

# **ASA South East Region**

## **Swimming Championship Conditions 2014**

1. Swimming Championships shall be conducted annually upon dates designated for Regional Championships by the ASA. Dates shall be agreed by the Region Swimming Group.
2. Swimming Championships shall be conducted in accordance with ASA Laws and Technical Rules of Swimming.
3. **ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY**
  - 3.1 **General**
    - 3.1.1 The Championships shall be open to eligible swimmers, as defined by the ASA, who, on the date of submission of entry, are members of clubs affiliated to the Region and who shall not have competed in the Championships or competitions of another Region in the same swimming year (1<sup>st</sup> September to 31st August).
    - 3.1.2 A swimmer must have been an ASA registered member of the club in whose name he is entered at least 30 days prior to the first day of the Championships.
    - 3.1.3 For individual events a swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.
    - 3.1.4 A Junior swimmer shall be aged 16 years or under as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.
  - 3.2 **Team Championships**
    - 3.2.1 Team Championships shall be open to all clubs affiliated to the Association.
    - 3.2.2 All teams shall consist of four members.
    - 3.2.3 A swimmer entered in the name of one club, (or dual clubs), in the individual events may not compete in the name of another club (or dual clubs), in the team events.
    - 3.2.4 Clubs may enter one or more teams, but members shall swim for one team only.
    - 3.2.5 For team events a swimmer's age shall be determined as at the date of competition unless the event forms part of a qualifying round for entry into National Championships. In such events a Swimmer's age shall be the age attained as per the age qualifying date for the National Championships as shown on the relevant entry forms/information leaflet.
    - 3.2.6 Clubs must submit a provisional team declaration sheet, together with ASA registration details of all team members who have not entered an individual event with their entry confirmation (see 5.3 below). Changes to declared teams are permitted at any time up to 45 minutes before the advertised starting time of the first event in the session. Changes subsequent to this time may only be made in exceptional circumstances.

## 4. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

### 4.1 Individual Events

Open/Junior/Youth Championships	
50m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle
100m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Ind Medley (Short course only)
200m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Ind Medley
400m	Freestyle, Ind Medley
800m	Freestyle (Girls)
1500m	Freestyle (Boys)
<u>Age Groups (for Youth Championships) see 9.3 below:</u>	
14 years, 15/16 years, 17 & Over	
Finals: 14/15 years, 16 & Over	
Age Group Championships	
100m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle (Ages 11,12,13)
200m	Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Ind Medley
400m	Freestyle
400m	Ind Medley (Ages 10, 11,12,13)
800m	Freestyle (Girls, Ages 11,12,13,)
1500m	Freestyle (Boys, Ages 11,12,13)
<u>Age Groups (for Age Group Championships)</u>	
10, 11, 12, 13 Years	

### 4.2 Team Events

Open and Junior Championships	
4x100m	Freestyle, Medley
Youth Championships	
4x100m	Freestyle, Medley
4x200m	Freestyle
<u>Age Groups:</u>	
Girls 15-18 Years, Boys 15-18 Years	
Age Group Championships	
4x100m	Freestyle, Medley
4x200m	Freestyle
<u>Age Groups:</u>	
Girls: 11-14 Years, Boys 11-14 Years	

## 5 ENTRIES

5.1 Entry fees shall be agreed by the Region Swimming Group.

5.2 Entries shall be submitted via the online entry system on the Region's web site. Under exceptional circumstances only, entries may be submitted using the official entry form (or a photocopy thereof).

Entries submitted online are not finally accepted until the entry declaration sheet and entry fee have been received by the designated Entries Administrator.

5.3 All entries must be received by the designated Entries Administrator for the Championship by the specified closing date. The closing date shall be no earlier than 42 days before the first day of the Championship.

An additional 3 days will be allowed following the specified closing date, for receipt of the entry declaration sheet, provisional team declaration forms and entry fees.

Late entries will be considered for individual events providing

- There is space available
- The entry time must be equal to or faster than the automatic qualifying time for the event
- A supplement of 100% of the normal entry fee, per event, is paid

Late entries for team events will not be considered.

