Changes to the Swimming Competition Programme

British Swimming and the ASA have now provided more information about the changes to the swimming competition programme. Ideally, these changes should be implemented as soon as possible, but it is recognised that there will need to be some flexibility in 2014/2015 because of existing commitments and difficulties in changing pool bookings.

This document summarises the proposed changes and the flexibility allowed in this current season.

To assist everyone in planning for 2015, South East Region will maintain a calendar of National, Regional and County events. This first version of the calendar is appended to this document, together with detailed descriptions of each level of competition provided by the ASA.

For each level of competition, the youngest age group is a 2 year band. This is primarily aimed at the older age group. Only a small number of the fastest swimmers in the younger age group are expected to qualify.

Competition Type	Strategic Intent	Provision for 2014/2015
British	To be held in April each year.	
Championships	Long course.	
Trials	The format depends on the format of end-	
	of-season international competitions.	
	No additional details provided.	
British Summer	Ages 13/14, 15, 16, 17, 18 & Over. As at 31 st	Qualifying window: 14 th March – 31 st
Championships	December.	May
	Long course.	
	Top 24 ranked British swimmers within a	Regional championships scheduled in
	specific qualifying window will be invited to	the 1 st half of June will also count.
	compete.	
	Top 20 teams based on relay qualifying	Invitation list will be published on
	competitions will be invited to compete. (In	Wednesday June 10 th 2015.
	SER, this will be the regional	
	championships).	
	Team age groups 14-16, 17/Over	
ASA Summer Meet	Ages 12/13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & Over. Ages as	Qualifying window: 14 th March – 31 st
(Home Countries	at 31 st December.	May
Summer Meet(Long course.	
	Next 20 (tbc) ranked English swimmers with	Regional championships scheduled in
	the specified qualifying window will be	the 1 st half of June will also count.
	invited to compete.	
	English: Registered with an English club or	Invitation list will be published on
	England is Country of International	Wednesday June 10 th 2015.
	Representation.	
	No decision yet on team or disability	
	events.	
	There will be equivalent competitions in	
	Wales and Scotland.	
ASA Winter Meet	Short course.	No meet in 2014/2015 season.
(Championships)	No details yet on programme or	
	qualification process. (Likely to be based on	
	12 month qualification period).	

Qualifying time may be long course or short course, but long course times will NOT be converted.	
Ages 11/12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & Over. Ages as at 31 st December. Long course. Programme and qualification process defined by each region. Held in April/May.	Meets allowed outside of the April/May timeframe to allow for existing pool bookings.
Ages 10/11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & Over. Ages as at 31 st December. Long or short course. Programme and qualification process defined by each county. Held in January/February.	Meets allowed outside of the January/February timeframe to allow for existing pool bookings. Flexibility in programme of events, age groups and age on last date of competition permitted.
New calendar and licensed meet guidelines will be published for 2015/2016. (Likely to be fewer blackout periods so potential for more licensed meets). Promoter decides on qualification date (31 st December, last date of competition NOT mandated). All swimmers must be minimum age of 9 on day of competition.	Current licensed meet guidelines no longer apply. Until revised guidelines and calendar are published, the licensing panel is encouraged to apply "common sense" and "flexibility". In South East Region, the licensing panel will endeavour to protect Regional and County Championships.
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South East Region Swimming Calendar 2015

Month	Date	National/Regional Events	County Events
January	3rd/4th		
	10 th /11 th		
	17 th /18 th		
	24 th /25 th		
February	31 st /1 st	South Zonal Championships (London	
,		Aquatic Centre)	
	7 th /8 th	,	
	14 th /15 th		Kent County Championships (15 th) –
			Crystal Palace
	21 st /22 nd		Kent County Championships -
			Gillingham
March	28 th /1 st		Hampshire County Championships –
			Portsmouth (50m)
			Kent County Championships -
			Gillingham
	7 th /8 th		Hampshire County Championships –
			Waterlooville (25m)
			Kent County Championships –
			Gillingham/Crystal Palace
			Berks & S Bucks County
			Championships
	14 th /15 th		Hampshire County Championships –
			Portsmouth (50m)
			Berks & S Bucks County
			Championships (14 th)
	21 st /22 nd		Berks & S Bucks County
			Championships (21 st)
	28 th /29 th		
April	4 th /5 th		
	11 th /12 th		
	18 th /19 th	British Championships Trials (14 th -18 th) –	
		London Aquatics Centre	
	25 th /26 th		(Arena League Final)
May	2 nd /3 rd	South East Region Championships –	
,	,	Crawley (tbc)	
	9 th /10 th		
	16 th /17 th	South East Region Championships -	
		Crawley	
	23 rd /24 th	South East Region Championships –	
	,	Portsmouth (tbc)	
	30 th /31 st	South East Region Championships -	
		Crawley	
June	6 th /7 th		
_	13 th /14 th		
	20 th /21 st		
	27 th /28 th		
July	4 th /5 th		
July	11 th /12 th		
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	18 th /19 th		
	25 th /26 th	British Summer Championships (28 th -2 nd)	
		– Ponds Forge	
August	1 st /2 nd	ASA Summer Meet (4 th -9 th) – Ponds Forge	
	8 th /9 th		
	15 th /16 th		
	22 nd /23 rd		
	29 th /30 th		
September	29 th /30 th 5 th /6 th		
	12 th /13 th		
	19 th /20 th		
	26 th /27 th		
October	3 rd /4 th		
	10 th /11 th 17 th /18 th		(Arena League Round 1)
	17 th /18 th		
	24 th /25 th		
November	31 st /1 st		
	7 th /8 th		
	14 th /15 th		(Arena League Round 2)
	21 st /22 nd		
	28 th /29 th		
December	5 th /6 th		
	12 th /13 th		(Arena League Round 3)
	19 th /20 th	ASA Short Course Winter Meet (17 th -20 th)	
		– Ponds Forge	
	26 th /27 th		

