

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS CONDITIONS 2009

1. All Championships shall be conducted in accordance with ASA Laws and ASA Technical Rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY

General

- a. 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 year.
- b. For individual events, a swimmer's age shall be determined as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.
- c. A Junior swimmer shall be under 16 years of age as at midnight on the last day of the Championships.

Team Championships

- a. Team Championships shall be open to all clubs allocated to the Association.
- b. All teams shall consist of four members.
- c. 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.
- d. Clubs may enter a maximum of three teams; members shall swim for one team only.

3. PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Individual Events

Open (Men and Women) & Junior (Boys and Girls)	Freestyle: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m Backstroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Breaststroke: 50m, 100m, 200m Butterfly: 50m, 100m, 200m Ind. Medley: 100m, 200m, 400m
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Youth/Senior	Female: 14years, 15years, 16years, 17/18years, 19/Over Male: 15years, 16years, 17/18years, 19/Over Events as for Open and Junior
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BAGCATS: Swimmers in age groups 9years, 10years, 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) as follows:

Boys	Age Group	Girls
Best 50m Best 200m back, breast or butterfly Best 200m or 400m free Best Ind Medley	9/10 Years 11 Years (Boys) 4 swims to count	Best 50m Best 200m back, breast or butterfly Best 200m or 400m free Best Ind Medley
Best 50m Best 100m Best 200m back, breast or butterfly Best 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m free Best Ind Medley	11 Years (Girls) 12/13 Years 14 Years (Boys) 5 swims to count	Best 50m Best 100m Best 200m back, breast or butterfly Best 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m free Best Ind Medley

Team Events

Open	Men & Women	4x100m Freestyle & Medley Teams 4x200m Freestyle Team
Junior	Boys & Girls	4x50m Freestyle & Medley Teams
13 Years & Under	Boys & Girls	4x50m Freestyle & Medley Teams
9-11 Years	Boys & Girls	4x50m Freestyle & Medley Teams

4. ENTRIES

- a. Entry Fees for events shall be approved by the Management Committee.
- b. Entries on the appropriate form, together with the entry fee, must reach the Swimming Secretary (or the appointed Entries Co-ordinator) by the published closing date. (If available, an approved electronic entry method may alternatively be used).
- c. Late Entries may be accepted in exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the Swimming Secretary or the appointed Entries Co-ordinator.
- d. Entries must be signed by the competitors Club Secretary or nominated official. Such a signature shall 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 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.
- h. Where qualifying standards have been set, all entrants must have equalled or bettered the entry qualifying time in a Licensed Meet, on or after the first day of competition of the HCASA Development Competition 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.
 - i. *For the Age Group Championships only, swimmers may enter one event only with a time slower than the qualifying time, if that event is needed to complete a full BAGCAT series.*
- j. 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.
- k. 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.
- l. Clubs may enter a maximum of three teams for each Team Championship event.
- m. 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, registration number and address. No swimmer may participate in a team Championship unless their name is on a submitted list.

5. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES

- a. The Swimming Secretary (or Entries Administrator) shall make reasonable efforts to despatch confirmation of entry for all accepted entries at least 14 days before the first day of the Championships.
- b. 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

- a. 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 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.
- b. 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).
- c. Heats shall be swum for all events. All events shall be seeded slowest to fastest. The final heat in each event shall be spearheaded.
- d. In finals, the maximum number of places practicable shall be allocated. A maximum of four reserves shall be declared for each final. Lanes for finals shall be allocated on the spearhead principle.
- e. *The names of finalists and 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 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].*

- f. Any competitor or team withdrawing from a final less than 30 minutes before the advertised starting time for finals for that session (except in the case of genuine illness or of a proven emergency or where finalists and reserves are announced later than 40 minutes before the advertised starting time for finals) shall incur a penalty of £10 and shall not be eligible to compete in any future HCASA event until the penalty has been paid.
- g. Where a reserve is brought in as a result of a withdraw earlier than 30 minutes before the advertised starting time for finals, 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.
- h. 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
- i. Time Trials will not be permitted during the championships.
- j. 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 heat.
- k. On the day of the event, the names of competitors actually swimming in each team shall be declared on a team declaration form.

7. COMPETITORS WITH A PERMANENT DISABILITY

- a. The Championships shall include multi-disability events. The schedule of events, eligibility and algorithm for determining results shall be as advised by the Amateur Swimming Association. Reference should be made to the supplementary conditions (reproduced below).
- b. For events where there is no multi-disability competition, entries from disabled competitors holding a Functional Ability Card (or recognised equivalent) will be accepted providing they have equalled or bettered a qualifying time set by the Disability Secretary.

8. AWARDS

Open and Junior

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

Youth and Senior

Awards will be available for collection by first, second and third placed swimmers in each individual event.

BAGCATS

Awards will be presented to the first 15 swimmers in each group, providing that there are more than 20 competitors in the age group. In any age group where there are fewer than 20 competitors, the number of awards shall be reduced pro-rata.

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.

Multi-Disability

Medals 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 be awarded a medal providing he/she is equal to or better than their entry time for that event. 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 (as at 1st Jan 2009).

9. DISPUTES

- a. 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.
- b. Whenever possible, a Jury of Appeal shall be appointed.

Supplementary Disability Swimming Conditions to be used in conjunction with the Hampshire ASA County Championships Conditions

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.

1. Events Men and Women

- 1.1 50m and 100m Freestyle S1-S14
- 1.2 50m and 100m Backstroke S1-S14
- 1.3 50m and 100m Butterfly S1- S14
- 1.4 50m and 100m Breaststroke SB1-SB14
- 1.5 150m Individual Medley SM1-SM4
- 1.6 200m Individual Medley SM5-SM14.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 All swimmers must have an internationally authorized classification and a Functional Ability Card (FAC) at the time of entry.
- 2.2 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.

3. Competition Format

- 3.1 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. Positions will be determined by each swimmers times relative to their own classification's British record (British Record as at 1st January in the year of competition).
- 3.2 The organizers may combine the male and female SM1-SM4 150m Individual Medley event dependent upon the number of entries.
- 3.3 All events will be heat declared winners.
- 3.4 Competition to be run to ASA rules with exceptions as per the IPC Swimming swim rules.

4. Medals

- 4.1 Medals 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 be awarded a medal providing he/she is equal to or better than their entry time for that event. 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 (as at 1st January in the year of competition).

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