5.4 For all individual events, the Swimming Manager shall set automatic qualifying times and may set base level qualifying times. Swimmers must submit a time for each entry on or after a date to be published on the entry form for the competition. Submitted times shall be based on a 25m pool; all times to be converted by the use of the published ASA Equivalent Performance Tables. All times must be eligible for inclusion in the rankings published by the ASA, except that first leg relay split times recorded in a licensed meet may be accepted if the time and swimmers identity either appear in the published results or are validated by the meet referee. South East Region reserves the right to validate times against the ranking published by the ASA and/or to ask for proof of entry time. Subsequent improved times will not be accepted. The Swimming Manager may waive the requirement for times to have been achieved in a Licensed Meet for selected events where that event is not regularly included in competition programmes.

5.5 All swimmers who have achieved the automatic qualifying time shall be accepted for that event. If a base level qualifying time has been set and there is time available, South East Region may accept additional swimmers who have not achieved the automatic qualifying time, on the basis of the time submitted. All swimmers must have achieved the base level qualifying time if set.

5.6 For the Age Group Championships only, swimmers may enter one event only with a time up to 5% slower than the automatic qualifying time, if that event is needed to complete a full BAGCAT series.

5.7 Notwithstanding conditions 5.5 and 5.6, in the interests of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the Championships, the Swimming Manager reserves the right to restrict the number of entries in any event, in which case, the swimmers with the fastest submitted times shall take

preference. In Age Group Championships, where results are based on British Age Group Categories, preference may also be given to those swimmers entering a full BAGCAT series.

- 5.8 Any swimmer submitting an ineligible entry, will have that entry rejected and will forfeit the entry fee. Any swimmer whose entry is not accepted as a result of limiting the number of entries will have their fee refunded.
- 5.9 By submitting an entry, entrants are implicitly accepting that entries will be processed using a computer system. Entrants may request that details are not displayed on the web site, but need to be aware that entry confirmation and results are not made available in any other form.

## 6. **CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY**

- 6.1 The Entries Administrator shall make reasonable efforts to despatch confirmation of entry for all accepted entries at least 7 days before the first day of the Championship. Where possible, this confirmation will be sent by e-mail.
- 6.2 Swimmers should check their entry confirmation carefully. Any errors found must be notified to the Entries Administrator at least 3 days before the first day of the Championship. South East Region will make every effort to correct any error reported by this date, irrespective of the source of the error. Subsequent to this date only errors introduced by South East Region will be corrected.

## 7. **MEET PROCEDURE**

- 7.1 There shall be separate events for males and females.
- 7.2 A withdrawal system will be in operation. Club representatives are expected to submit withdrawal forms for swimmers who are not intending to swim no later than 45 minutes before the advertised starting time of the first event in the session. Provision will be made for clubs with no representative present to submit notification of withdrawals by telephone and via the Region's Web site. A fine of £10 will be levied in respect of each competitor who fails to withdraw and does not present themselves at the start of the event (except in the case of genuine illness or of a proven emergency).

### 7.3 **Heats and Finals**

- 7.3.1 Events may be combined for the purpose of heats and heat declared winner events. Heats shall be held for all events.
- 7.3.2 In finals, the maximum number of places practicable shall be allocated. A maximum of four reserves shall be declared for each final.
- 7.3.3 The names of finalists and at least two of a maximum of four reserves shall be announced as soon as practicable after completion of the heats. Announced finalists and reserves not intending to swim shall withdraw by completing a withdrawal form, as soon as possible, and in any case no later than the announced time determined by the promoter. For boys/men, this will be 5 minutes after the announcement of finalists for the last boys/men final; for girls/women, this will be 5 minutes after announcements of finalists for the last girls/women final. All finalists who have not withdrawn, including reserves must present themselves for the final.