Confirmed dates shown in green

Dates in red are not yet confirmed

Qualification period for British Summer Championships and ASA Summer Meet highlighted

British Championships / Trials

TIMEFRAME:

To be confirmed on an annual basis, however nominally planned for

week 2 or 3 of April each year to 2020

POOL SPECIFICATION:

Long course

LICENSING DETAIL:

Level 1

AGE BASED ON:

31st December in the year of competition

The format of all Trial events will be decided upon by the National Performance Director and GB Head Coach to provide the most appropriate and optimal selection competition as a precursor to the end-of-season benchmark international competitions.

British Summer Championships

TIMEFRAME:

Calendar weeks 30→ 31 (inclusive)

POOL SPECIFICATION:

Long course

LICENSING DETAIL:

Level 1

AGE BASED ON:

31st December in the year of competition

MINIMUM AGE:

13 years of age in the year of competition (via 13/14 rankings)

AGE BANDINGS:

13/14 years; 15 years; 16 years; 17 years; 18 years & over

QUALIFICATION:

Entry drawn from the British Rankings database

Top 24 ranked individual British swimmers per event and age band identified from British ranking list from the specified qualifying window. Top 20 relays teams in the specified age groupings invited based on the specific relay

qualifying competitions.

EVENT DETAIL:

EVENT / AGE	13/14 years	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 & over
50m Freestyle	\square	\square	\square	V	\square
100m Freestyle	✓	\square	Ø	\square	Ø
200m Freestyle		Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
400m Freestyle	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
800/1500m Freestyle	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
50m Backstroke	\square		Ø	Ø	Ø
100m Backstroke	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
200m Backstroke	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
50m Breaststroke	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
100m Breaststroke	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
200m Breaststroke	\square		Ø	. 🗹	Ø
50m Butterfly	Ø	Ø	Ø		Ø
100m Butterfly	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø	
200m Butterfly	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
100m I.M.					5
200m I.M.	Ø	Ø	Ø	\square	\square
400m I.M.	Ø	Ø	V	Ø	\square

4 x 100m Freestyle Relay	14-16 Years	17+ years
4 x 200m Freestyle Relay	14-16 Years	17+ years
4 x 100m-Medley Relay	14-16 Years	17+ years

Essential:

- 50m -400m events to follow a Heat-Final format
- Separate morning Heat and late afternoon Finals sessions
- Combined age Heats and specific age finals
- The last 3 heats (up to 200m events), or 2 heats (400m events) with Finals to be cyclically seeded, other heats and HDW events to be spearhead seeded.
- Home Nation discretion to combine Ages at heat and/or final level in accordance with level and number of entrants available
- 800/1500m events as Heat Declared Winner, with the fastest heat in a finals session

Home Nation Summer Meets

TIMEFRAME:

Calendar weeks 29 → 33 (inclusive)

POOL SPECIFICATION:

Long course

LICENSING DETAIL:

Level 1

AGE BASED ON:

31st December in the year of competition

MINIMUM AGE:

12 years of age in the year of competition (via 12/13 rankings)

AGE BANDINGS:

12/13 years; 14 years; 15 years; 16 year; 17 years & over

QUALIFICATION:

Entry drawn from the British Rankings database

Individuals identified from English/Welsh/Scottish ranking list from the specified qualifying window, who have not qualified in that event for British Summer Championships. The number of individuals invited to be set by the individual Home Nation. Relay qualification as set by the individual Home Nation.

Further qualification methods are at the discretion of the individual Home Nation based on the specific competition format, while must maintain the integrity of the qualification window principle.

EVENT DETAIL:

EVENT / AGE	12/13 years	14 years	15 years	16 years	17 and over
50m Freestyle	\square	\square	$\overline{\checkmark}$	✓	\square
100m Freestyle	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø	✓
200m Freestyle	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø
400m Freestyle	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	\square
800/1500m Freestyle	\square		Ø	Ø	\square
50m Backstroke	☑	Ø	Ø	Ø	
100m Backstroke	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø
200m Backstroke	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
50m Breaststroke	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø
100m Breaststroke	Ø			Ø	
200m Breaststroke	Ø	\square	Ø	. 🗹	Ø
50m Butterfly	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø
100m Butterfly	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø	\square
200m Butterfly	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	\square
200m I.M.	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø
400m I.M.	Ø		Ø	Ø	\square

Relay Events As appropriate to the specific event.

