

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Swimming Championships shall be conducted annually upon dates designated for County Championships by the ASA. 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 The Age Group and Youth Championships are considered to be a single competition.
- 1.4 Entry Fees for events shall be approved by the Management Committee.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 General

- 2.1.1 The competing members of any club allocated to the Association 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 the same swimming year (1st September to 31st August).
- 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 For individual events, a swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.
- 2.1.4 A Junior swimmer shall be under 16 years of age as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.

2.2 Team Championships

- 2.2.1 Team Championships shall be open to all clubs allocated to the Association.
- 2.2.2 A swimmer entered in the name of one club in individual events may not compete in the name of another club in the team events.
- 2.2.3 Clubs may enter a maximum of three teams; members shall swim for one team only.

3. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

3.1 Individual Events

Ages	Events
9 Years 10 Years	Freestyle: 50m, 200m, 400m Backstroke: 50m, 200m Breaststroke: 50m, 200m Butterfly: 50m, 200m Ind Medley: 100m, 200m, 400m
11 Years 12 Years 13 Years 14 Years	Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m Backstroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Breaststroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Butterfly: 50m, 100m, 200m Ind Medley: 100m, 200m, 400m
Open Junior 15 Years 16 Years 17/18 Years 19 Years & Over	Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m (Female), 1500m (Male) Backstroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Breaststroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Butterfly: 50m, 100m, 200m Ind Medley: 200m, 400m

3.2 Team Events

Open	Men & Women	4x100m Freestyle & Medley Teams 4x200m Freestyle Team
Junior	Boys and Girls	4x50m Freestyle & Medley Teams
14 Years & Under	Boys and Girls	4x50m Freestyle & Medley Teams
9-12 Years	Boys and Girls	4x50m Freestyle & Medley Teams

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries, using the approved electronic entry system, must reach the Swimming Secretary (or the appointed Entries Co-ordinator) by the published closing date. An additional 3 days will be allowed following the specified closing date for receipt of the entry declaration sheet and entry fees. In exceptional circumstances, entries may be submitted on the appropriate form, which, together with the entry fee must be received by the published closing date.
- 4.2 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 for individual events only, providing

- There is space available
 - A supplement of 100% of the normal entry fee, per event, is paid.
- 4.3 The entry declaration sheet must be signed by the competitors Club Secretary or nominated official. Such a signature shall be taken as certification of eligibility.
 - 4.4 Entrants who are members of more than one club must state in writing at the time of entry, the club he/she represents.
 - 4.5 Where qualifying standards have been set, all entrants must have equalled or bettered the entry qualifying time in a Licensed Meet, on or after 1st May in the previous year and on or before the closing date for entries. Submitted times shall be based on a 25m pool; all times to be converted using the published ASA Equivalent Performance Tables. Subsequent improved times will not be accepted. The Swimming Secretary, in consultation with the Swimming Committee, may waive the requirement for times to have been achieved in a Licensed Meet for selected events.
 - 4.6 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. In the BAGCATs Championships, priority will be given to swimmers who have entered a complete BAGCAT programme.
 - 4.7 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 have their fee refunded.
 - 4.8 For all Team Championships, club members who may be selected for a team but who are not participating in an individual event must be listed. The list must show the full name, date of birth, ASA registration number and address. No swimmer may participate in a team Championship unless their name is on a submitted list.
 - 4.9 A Provisional Team Declaration Form declaring the names of swimmers expected to swim in each team shall be submitted electronically no later than 3 days before the start of the competition. Failure to submit a declaration form on time will result in the team being withdrawn. On the day of competition, a corrected Declaration Form may be submitted prior to the start of warm-up for the session which includes the team event.
 - 4.10 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.

5. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

- 5.1 The Swimming Secretary (or Entries Administrator) shall make reasonable efforts to publish confirmation of entry for all accepted entries at least 14 days before the first day of the Championships on the Association's web site.
- 5.2 Swimmers are responsible for checking their entry confirmation. Any errors found must be notified to the Swimming Secretary (or Entries Administrator) at least 7 days before the first day of the Championships. The Association 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 the Association will be corrected.

