 OPEN WATER/DISTANCE FREESTYLE

SELECTION POLICY FOR SOUTHERN SQUAD

1. ATHLETE SELECTION

1.1. Ages eligible for selection.

1.1.1 Boys competing as 14, 15, 16 or 17 years at British Gas ASA National Age/Youth Championships 2010

1.1.2 Girls competing as 14, 15, 16 or 17 years at British Gas ASA National Youth Championships 2010

1.2. There are 12 places available for selection. There can be 2 wildcard places available to the Talent Development Team if required

1.3. Times can only be achieved at identified selection meets (3.1, 3.2 & 3.3)

1.4. Times from the European Junior Championships 2010 (3.3) will be considered from the Male 1500m and Female 800m events only.

1.5. Performances from the European Junior Open Water Swimming Championships 2010 (3.4) will be considered.

1.6. Times will only be considered from top 10 finishes in HDW events (1500m males & 800m females) in Olympic events at the British Gas ASA National Age & Youth Championships (3.1 & 3.2)

1.7. Athletes selected for Talent Development Level 3 Programme will not be considered for selection

1.8. Swimmers selected for World Class Programmes will not be considered for selection.

1.9. Only athletes selected will be notified by the Talent Team

2 COACH SELECTION

2.1. There are 2 places available for selection. This will be broken down in the form of a head coach and 1 group coach

2.2. The Group Coach will be offered to the athlete with the highest Fina points score, should that coach not be available or ineligible then the coach of the next highest Fina points score will be selected.

2.3 Coaches ‘available’ for selection must be holders of the UKCC Level 3/ASA Coaches Certificate or equivalent, or be enrolled on an UKCC/ASA Coach Course at time of selection.

2.4. Coaches wanting to be considered for selection must have completed and returned the appropriate availability form by the designated date.

3. SELECTION MEETS

3.1. British Gas ASA National Age Championships 2010, Sheffield

3.2. British Gas ASA National Youth Championships 2010, Sheffield

3.3. European Junior Championships 2010, Helsinki, Finland

3.4. European Junior Open Water Swimming Championships 2010, Hoorn, Holland

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS

4.1. All swimmers participating in the Talent Development Programme must be a member of an ASA affiliated club, or eligible to represent England at international level.

4.2. All athletes must be able to fully commit to attending all aspects of the Talent Programme and any athlete who has withdrawn or been excluded from the current Talent Programme season is ineligible for selection.

4.3. All camps will be residential

4.4. Should you have any queries or would like to discuss any of the above points please contact Talent Development Officer, Rosa Gallop – 07824 390075 – rosa.gallop@swimming.org

5. PROGRAMME ITINARY

5.1. 1st to 3rd October 2010 @ Crystal Palace

5.2. 7th to 9th January 2011 @ Mountbatten Leisure Centre, Portsmouth

5.3. June/July 2011 @ Bosworth Water Park