- 7.3.4 A fine of £10 will be levied in respect of any competitor or team withdrawing from a final after the time allowed (except in the case of genuine illness or a proven emergency).
- 7.3.5 If a finalist withdraws within the time allowed, the final shall be reseeded. Where a reserve is brought in after this period, the reserve shall occupy the vacant lane and there shall be no changes made to the allocation of other lanes.
- 7.3.6 Heats shall be swum for all individual events. All events shall be seeded from slowest to fastest. The final heat in each event shall be spearheaded. In events where there are finals, except in the BAGCAT competition, the final three heats shall be cyclically seeded. **In Heat Declared Winner events, where events have been combined, the fastest swimmers in each event shall be seeded together in the last heats and those heats shall be spearheaded.**
- 7.3.7 Individual events of 400m and over in the Open and Junior and Youth Championships, selected events in the Age Group Championships and all team events shall be decided on heat times and places (heat declared winner). If the number of entries that have achieved the automatic entry time cannot be accommodated in the time available, the promoter reserves the right to designate additional events as Heat Declared Winner.
- 7.3.8 Where finals are arranged in the same session as the heats for that event, swim-offs will not be held. In the event that there are equal times for the slowest place in the final, neither (none) of the swimmers with equal times will be allocated a place in the final, that lane or lanes remaining empty.
- 7.3.9 A final may not start earlier than 15 minutes after all of the swimmers involved have completed their heat swim for that event.
- 7.4 Junior results shall be determined as follows:
- Junior swimmers who are placed in the final shall be placed in order of finishing in the final, ahead of all other Junior Swimmers
  - Other Junior Swimmers shall be placed in accordance with heat times
- 7.5 Time Trials will not be permitted during the Championships.
- 7.6 All BAGCAT awards shall be based on times recorded in heats.
- 7.7 Competitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the clerks of the course in time for their race. There will no call for missing competitors. If a swimmer does not present themselves for the final, the highest ranking reserve who presents themselves for the final shall swim in the vacant lane.
- 7.8 All penalties for failing to withdraw from an event in accordance with 7.2 and 7.3.4 are payable by the competitor's club.

## 8. AWARDS

- 8.1 The first, second and third placed swimmers or teams in each individual and team event shall be awarded medals.

8.2 BAGCAT awards (as defined below, calculated using the FINA point score for each swim) will be presented to the first 8 swimmers in each group:

Girls & Boys Age 10	form distance medley	Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly 200m Free 200m Ind Medley
Girls Age 11, 12, 13 and Boys Age 11, 12, 13	100s form distance medley	Best 100m Back, Breast, Fly or Free Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly Best 200m, 400m, 800m (girls) 1500m(boys) Free Best 200m or 400m Ind Medley

8.3 In the Youth Championships, age group awards are based on times recorded in heats. In addition for events where there are finals, medals will be presented to the first, second and third placed swimmers in each final.

## 9. SUPPLEMENTARY DISABILITY SWIMMING CONDITIONS

9.1 The general conditions for South East Region Swimming Championships shall apply to the Disability Swimming events except where varies by any of the following conditions.

### 9.2 Events (Men and Women)

Multi-disability events will conform the IPC Swimming Rules and Regulations (2011-2014):

- 50m and 100m Freestyle S1-S14
- 200m Freestyle S1-S5, S14
- 400m Freestyle, S6-14
- 50m Backstroke S1-S5
- 100m Backstroke S6-S14
- 50m Butterfly S1- S7
- 100m Butterfly S7-S14
- 50m Breaststroke SB1-SB3
- 100m Breaststroke SB4-SB14
- 150m Individual Medley SM1-SM4 (without butterfly)
- 200m Individual Medley SM5-SM14

For events where there is no multi-disability competition, entries from disabled competitors holding an internationally authorized classification will be accepted providing they have equalled or bettered a qualifying time set by the Disability Secretary.

### 9.3 Eligibility

9.3.1 All swimmers must have a **nationally or** internationally authorized classification. Swimmers are required to present to the referee a printout from the ASA website, dated no earlier than 7 days prior to the start of the competition, showing their classification.

9.3.2 Qualifying standards shall apply and all swimmers may qualify with either a Long Course (50m) or Short Course (25m) entry time. Entry times must have been achieved in the twelve months immediately preceding the championship closing date. In events where no entry standard is set, Swimmers wishing to enter these events must have achieved the qualifying standards in either of the corresponding 50m or 100m freestyle events.

## **9.4 Competition Format**

- 9.4.1 The competition format will be based on disability inclusion within the able bodied programme. Swimmers will be integrated on a time-banded basis in all events with the exception of the 150m Individual Medley.
- 9.4.2 Placing shall be determined by the three swimmers who either achieve a time better than or is closest to the equivalent British Long Course record relevant to their own classification (using the version of the Disability Points Calculator available from British Swimming on the date of the competition).
- 9.4.3 The organizers may combine the male and female SM1-SM4 150m Individual Medley event dependent upon the number of entries.
- 9.4.4 All events will be heat declared winners.

## **9.5 Awards**

- 9.5.1 Awards shall be awarded on a multi disability basis to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each event. If less than four swimmers participate in any one event then a minus one ruling shall apply. If only one swimmer participates in any event, then the swimmer shall qualify for an award providing he/she is equal to or better than their entry time for that event.

## **10. DISPUTES**

- 10.1 Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall be determined by the Promoter.

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