

## SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

1. All Championships shall be conducted in accordance with ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules.
2. Eligibility: The competing members of any club allocated to HCASA 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 shall be eligible to compete in HCASA Championships in the same year.
3. Entries: a) Entry Fees for events shall be approved by the Executive Committee.  
b) Entries on the appropriate form, together with the entry fee, must reach the Hon. Swimming Secretary by the published closing date.  
c) Late Entries will not be accepted, except in extenuating circumstances. The Hon. Swimming Secretary is authorised to accept late entries and notify the Clubs accordingly.  
d) Entries must be signed by the competitors Club Secretary or nominated official. Such a signature to be taken as certification of eligibility.  
e) Entrants who are members of more than one club must state in writing at the time of entry, the club he/she represents.  
f) The General Purposes 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.  
g) Age as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of competition.  
h) Where qualifying standard have been set all entrants must have equalled or bettered the entry consideration time. Any entry which is not accepted will have the fee refunded.  
i) For all Team Championships, the reverse of the form must list any club member who may be selected for a team but is not participating in an individual event. Lists must show full name, registration number and address. No swimmer may participate in a team Championship unless their name is on a submitted list.  
j) Wherever possible, Entry Cards will be used and will be distributed to the entrant's clubs prior to the event. It is the responsibility of the entrants to post their cards in the designated boxes before the card box closing time. Cards which have been submitted late will only be accepted if there are spare lanes available for the particular event.
4. Juniors: a) Competitors must be under the age of 17years on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year of the Championships.  
b) The Junior Champion shall be determined by reference to performance in the final, followed by heat times and placings. Subsequent placed junior shall be adjudged on the same principle.
5. Individual Events and Awards  
a) Open (Men and Women) and : Freestyle 50m,100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (female) 1500m (male)  
Junior (Boys and Girls): Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, 50m, 100m,200m  
Individual Medley 100m, 200m, 400m  
Awards will be made for each individual event. First, Second and Third shall receive medals.  
b) Age 14years (Girls only), 15years, 16years (Boys and Girls), and 17years (Boys only)  
Events : as Open and Junior  
Awards will be made in the stroke categories as listed.  
Swimmers placed First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth shall each receive an award calculated in British Age Group or GB Points determined from the combined points total in each event of each stroke category.  
Sprint Freestyle: 50m,100m,200m  
Distance Freestyle: 200m,400m and 800m (female), 1500m (male)  
Backstroke: 50m,100m, 200m  
Breaststroke: 50m,100m,200m  
Butterfly: 50m,100m,200m  
Individual Medley: 100m,200m,400m  
c) Swimmers in the remaining age groups 11years, 12years, 13years and 14years(boys only) shall compete in events and receive awards based on their overall performance in the British Age Group Categories (BAGCATS).  
The highest fifteen placed swimmers in each age group shall receive an award.

## **BAGCATS**

### **BOYS**

Best 50m Back, Breast, Fly or Free  
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly  
200m or 400m Free  
100m IM

### **11 YEARS**

4 Swims to Count

### **GIRLS**

Best 50m Back, Breast, Fly or Free  
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly  
200m or 400m Free  
100m IM

### **12 YEARS**

Best 50m  
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly  
Best 200m or 400m Free  
Best 100m or 200m IM

4 Swims to Count for Boys  
5 Swims to Count for Girls

Best 50m  
Best 100m  
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly  
Best 200m, 400m or 800m Free  
Best 100m or 200m IM

### **13 YEARS**

Best 50m  
Best 100m  
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly  
Best 200m, 400m or 1500m Free  
Best 100m, 200m or 400m IM

5 Swims to Count

Best 50m  
Best 100m  
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly  
Best 200m, 400m or 800m Free  
Best 100m, 200m or 400m IM

### **14 YEARS**

Best 50m  
Best 100m  
Best 200m Back, Breast or Fly  
Best 200m, 400m or 1500m Free  
Best 100m, 200m or 400m IM

5 Swims to Count for Boys

### **6. Team Championships.**

- a) Teams shall consist of four swimmers. Swimmers may be freely interchanged for each round of the competition, but no swimmer shall take part as a member of more than one team.
- b) Clubs shall be allowed a maximum of three teams.
- c) On the day of the event, the names of swimmers actually swimming in the team must be declared on the reverse of the entry card.
- d) Events:
  - Club 4x100m Freestyle and 4x100m Medley Teams for Men and Women
  - Club 4x200m Freestyle Team for Men and Women
  - Club Junior 4x50m Freestyle and 4x50m Medley Teams for Boys and Girls
  - Club Age-Group 13/14yrs 4x50m Freestyle and 4x50m Medley Teams for Boys and Girls
  - Club Age-Group 10-12yrs 4x50m Freestyle and 4x50m Medley Teams for Boys and Girls.
- e) Awards will be made for each event. Members of Teams placed first, second, and third shall receive medals.
- f) In age-group events teams placed fourth, fifth and sixth shall receive an award.

### **7. Starting.**

The one start rule will operate in all age group and Open Championship and Competitions.

### **8. Heats and Stations:**

- a) Heats shall be swum in order of slowest to fastest using submitted times.
- b) For Open events of 50m and 100m finals shall be swum.
- c) All other individual events shall be decided on a heat declared basis.

### **9. Disputes: Wherever possible, a Jury of Appeal shall be appointed.**