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. Competitors who fail to withdraw and do not present themselves at the start will incur a penalty of £10 and may be suspended from all further events at the Championships. There shall be no refund of entry fees to swimmers who withdraw from events, unless the withdrawal is for medical reasons.
- 6.2 Heats shall be swum for all events, and shall be seeded slowest to fastest, except that in events where there are finals (except in the BAGCAT competition) the final three heats shall be cyclically seeded. In all other events, the final heat shall be spearheaded.
- 6.3 Finals shall be swum for open individual events of 50m, 100m and 200m and team events of 4x50m and 4x100m. All other events, including all BAGCAT events, shall be decided on heat times and places (heat declared winner). Finals may be swum for selected BAGCAT events at the discretion of the promoter, but only swims in heats count towards BAGCAT standings.
- 6.4 In finals, the maximum number of places practicable shall be allocated. Where finals are arranged in the same session as the heats and there are equal times for a place in a final a swim-off will not take place and such lane/lanes will remain vacant
- 6.5 Announced finalists and reserves not intending to swim shall withdraw by completing a withdrawal form, as soon as possible, and in any case no more than 30 minutes before the advertised starting time for the finals for that session. [Where finalists and reserves are announced later than 40 minutes before the advertised starting time for the finals, swimmers are requested to submit withdrawals as soon as possible after the announcement, and in any case no more than 5 minutes after the end of the last heat].

- 6.6 Lanes for finals shall be spearheaded based on times recorded in the heats.
- 6.7 Any competitor or team withdrawing from a final later than the time defined in 6.5 (above) shall incur a penalty of £10 and shall not be eligible to compete in any future HCASA event until the penalty has been paid.
- 6.8 Where a reserve is brought in as a result of a withdrawal in accordance with 6.5 (above), 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.
- 6.9 A final may not start earlier than 15 minutes after all of the swimmers involved have completed their heat swim for that event.
- 6.10 Junior results shall be determined as follows:
- Junior swimmers who are placed in the final shall be placed in order of finishing ahead of all other Junior swimmers
 - Other Junior swimmers shall be placed in accordance with heat times
- 6.11 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.
- 6.12 Time Trials will not be permitted during the Championships.
- 6.13 All penalties for failing to withdraw from an event in accordance with the procedures above are payable by the competitor's club.

7. AWARDS

7.1 Open and Junior

Awards will be presented to first, second and third placed swimmers in each individual event.

7.2 Youth and Senior (15, 16, 17/18, 19 & over age groups)

Awards determined by performance in the heats of each individual event, will be available for collection by swimmers placed first, second and third.

7.3 Age Groups (9 to 14 Years)

The first, second and third placed swimmers in each individual events will receive an award.

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, providing that there are more than 10 competitors in the age group. In any age group where there are fewer than 10 competitors, the number of awards shall be reduced pro-rata.

Age Group		Basis of Calculation
9, 10 Years	4 swims to count	Best 50m + Best 200m Back, Breast or Butterfly + Best 200m or 400m Freestyle + Best Ind Medley
11, 12, 13, 14 Years	5 swims to count	Best 50m + Best 100m + Best 200m Back, Breast or Butterfly + Best 200m, 400m, 800m/1500m Freestyle + Best Ind Medley

7.4 Team Events

Awards will be presented to all members of teams placed first, second and third in Open and Junior team events and to all finalists in age group team events.

8. DISPUTES

8.1 Any dispute related to a matter not covered in these conditions shall initially be determined by the Swimming Secretary. Any individual who is not satisfied with such determination has the right to invoke ASA Judicial processes.

8.2 Whenever possible, a Jury of Appeal shall be appointed.

9. SUPPLEMENTARY DISABILITY SWIMMING CONDITIONS

9.1 The general conditions for the Hampshire ASA County Championships shall apply to the Disability Swimming events except where varied 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 a Functional Ability Card 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 an internationally authorized classification and a Functional Ability Card (FAC) at the time of entry.

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.

9.4.5 Competition to be run to ASA rules with exceptions as per the IPC Rules and Regulations (2011-2014).

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.