

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
OPEN/JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS 2018

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Dates shall be agreed by the County Swimming Committee.
- 1.2 All Championships shall be conducted in accordance with ASA Laws and Technical Rules of Swimming.
- 1.3 Entry Fees shall be approved by the HCASA Management Committee and published on the competition web site:
<https://www.swimmeets.org/calendar/showevent.php?id=900>

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 General

- 2.1.1 The competing members of any club allocated to the Association, and any member of an organisation registered directly to the ASA who is normally resident in Hampshire, shall be allowed to compete providing they are eligible as defined in ASA Law, except that no one who has competed in the Championships of another County since 1st January 2018 shall be eligible to compete.
- 2.1.2 A swimmer must be a registered member of the club in the name of which he/she is entered for at least 1 calendar month before the first day of competition of the Championships.
- 2.1.3 A Junior swimmer shall be under 17 years of age as at midnight on the 31st December 2018.

3. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

3.1 Individual Events

Ages	Events
Open & Junior	Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m Backstroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Breaststroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Butterfly: 50m, 100m, 200m Ind Medley: 200m, 400m

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries shall be submitted via the online entry system on the competition web site.

Entries submitted online are not finally accepted until the club entry declaration sheet has been submitted to the competition web site.

- 4.2 All entries to this competition are deemed to be club entries, and are subject to the submission of the club entry declaration sheet, authorised by an appropriate officer of the club to confirm that:

1. Entries have been checked against ASA rankings and conform to the conditions of the competition.
2. The club accepts liability to pay the appropriate entry fee.

- 4.3 All entries must be submitted on or before 20:00 on 12th September 2018.

All club entry declaration sheets must be uploaded to the competition web site, using the "Submit Files" function by 20:00 on 15th September 2018.

If the club entry declaration sheet is not submitted by that date, the club will be advised and warned by e-mail. A further 72 hours will be allowed to make the submission. Failure to make the submission by this final submission date will result in the club's complete entry being rejected.

- 4.4 Once all entries have been processed and decisions taken relating to acceptance (according to condition 4.7), each club will be notified of the entry fee payable. Fees must be paid within 7 days of this notification.

- 4.5 Late Entries may be accepted in exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the Swimming Secretary (or the appointed Entries Co-ordinator). Late entries will be considered, providing

- There is space available
- A supplement of 100% of the normal entry fee, per event, is paid.

- 4.6 Entrants who are members of more than one club must declare at the time of entry, the club he/she represents.

- 4.7 For all individual events, the Association shall set base level qualifying times (consideration times). Both short course and long course times shall be published. Swimmers must submit a time for each entry which has been achieved since 1st January 2018. Submitted times may be either short and/or long course and shall be the actual time recorded. All long course (50m) times will be automatically converted

using the published ASA Equivalent Performance Tables for the purpose of accepting entries and seeding. All times must be eligible for inclusion in the rankings published by Swim England and set in competitions licenced at level 1, 2, 3 or 4. Entries may be amended up to the closing date. Subsequent improved times will not be accepted. First leg relay split times are NOT acceptable. Times set in Masters competitions and appearing only in Masters Rankings are not acceptable.

- 4.8 All times will be checked against Swim England rankings on the closing date. Any time that cannot be validated against rankings on the closing date will be rejected as an invalid entry.

A list of times that cannot be validated in rankings will be published 48 hours before the closing date.

Entries may be amended up to closing date. Subsequent improved times will not be accepted.

- 4.9 The fastest swimmers who have achieved the base time will be accepted. The number of swimmers that can be accepted will be determined on an event by event basis. The target number of swimmers for each event shall be published on the competition web site prior to the closing date for entries. If time permits, the Association reserves the right to accept additional swimmers who have achieved the base time.
- 4.10 Notwithstanding condition 4.9, in the interest of safety and to ensure the smooth running of the competition the Association reserves the right to limit the number of entries to any event. If this becomes necessary, the Swimming Secretary (or appointed Entries Co-ordinator) will inform each swimmer whose entry has not been accepted. Entries will be rejected on the basis of submitted times, slowest swimmers rejected first.
- 4.11 Any swimmer submitting an ineligible entry will have the entry rejected and forfeit the entry fee. Any swimmer whose entry is not accepted as a result of limiting the number of entries will not have to pay the entry fee.
- 4.12 The Management Committee may refuse an entry from a Club or a member of that Club, which, in their opinion, has not in the past fulfilled its obligations to the County Association, including all payment of fees relating to previous competitions.
- 4.13 By submitting an entry, entrants are 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.
- 4.14 By submitting an entry, entrants are accepting that their photographs may be taken and used to promote the sport in the Region and/or County, and/or made available

for download and/or purchase. All photography will conform to the "Swim England (ASA) Photography and Photographing Swimmers Policy". Individual parents of swimmers under 18 years of age on the day of competition have the right to withhold consent, by completing a form to be made available before the closing date of the competition.

5. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- 5.1 All entries will be confirmed by e-mail and a list of accepted and rejected entries will be available via the competition web site at least 7 days before the first day of the Championships.
- 5.2 Entries may be corrected at any time up to the closing date. Subsequent to this date, only errors introduced by the Association will be corrected; any other change will be considered to be a late entry and subject to the provisions of 4.5 above.

6. MEET PROCEDURE

- 6.1 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 via the competition web site. Informal notification by phone or e-mail will not be accepted. Competitors who fail to withdraw and do not present themselves at the start will incur a penalty of £10.
- 6.2 Withdrawals are final. Any request to reinstate a swimmer who has been withdrawn will be considered to be a late entry and subject to the provisions of 4.5 above.
- 6.3 Heats shall be swum for all events and shall be seeded slowest to fastest. All heats shall be spearheaded.
- 6.4 All events, including all team events, shall be decided on heat times and places (Heat Declared Winner).
- 6.5 Competitors are responsible for presenting themselves to the Clerks of the Course in time for their race. There will be no calls for competitors who fail to appear at the start of their race.
- 6.6 Time Trials will not be permitted during the Championships.
- 6.7 All penalties for failing to withdraw from an event in accordance with the procedures above are payable by the competitor's club.

7. ACCESS TO POOLSIDE

- 7.1 Access to poolside is restricted to swimmers competing in the session, coaches and team managers in possession of poolside passes, accredited officials and volunteers.
- 7.2 To manage space on poolside, swimmers are not allowed to carry a bag larger than a small draw-string bag onto poolside. This rule will be strictly enforced.

8. AWARDS

- 8.1 Awards will be presented to the first, second and third placed swimmers and the first, second and third placed juniors. in each event.

9. DISPUTES/CHANGES TO CONDITIONS

- 9.1 Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall initially be determined by the Promoter. Any individual who is not satisfied with such determination has the right to invoke ASA Judicial processes.
- 9.2 Whenever possible, a Jury of Appeal shall be appointed.
- 9.3 Once the licence has been granted for this competition, no changes to conditions are permitted without the explicit approval of the Swim England South East Licensing Panel.