SPECIFIC EVENT ISSUES/DETAIL:

Essential:

- 50m -400m events to follow a Heat-Final format
- Separate Heat and Finals sessions
- The last 3 heats (up to 200m events), or 2 heats (400m events) with Finals to be cyclically seeded, other heats and HDW events to be spearhead seeded.
- Home Nation discretion to combine Ages at heat and/or final level in accordance with level and number of entrants available
- 800/1500m events as Heat Declared Winner

Desirable:

Fastest heat of 800/1500 within a finals session

English Regional, Scottish NAGs and Welsh NAGs

TIMEFRAME:

Calendar weeks 14 → 22 (inclusive)

POOL SPECIFICATION:

Long course

LICENSING DETAIL: Level 1

AGE BASED ON:

31st December in the year of competition

MINIMUM AGE:

11 years of age in the year of competition (via 11/12 qualifying time)

AGE BANDINGS:

11/12 years; 13 years; 14 years; 15 years; 16 years; 17 years & over

QUALIFICATION:

Qualification process and standards set by each home nation

EVENT DETAIL:

EVENT / AGE	11/12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	16 years	17 & over
50m Freestyle	Ø	\square	Ø	\square	Ø	<u> </u>
100m Freestyle	☑	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
200m Freestyle	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	\square
400m Freestyle	Ø	Ø	I	Ø	\square	Ø
800/1500m Freestyle	<u> </u>	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
50m Backstroke	☑	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
100m Backstroke	✓	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
200m Backstroke	✓	Ø	Ø	Ø	☑ .	Ø
50m Breaststroke	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
100m Breaststroke	✓	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
200m Breaststroke	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	
50m Butterfly		Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
100m Butterfly		Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
200m Butterfly	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
200m I.M.	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
400m I.M.	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø

4 x 100m Freestyle Relay	14-16 Years	17+ years
4 x 200m Freestyle Relay	14-16 Years	17+ years
4 x 100m Medley Relay	14-16 Years	17+ years
Further Relay Events	As appropriate to the specific event.	

SPECIFIC EVENT ISSUES/DETAIL:

Essential:

- 50m, 100m and 200m events Heats and Finals.
- 400m events as Heat Declared Winner as a minimum.
- 800/1500m events as Heat Declared Winner.
- The last 3 heats of (up to 200m) events with Finals to be cyclically seeded, other heats and HDW events to be spearhead seeded.
- Qualification event for relays at British Summer Nationals: 14-16 years and 17+ in the following events: 4 x 100m
 Freestyle Relay / 4 x 200m
 Freestyle Relay / 4 x 100m

Desirable:

- 400m events Heats and Finals
- The last 2 heats of (400m) events with Finals to be cyclically seeded, other heats to be spearhead seeded.
- Consideration to be given to individual or sub groups of Ages in heats, eg separate events for 11/12-13; 14-16; 17+ rather than 11-20 year olds in the same set of heats, which would not be considered an optimal format.

English County, Welsh Regional and Scottish District*

TIMEFRAME:

Calendar weeks $2 \rightarrow 9$ (inclusive)

POOL SPECIFICATION:

Long or short course

AGE BASED ON:

31st December in the year of competition

MINIMUM AGE:

10 years of age in the year of competition (via 10/11 qualifying time)

AGE BANDINGS:

10/11 years; 12 years; 13 years; 14 years; 15 years; 16 years & over

QUALIFICATION:

Open entry

Qualification standards set by County/Region/District.

EVENT DETAIL:

EVENT / AGE	10/11 years	12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	16 years & over
50m Freestyle	I	V	Ø			
100m Freestyle	✓	Ø	Ø	Ø	✓	Ø
200m Freestyle	· 🗹	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
400m Freestyle	✓	Ø	Ø	I	\square	Ø
800/1500m Freestyle		Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
50m Backstroke	✓	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
100m Backstroke	✓	Ø	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø
200m Backstroke	\square	Ø	Ø	\square	I	Ø
50m Breaststroke	\square	Ø	\square		Ø	Ø
100m Breaststroke	\square	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø
200m Breaststroke	Ø	Ø	\square	Ø	Ø	Ø
50m Butterfly	Ø	Ø	\square	V	Ø	Ø
100m Butterfly	\square				V	7
200m Butterfly	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø		4
100m I.M.	Ø	Ø		Ø	I	Ø
200m I.M.	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	4	
400m I.M.		Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	<u> </u>

Relay Events	As appropriate to the individual event. No specific requirement.

SPECIFIC EVENT ISSUES/DETAIL:

Essential:

- 50m & 100m events Heats and Finals.
- 200m events as Heat Declared Winner as a minimum.
- 400m+ events as Heat Declared Winner
- The last 3 heats of events with Finals to be cyclically seeded, other heats and HDW events to be spearhead seeded.

Desirable:

- 200m events Heats and Finals
- Consideration to be given to individual or sub groups of Ages in heats, eg separate events for 10/11-12;
 13-15; 16+ rather than 10-20 year olds in the same set of heats, which would not be considered an optimal format.