

Winter Championships 2017 Explanation of Changes to Conditions

Topic	Sections	Explanation
Eligibility	3.1.1	<p>The exclusion of swimmers who have competed in the championships of another region, now only applies to same set of championships.</p> <p>That means that a swimmer is not allowed to enter events in Swim England South East on one day of the competition and another region on the other day.</p>
Submission of Entries	5.2/5.3	<p>Although some clubs encourage individual swimmers and parents to submit their own entries, and the online entry system permits this, entries to this competition are CLUB entries.</p> <p>No individually submitted entries will be accepted until they have been confirmed by a club entry declaration sheet.</p>
	5.4	<p>The deadline for submission of the club entry declaration sheet will be strictly enforced. In previous years, we have had to make allowance for the unreliable nature of the postal service and e-mail. With the introduction of the "Confirmed Delivery" facility, this is no longer necessary.</p> <p>If the club entry declaration sheet has not been submitted by 20:00 on 19th October 2017, we will send out a single warning and if the sheet has not been submitted within a further 72 hours, all entries from the club will be rejected.</p> <p>Please note: If entries for the club have been submitted by more than 1 person, that warning will be issued to the club secretary.</p>
Late Entries	5.6	<p>There is provision for late entries. However, we do expect virtually all events to be fully subscribed.</p> <p>If any swimmer has been rejected from an event, no late entries will be accepted for that event.</p>
Validation of Entry Times	5.8	<p>All submitted times will be validated against ASA rankings. Any entry that cannot be validated against rankings will be rejected.</p> <p>We will publish on the web site a list of times that cannot be validated against rankings as soon as possible after the closing date and as a concession will allow times to be corrected up to 48 hours after publication of that list.</p> <p>Common reasons for times not being validated:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swim outside of the qualifying period (i.e. before 1st January 2017) • Time not recorded in a licensed meet • Time set in a level 4 meet • Short course time incorrectly submitted as long course and vice versa • Incorrect ASA registration number • Spelling mistake in the swimmer's name
Refund of Fees	5.14	<p>The only circumstance in which we will refund fees after the closing date is if the swimmer is unable to swim because of a medical problem or injury.</p> <p>Refunds will only be made in response to the submission of a request, with supporting evidence from a qualified medical practitioner (doctor, physio etc.)</p>
Withdrawals	7.2/7.3	<p>There are only 2 ways for a swimmer who does not intend to swim to withdraw from an event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of a withdrawal form at the pool • Via the withdrawal system on the competition web site <p>Informal withdrawal requests by e-mail or telephone will not be accepted.</p> <p>Withdrawals are final. Once a swimmer has withdrawn from an event, the swimmer cannot be reinstated (other than as a late entry).</p>
Reserves and Swim-Offs	7.3.2/7.3.5	<p>We experimented with six reserves in the 2017 Summer Championships. For this event, we have dropped back to four.</p> <p>We will only have swim-offs for the last place in the final or first reserve.</p>
Access to Poolside	8	<p>This condition, which was introduced for the 2017 Summer Championships is also included for these championships.</p> <p>It is important that you request the appropriate number of poolside passes in advance. Coaches and team managers will not be allowed on poolside unless they are wearing a pass.</p> <p>The restriction on the size of bags is a competition condition and will be enforced. We will take appropriate action, including withdrawing a swimmer from all (remaining) events, if there is a deliberate attempt to get round this rule or if any swimmer, coach or parent is abusive or aggressive towards any volunteer enforcing the condition.</p>
Pool Configuration	11.2	<p>If it is not possible to configure the pool for a long course competition (if for example there is a malfunction of the boom), the competition will proceed as short course.</p> <p>There will be no refund of fees for any swimmer who chooses not to compete.</p>